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Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 15, 2020 - 5:30pm

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MSW Conference Room
Palm Desert, CA 92260
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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present were Shelley Kaplan, David Freedman, Noel Loughrin, Jeremy Roos, Kim Floyd, Berlinda Blackburn, Carl Baker, Daniel Paris, Lani Miller, and Elmer Diaz (arrived during item 6B).

Members absent were Kathleen DeRosa, Terry Applegate, Paul Murphy.

DCE Staff and consultants present were Benjamin Druyon, Katie Barrows, and Trisha Stull.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments made.

IV. DCE STAFF COMMENTS

Benjamin Druyon thanked the Community Advisory Committee for their work on DCE programs and thanked David and Noel for reviewing DCE's renewable energy needs.

V. CONSENT CALLENDAR

A. Approve Minutes from CAC Meeting of October 29, 2019

B. Approve Minutes from CAC Meeting of November 21, 2019

C. Approve Minutes from CAC Meeting of December 19, 2019

D. Approve Minutes from CAC Meeting of January 16, 2020

A motion was made by Kim Floyd and seconded by Shelley Kaplan to approve the consent calendar. The motion to approve the consent calendar was accepted unanimously.

VI. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Update on DCE post-launch activities in Palm Springs

Katie Barrows provided an update on the launch of DCE and DCE's activity since the launch. Brief member discussion ensued. No action was taken.

B. Options for future DCE community programs

Benjamin Druyon asked committee members to research and provide input on potential community programs for DCE. Benjamin was to provide potential project ideas to members after the meeting. Member discussion ensued. No action was taken.

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C. Roundtable discussion on climate / energy resiliency

Benjamin Druyon discussed energy resilience, climate resilience, and carbon neutrality and shared that a presentation would be coming in a future meeting. He then opened discussion on how DCE might face these challenges. Member discussion ensued. No action was taken.

VII. INFORMATION

A. Utility Discount (CARE/FERA) Program Update

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments made.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular CAC meeting will be on February 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

X. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Trisha Stull