



## **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

The Resource Management Commission convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas.

Commissioners in Attendance: Vice Chair Cyrus Reed, James Babyak, Rebecca Brenneman, Scott Kohan, Derrick Lesnau, Tom “Smitty” Smith and Kaiba White. Chair Leo Dielmann was absent. Three vacancies (Mayor, District 4 and District 8) exist on the Commission.

Staff in Attendance: Debbie Kimberly, Denise Kuehn, Danielle Murray, Tommy Smith, Kurt Stogdill and Toye Goodson of Austin Energy and Darien Clary and Richard Shearman of AISD.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Vice Chair Reed called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

### **1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

There were no speakers.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve minutes of the December 12, 2017 special-called meeting.

**Motion to approve as amended, by Vice Chair Reed, seconded by Commissioner Kohan, passed on a 7-0 vote, with Chair Dielmann absent and three vacancies. The amended language is as follows:**

Under Item 3. Discussion and possible action regarding a community solar program for low-income customers. Motion to approve by Commissioner White ~~Vice Chair Reed~~, seconded by Vice Chair Reed ~~Commissioner White~~, passed on a 7-0 vote.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Recommend the issuance of a rebate to Pleasant Valley Villas Housing LP, for performing energy efficiency improvements at Rosemont at Oak Valley located at 2800 Collins Creek Drive and 2501 S. Pleasant Valley Road, in an amount not to exceed \$130,011.55. (District 3)
- b. Recommend the issuance of a rebate to TX Apartment 33 Management LLC, for performing energy efficiency improvements at Villas Del Sol located at 1711 and 1647 Rutland Drive, in an amount not to exceed \$132,881.92. (District 4)

During discussion of Items 3a and 3b, discrepancies were discovered in the ECAD audit results and Rebate Fact Sheets for these projects and both items were withdrawn.

### **4. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Energy and water conservation at AISD campuses by Darien Clary, AISD Sustainability Manager and Richard Shearman, AISD Energy and Water Manager.

- b. Green Building program update by Kurt Stogdill, Austin Energy Green Building Manager.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible action regarding Austin Energy's residential solar incentive program.

Danielle Murray, Solar Program Manager, provided an update to members in response to the recommendations of the RMC Solar Working Group. Debbie Kimberly, Customer Energy Services Vice-President, provided additional information.

**Motion by Commissioner Smith to recommend, subject to legal analysis, that Austin Energy implement a complaint resolution process that includes a hearings process that could result in program suspension of a contractor and that the dispute would be resolved within 60 days of the complaint being filed. Seconded by Commissioner White. The motion failed on a 4-2 vote with Commissioners Brenneman and Lesnau voting against.**

**Motion by Commissioner White to recommend that Austin Energy conduct a full program evaluation once a year, including a review of a statistically significant number of installations.**

**Vice Chair Reed suggested adding that the annual review include a review of efforts to protect consumers from fraudulent practices, which was accepted by Commissioner White.**

**Commissioner White continued the motion to also recommend that Austin Energy provide customers with the option to request a review of the proposed project prior to installation.**

**Commissioner Lesnau suggested adding that the review would be subject to available resources and with expectation of a delay, which was accepted by Commissioner White.**

**Commissioner White added that Austin Energy should provide monthly reports to the RMC on average system size, distribution of systems by installed capacity and number of complaints. After discussion regarding staff resources for generating new monthly data, members agreed to quarterly reporting.**

**Vice Chair Reed seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Kohan off the dais, Chair Dielmann absent and with three vacancies.**

## **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Members reviewed a list of items tentatively scheduled for the next two meetings including quarterly reports from Austin Water and Texas Gas Service, a progress update on expanding access to solar to underserved markets, electric and thermal storage updates and a presentation from Paul Robbins on dispatchable renewable technologies.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Vice Chair Reed adjourned the meeting without objection at 10:00 p.m.