

# GREENBELT COMMUNITY SOLAR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 10/1/13

Meeting was held 10/1/13, 7:30 pm, at the home of Steve Skolnik.

**Attending:** Six (6) management members: Steve Skolnik (facilitator), Jerry Bonnell, Cathie Meetre, Lore Rosenthal, Luisa Robles, , John Mason. Quorum present. Minutes were taken and transcribed by John Mason.

Absent : Frank Gervasi, Shalom Fisher, Steve Lindner.

**Minutes:** Minutes approved for the 7/30/13 meeting.

**Treasurers Report:** Jerry Bonnell reported. No checks are outstanding from our year end distribution for electricity sales. We have a balance of \$22,595.80. No sREC's sales. No August revenue recorded. Jerry will find out if Rich Simonen started quarterly billing. Steve Skolnik will amend the PPA for quarterly billing. Get amendment signed by the GBC.

**Old Business:** Lively discussion was held on a possible return of capital or continue to maintain in our account. To be continued at future meetings. Steve Skolnik will amend the PPA to reflect the change in billing and get the amendment signed by Glayde and himself. We agreed to start the new quarterly billing in January 2014 however, it may have already started. Jerry to find out. Steve S. wants input for the upcoming annual meeting 11/12/13.

**New Business:** Jerry Bonnell discovered an issue with reporting on the Enphase energy graphs showing no production for several days in September. John Mason checked with the Greenbelt Baptist Church to check on power outages and check the meter. They had a partial power outage on 9/16 only. Both Jerry & John contacted Astrum & Enphase to resolve the issue. Enphase reported there was a software problem and they are working on it. There was another issue with the voltage being out of range. We had Enphase increase the voltage range to 269 from 264 on the high end. There has been much improvement in the past week but we should monitor the system on a regular basis. Our billings to GBC are generated from those graphs so it's important that they are correct. Takoma Village Co-housing project is still stagnant. Update on Community Renewable Energy Bill in MD. Legislature. Lore Rosenthal reported that there have been several meetings this summer/autumn and there are several environmental groups interested in leading the effort. DC's bill has passed council and awaits Mayor's signature. Steve S. said the hybrid financial model given by USPV, Inc. may produce possible 8% ROI in 10 years for the small investors. This model has 2 major capital investors that can take advantage of the tax credits, depreciation and would get the sRec's and 10 – 20 small investors that would get paid back through electricity sales. Steve S. is currently in contact with 2 possible sources for the major capital investors.

**Next meeting:** January 21, 2014 – Luisa Robles house. Annual meeting 7:30 PM November 12, 2013 – Cathie Meetre's house.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

Steve Skolnik – Send notice for annual meeting. Amend the PPA for quarterly billing. Get amendment signed by the GBC.

Jerry Bonnell – Find out if Rich Simonen started quarterly billing.

## LIST OF REFRESHMENTS FOR ANNUAL MEETING:

Luisa – Hummus – Carrots

Steve S. – Brownies

Lore – Squash & Apple dish

John – Cheese & Crackers

Jerry - Beverage