

Minutes - 5/15/12 – Open Meeting of Greenbelt Community Solar.

Attending: 18 people: Steve Skolnik, Francis Rondeaux, Vince Wilding, Becky French, Ben Fischler, Kevin Fisher, Joe Murray, Alice Murray, Pat O'Leary, Jerry Bonnell, Michael Travis, Suzette Agans, John Mason, Sue Stern, Luisa Robles, Jennifer Robinson, Lore Rosenthal, Robert Kessel. Sign in sheet was circulated, and contact information for all attendees was collected. Meeting was facilitated by Steve Skolnik. Meeting was held at the home of Steve Skolnik.

Introduction, overview and attendee introductions were made.

First and only order of official GCS business: Elect one new management committee member to replace a member who wishes to resign. Need quorum of the 34 LLC members to do this, however only 10 were present, so no action could be taken. Steve stated that maybe an e-mail vote could be done, will check terms of Operating Agreement.

GCS members gave a brief history of how Greenbelt Community Solar came to be, how we started an LLC, used University Park Community Solar's legal model, did site selection for a host site, and how that project was developed. We would now like to replicate this process on another project.

Question: Sue Stern asked, have we done outreach to the Greenbelt Baptist Church membership after the installation and are there any people interested in joining another project? John Mason answered that we know of two members that have put their names in for future projects.

Future potential projects were discussed: Steve Skolnik reported that our lawyer agreed to do another LLC pro bono.

City of Greenbelt: City is currently pursuing a PPA with a large consultant (Optony) as part of a consortium through Council of Governments. City might prefer to do some local and has several sites including; Public Works (new and old buildings), Spring Hill Lake Recreation Center, Police Station, City Hall, Old Greenbelt Middle School. Steve Skolnik has done a thumbnail feasibility for the new Public Works building and states that it could support an approx. 100Kw system that would produce 46% of the building's annual electricity usage; project could have a return on investment of about 6 years.

Laurel Presbyterian Church: Excellent site, new roof, interested parties as of several months ago. Need to follow up, John Mason will make contact.

Mishkan Torah – Has renewed interest in a solar PV system; although GCS had contacted and met with their group first, the congregation Building Committee elected not to proceed at that time.

COOP Supermarket – Needs a new roof for approx. \$175k . Store uses over one million kwh of electricity per year. Coop has about 8k members. Steve feels that this project is far too large for our small group to take on.

Westchester Park Condominium: Suggested by Pat O'Leary (a resident of this development), she said their development has central electrical distribution and a single meter. Steve agreed to speak further with Pat about the possibility of implementing solar in this case.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 5th, 2012, 7:30PM at Greenbelt Baptist Church. Will confirm by e-mail.

ACTION ITEMS:

Steve Skolnik – Organize e-mail vote to replace 1 management member. Contact Pat O'Leary about solar at Westchester Park development.

John Mason – Contact Greenbelt Baptist Church for usage of Fellowship Hall for our June 5th meeting.

Minutes were taken and transcribed by John Mason.