

## **Greenbelt Community Solar LLC – Meeting Notes 12/14/2010**

Time/Location: 7:30pm / Robert Kessel's home - 7105 Mathew Dr., Greenbelt.

### **Attendees:**

Robert Kessel  
Lore Rosenthal  
John Mason  
Steve Lindner  
Jerry Bonnell (took meeting notes)  
Frank Gervasi  
Shalom Fisher  
Steve Skolnik

Absent: Marat Moore, Dale Barish, Kevin Fisher, Michael Hartman, Susan Barnett

### **REPORTS FROM POTENTIAL HOST SITES**

Lore opened the meeting and called for reports on progress at potential host sites still under consideration based on action items from last month's meeting.

1. Greenbelt Baptist Church – John Mason continued to pursue this and spoke with a representative (Ron England) He reported they are very interested. (Next step is to arrange for a presentation)
2. Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (supermarket) – Steve Skolnik reported on discussions with Steve Kane, who suggested that we should not pursue the Coop until after the holidays. Additional information; their present electricity supplier is Clean Currents. (Next step is to follow up after the holidays.)
3. Mishkan Torah synagogue – Shalom Fisher has made contact with Steve Feinberg, their building committee chair – a number of questions have passed back and forth. The topic was brought up at their building committee meeting but no decision was reached. Next steps: It was suggested by GCS members that an interaction continue with the goal of making a presentation, to not only the Building Committee but also the Board (decision makers).
4. Greenbriar Community Center – Steve Lindner has contact information from Kevin Fisher (a resident). It was suggested that he contact the president (Steven Bupp), the manager (Maria Simon or Jennifer Fullmer) and perhaps also the Condo Assoc officers (Angeline Butler). Steve and Marat will continue to look into this site. Lore Rosenthal offered that Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis lives in one of the condos and confirmed that the utilities are not individually metered, making the condominium buildings themselves possible candidates.
5. City of Greenbelt structures, including Community Center, Public Works Facility, Green Ridge House (new idea from last meeting) – Frank Gervasi reports no further progress from last meeting, but David Moran (Asst. General Manager) and Kenny Hall are enthusiastic. We would need to provide competitive rates, thought to be 8c/kWH + distribution. Frank agreed that the building specific, relevant city bills are needed and can be had. Frank and Steve L. questioned if the Green Ridge House roof was actually suitable. . (Next step is to get building specific bills from David Moran.)

### **WIND CONFERENCE**

Lore Rosenthal discussed information from Annapolis wind power conference (Dec. 4). Notes that average price of 15c/kWH could go to 10c/kWH and it was reiterated that wind power considerations were not likely to affect our plans.

### **SALES TAX**

There was some discussion of the need for collecting sales tax. Bob Kessel offered to find out if there was such a provision in the Univ. Park LLC.

### **WEBSITE**

Lore read from a report by Dale Barish (not present) on setting up a website and exploring possible hosts and costs. Free hosting was desirable and Lore also offered to contact her acquaintance at CHEARS to ask if we could be on their server. It was agreed that we would like the domain name to be

## **BANK ACCOUNT**

Jerry Bonnell reported on investigating setting up a bank account for GCS. Most banks with local branches require monthly fees or minimum balances for business accounts. Greenbelt Credit Union, suggested at the last meeting as a desirable community bank, was approached, but they also require a monthly fee and do not hold accounts for LLCs. M & T Bank was the only bank to offer free business accounts with no minimums. LLCs are fine with them, but it did not make sense to open an account before the LLC was established. It was therefore suggested that the LLC be set up. Jerry offered to initially pay the LLC fee and be reimbursed from LLC funds after the account was established at M & T Bank.

## **Lawyer, LLC, Seed Money**

Lore mentioned the name and contact info of her friend, a lawyer – Mark Hessel. Jerry and Steve S. agreed to contact Mr. Hessel to arrange for the LLC filing. Then the filing papers could be brought back to the bank and an account opened. Once we have the account, core group members could contribute “seed money”. This money would be used to reimburse Jerry for the initial expenses, web domain registration, etc. Once the LLC was filed, then we will start to discuss the various legal documents with the lawyer, doing as much of the preliminary editing ourselves, to save time and money.

## **POWERPOINT for Host Sites**

Steve Skolnik adapted a power point presentation that GCS members could use to show potential clients. Steve went through the slides and suggestions were made that resulted in minor changes. Steve notes that we should request an hour of time to complete the program (including questions) when making this presentation to building committees/boards for potential sites. It was emphasized that we should ask to speak to the “decision makers” so that we don’t have to meet with each site twice.

## **LOGO**

Steve additionally agreed to ask his daughter to look into designing a graphic logo for GCS.

## **Next steps/Action Items:**

- John M., Steve S., Shalom F., Steve L., Frank G. will continue to pursue host sites as discussed.
- Jerry B., Steve S. will contact lawyer Mark Hessel to make the LLC filing.
- Robert K. will talk to University Park group about taxes and fees collection and web hosting.
- Robert K. and Steve S. will do further work on the power point presentation.
- Lore follow up with Dale and CHEARS about the website.
- Jerry agreed to type up the minutes and forward them to Lore for editing and distribution.

**Next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2011, 7:30 pm – to be held at 7105 Mathew Dr., Greenbelt.**