

ITEM 5A

Desert Community Energy Board Meeting Minutes October 21, 2019



The audio file for this meeting can be found at: <http://www.desertcommunityenergy.org>

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the DCE Board was called to order by Chair Jonathan at 2:33 pm at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Geoff Kors, Vice Chair

Agency

City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs

Members Not Present

Mayor Pro Tem John Aguilar

Agency

City of Cathedral City

Others Present

Councilmember Rita Lamb
Charlie McClendon
Ryan Stendell
Patrick Tallarico
Kim Floyd
David Freedman
Daniel Paris
Paul Murphy
Brad Anderson
Rosario Avila
Vanessa Ingalls
Elmer Diaz
Jocelyn Vargas
Hector Sanchez Perez

City of Cathedral City
City of Cathedral City
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
Sierra Club/Palm Desert Resident
DCE Community Advisory Committee
DCE Community Advisory Committee
DCE Community Advisory Committee
Rancho Mirage Resident
Cathedral City Resident
IBEW #440
IBEW #440
Lift To Rise
Lift To Rise

DCE Staff & Consultants

Tom Kirk
Katie Barrows
Benjamin Druyon
Libby Carlson
Erica Felci
Shawn Isaac

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS - Kim Floyd and Brad Anderson addressed the Board regarding Item 6A.

4. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS – None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve Minutes from Board Meetings of September 16, 2019

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM KORS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN TO APPROVE THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2019.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar	Absent
Chair Jonathan	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Kors	Aye

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. CARE/FERA Program Update & Services Agreement with Lift To Rise

Benjamin Druyon distributed revisions per legal counsel to the Sections 8a and 9b of the Services Agreement and noted revisions made to the staff recommendation.

Jocelyn Vargas and Hector Sanchez Perez, Lift To Rise addressed the Board.

Tom Kirk reported that Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar requested that use of the performance-based incentive be clarified and requested that the Community Advisory Committee be involved in the program.

In response to Councilmember Jonathan, the project timeline was clarified as beginning with an 11-week planning period upon contract execution; and the agreement terms will be revised to specify that the scope of work and performance incentive applies solely to enrollment of households in Cathedral City, Palm Desert, and Palm Springs.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM KORS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN TO APPROVE THE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LIFT TO RISE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARE/FERA ENHANCED ENROLLMENT PROGRAM FROM JANUARY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 30, 2021, FOR \$336,000 PLUS A \$40 PER ENROLLEE PERFORMANCE-BASED INCENTIVE, AS MODIFIED PER LEGAL COUNSEL AND FURTHER AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT THE SCOPE OF WORK SHALL FOCUS SOLELY ON PROGRAM ENROLLMENTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS IN CATHEDRAL CITY, PALM DESERT, AND PALM SPRINGS; AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES OR REVISIONS TO THE AGREEMENT AS NECESSARY TO ADDRESS MINOR ISSUES PRIOR TO EXECUTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar	Absent
Chair Jonathan	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Kors	Aye

B. Community Advisory Committee Appointments to Fill Vacancies

Benjamin Druyon reported on an additional vacancy in Cathedral City as of October 17, 2019.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM KORS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN TO APPOINT ELMER DIAZ, JOHN GOINS, AND SHELLEY KAPLAN TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO FILL VACANCIES FOR CATHEDRAL CITY AND PALM SPRINGS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar	Absent
Chair Jonathan	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Kors	Aye

- C. Desert Community Energy Program Launch and Activities Update** – Katie Barrows reported on discussions with Southern California Edison regarding a potential change to the launch date for Palm Springs.

D. Election of DCE Board of Directors Chair and Vice Chair

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM KORS TO ELECT MAYOR PRO TEM KORS AS DCE CHAIR AND MAYOR PRO TEM AGUILAR AS DCE VICE CHAIR.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar	Absent
Chair Jonathan	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Kors	Aye

7. INFORMATION

The following items were submitted for information only:

A. Attendance Record

B. Unaudited Balance Sheet & Financial Statement, July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Kim Floyd addressed the Board regarding outreach to low income households.
- Brad Anderson addressed the Board regarding the agenda format and distributed a letter.
- Elmer Diaz addressed the Board regarding infrastructure and Renewable Energy Credits.
- Rosario Avila addressed the Board regarding the agenda format and public noticing.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to Board member availability, the next DCE Board meeting will be held on December 9, 2019 at 2:30 pm.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Libby Carlson