



## DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2019

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the DCE Board was called to order by Vice Chair Jonathan at 2:31 pm.

### 2. **ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

#### **Members Present**

Councilmember John Aguilar  
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Vice Chair  
Councilmember Geoff Kors

#### **Agency**

City of Cathedral City  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs

#### **Others**

Charlie McClendon  
Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez  
Councilmember Raymond Gregory  
Ryan Stendell  
Joe Hommel  
Kim Floyd

City of Cathedral City  
City of Cathedral City  
City of Cathedral City  
City of Palm Desert  
Palm Desert Resident  
Sierra Club/Palm Desert  
Resident  
Cathedral City Resident

Rosario Avila

#### **DCE Staff & Consultants**

Tom Kirk  
Katie Barrows  
Erica Felci  
Libby Carlson  
Adam Probolsky (Phone)  
Colin Cameron (Phone)  
Jeff Fuller (Phone)  
Don Dame (Phone)

Probolsky Research  
The Energy Authority/TEA  
The Energy Authority/TEA  
DCE Consultant

### 3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rosario Avila, Cathedral City resident, addressed the Board regarding website updates.

Kim Floyd, Palm Desert resident and Sierra Club representative, spoke in support of a community-based advisory council. He also addressed the Board regarding local control and encouraged DCE to stay aware of CCA activity throughout the State.

### 4. **BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

None.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **Approve November 19, 2018 DCE Board meeting minutes**

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR JONATHAN TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 19, 2018 DCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES AND 1 ABSTENTION.**

Councilmember John Aguilar	Abstain
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Vice Chair	Aye
Councilmember Geoff Kors	Aye

B. **Consulting Services Agreement with Don Dame**

Tom Kirk noted that there is no change in the total amount for the contract with Don Dame. In response to an inquiry from Vice Chair Jonathan, Tom Kirk stated that financial reports for DCE will be regularly provided.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR JONATHAN TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DON DAME FROM CVAG TO DCE AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilmember John Aguilar	Aye
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Vice Chair	Aye
Councilmember Geoff Kors	Aye

6. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**

A. **Election of DCE Board Chair and Vice Chair**

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN TO APPOINT COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN AS CHAIR AND COUNCILMEMBER KORS AS VICE CHAIR FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY18/19.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilmember John Aguilar	Aye
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Vice Chair	Aye
Councilmember Geoff Kors	Aye

***Item 6C was addressed before Item 6B.***

C. **Energy Efficiency Program**

Katie Barrows provided an overview of CPUC Energy Efficiency Program Administration Plans that allow CCAs to access funding to help residential and small business customers find new ways to lower energy use and bills. Kim Floyd addressed the Board on behalf of the Sierra Club to express full support for pursuit of this locally-administered opportunity. The Board reached consensus on directing staff to return with detailed options and estimates at a future meeting, noting particular interest in options that would help small businesses reduce operating costs during the off season.

B. **DCE Rate Payer Survey Results**

Tom Kirk provided background on the intent of the survey and the consultant procurement process. Adam Probolsky, Probolsky Research, reviewed survey methodology and results, which indicated broad support for DCE's locally-controlled CCA across all member communities. Don Dame, DCE consultant, summarized survey

results in the context of program launch options. The Board discussed the survey results in the context of a decision about a 2020 launch.

Rosario Avila, Cathedral City resident, addressed the Board with concerns regarding the survey consultant procurement process, issues with notification for the revised January meeting date, as well as Brown Act concerns.

Joe Hommel, Palm Desert resident, encouraged the Board to read a recent report on climate change impacts and expressed strong support for the importance of local control.

All DCE Board members requested that their respective City Councils receive an update before finalizing next steps. Tom Kirk stated that DCE staff would prepare a staff report for presentation to each City Council in March.

**IT WAS MOVED BY CHAIR JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER AGUILAR TO DIRECT STAFF TO PRESENT A DETAILED REPORT AT THE NEXT MEETING ON THE RECOMMENDED OPTION TO LAUNCH WITH 100% CARBON-FREE ENERGY IN PREPARATION FOR CITY COUNCIL UPDATES IN MARCH.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilmember John Aguilar	Aye
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Chair	Aye
Councilmember Geoff Kors, Vice Chair	Aye

**C. Pro Forma Update**

Colin Cameron, TEA, provided a projected pro forma based on current assumptions regarding program launch date, opt-in/opt-out rates, and other factors, with particular attention on the impact that launch timing would have on the operating budget.

Vice Chair Kors expressed interest in reviewing the rates of opt-downs and opt-outs for other CCAs.

**7. INFORMATION**

**A. DCE Attendance Record** - This item was provided for member information only.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Aguilar introduced Councilmember Raymond Gregory as the official DCE alternate for the City of Cathedral City. Vice Chair Kors stated that Palm Springs City Council will review appointments this week.

The next meeting of the Desert Community Energy Board is scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2019, at 2:30 pm.

**9. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Libby Carlson  
Program Assistant