**SEU Advisory Board Meeting**

**Minutes 02/12/19**

**Call to Order**

Chair Corman called a quorum of the Sustainable Energy Utility Advisory Board (SEUAB or Board) to order at 10:10 AM, February 12, 2019 at the Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE), 1200 First St., NE, Washington, DC.

**Roll Call/Introductions**

Roll call was taken and the following people were in attendance:

**Board Members:** Bicky Corman, Nina Dodge, Sean Skulley, Adrienne Mouton-Henderson (proxy for Sandra Mattavous-Frye)

**Board Members on the Phone:** Donna Cooper, Nicole Steele, Millie Knowlton, Kirsten Williams, Richard Graves

**Absent Board members:**  John Mizroch, Farrah Saint-Surrin, Scott Williamson,

**Other Attendees:** Tommy Wells (Director, DOEE);Taresa Lawrence (Deputy Director, DOEE); Lance Loncke (Associate Director, DOEE); Hussain Karim (Assistant General Counsel, DOEE); Lynora Hall (Staff Assistant, DOEE); Robert Kelsey (Legislative and Regulatory Analyst, DOEE); Alissa Waters (Sr. Management Analyst; OCFO); Bob Jose (AFO-OCFO); Ted Trabue (Managing Director, DCSEU); Marcus Walker (Director of Operations, DCSEU); Angela Johnson (Director of Finance, DCSEU); Patti Boyd (Senior Technology Strategist, DCSEU); Ben Burdick (Marketing and Communications Manager, DCSEU); Karen Blyton (Public Relations Manager, DCSEU);Sheryl Dove (Strategy Manager, DCSEU); LaKeisha Lockwood ( Energy Program Specialist, DOEE); Alex Lopez (DOEE); Tamara Christopher (DCSEU); Shawn Fensstermacher (DCSEU); Shelly Cohen (DCSEU); Jimena Solono (DC Resident)

***Meeting***

***Approval of Agenda***

The motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Nina Dodge, seconded by Mr. Sean Skulley, and unanimously approved by the Board.

***Review and Adoption of the November 13, 2018 and December 17, 2018 Minutes.***

The motion to approve the November 13, 2018 and December 17, 2018 minutes as amended was made by Ms. Nina Dodge, seconded by Ms. Adrienne Mouton-Henderson, and unanimously approved by the Board.

***Ted Trabue – DCSEU FY 2018 Programs***

He will be giving the results through 1st Quarter FY19 on

* Solar for All
* Refresh the District
* Leveraging will be discussed at the next meeting

Mr. Trabue will be reporting on results, we are mid-way we are on track to hit the maximum targets.

* Electric Reduction 47%
* Gas Reduction 47%
* Renewable Goals 87%
* Green Jobs 22%
* CBE is on target

These numbers quarter over quarter are better that last year’s numbers. We are on track to hit the five year goal. It was recommended that the DCSEU do a year over year report to see how well they are doing. We launched the Income Qualified Efficiency Fund towards helping low-income.

In FY19:

* 52 Applications were received
* 14 were approved
* Budget was $540,000
* Spent with CBEs was $485,000

Phase Two will be launched this month.

Commercial Institutions like hospitals, shelters and Federal Government buildings we had $1.3 million to replace emergency water heaters. We did a total of 23 replacements. This is not added to the benchmarks. This is for all income qualified recipients.

***Shelly Cohen – Solar for All***

First I would like to thank Dr. Taresa Lawrence for speaking at the hearing last evening. The emergency legislation will continue to have solar in the District. I believe if not for her speaking Solar for all would not have been saved.

We engaged local solar developers to help residents to get solar on the grid. When people look at the DCSEU solar team they see agroup of experts to help them in the future to overcome any obstacles. Project support in the Vermont office as well. There is a rapid movement to get the grids done by September 2019. When I arrived we just released the RFP for local solar developers to bring us projects which needed that extra tweek to get them over the finish line. We were able to pick the projects that the District is trying to highlight. Proposals were due January 9, 2019 to put solar on single family homes. On February 14, 2019 we gave out project awards. This week we anticipate to get contracts out to single family homes so they can move forward and start the solar process. They will need to reach three milestones before they receive benefits.

* Milestone One – is when they get permitted they will receive 10% of the award
* Milestone Two – when all equipment is returned they will receive 15% of the

 award

* Milestone Three – when there are permits and interconnections they will receive

 75% of the award

There is a three year timeline on the horizon and we anticipate 25 MW of solar on the grid.

***Ben Burdick – Refresh the District***

We went into the communities to do energy efficient surveys. There are government agencies and other entities that we worked with one is the DC Habitat for Humanity. In October there was a kick-off were we distributed the energy efficiency kits. Other partners are the Major Baseball and NBC 4 to help with our media strategy.

***Dr. Taresa Lawrence – Clean Energy DC Implementation***

* The act will become effective April 4, 2019
* Performance Oversight Hearing on Thursday, February , 2019
* The Omnibus Bill will impact the Board
* Minimum threshold of spending was removed
* 75 % must be spent with Electric and Gas Programs
* Increases the flexibility, something that will not be tracked after April 4, 2019

Electric and gas companies will be able to run their own programs. The is a process within the bill that they can apply to the Public Service Commission (PSC) for energy efficiency ad demand reduction programs. The programs has to be approved by the PSC.

After 90 days the PSC will establish a working group. The working group has to be comprised of the electric and gas companies, SEU and DOEE. The working group has to send recommendation to PSC on the listed data points. I will let the board know when the working group has convened and meeting dates. There is a legislative direction not to duplicate. Dr. Lawrence will send out the one page Clean Energy Act. The last thing is how the DCSEU will be impacted. It increases the assessment of natural gas and electric. The expanded uses of the fund will be Green Bank; they will receive $15 million the first two years followed by $10 million. The Building Performance Standards, the District will have standards in place for buildings by January 2021. The development of a Comprehensive Energy Plan by DOEE, it has to be updated every three years. At least $3 million has been set-aside for low-income.

***Jared Lang – Low-Income Programs in the District***

They are a policy organization that advocated for low-income housing, lender and own operator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ throughout the US. They own about ten properties in the District, one of the largest rental owners in the District. I am a friend of the DCSEU. It is great that the District has a separate entity managing this program. I would like to show how things were done under the old contract and have changed. Some of the changes I am disappointed about, but working with DOEE and DCSEU thaere are ways of working around these things.

We have a lot of different building types. (Handout) The information was provided by the DCSEU with me updating with information to reflect ur needs. The DCSEU came in and looked at the homes and gave suggestions. The $20 million is not a lot so I was looking at how the DCSEU would be able to leverage more funds. Mr. Trabue said from 2011 to 2016 the benck required them to spend 30% in the low-income market. There was not a benchmark around this spend. In 2016 the benchmark required 20% spend in the low-income space. The DCSEU only did direct installs of lighting and showerheads. Affordable housing is not the same.

Mr. Lang stated they did the assessments of property then they would go to the DCSEU with a list if efficiency items. For Channel Square a price of $450,000 was presented and the DCSEU came up with $300,000 for the project 67%.

The Monsenor Romero Apartments has a green roof and installation in the walls. The residents pay a third of their utility bills. We did a baseline of expenses $256,000 above the code. The DCSEU came up with $165,000 of the amount. The codes are getting more stringent. Chair Corman said the DCSEU contribution was so generous and that it was up to you to find funding for the remaining balance. Mr. Lang said it was about innovation, they came with this rundown property and the DCSEU said our hands are tied because we have certain goals. They couldn’t

say lets look at your project and come up with and alternate. Mr. Trabue said at that time they didn’t have that metric in the past. Under the new contract things have changed tremendously.

Today contributing is 40 – 60%, we ar still not able to hit the benchmark in the low-income savings. Mr. Lang said they don’t do the same amount of work. The DCSEU came in at 60% and now it’s only 20% sometimes lower. The direct installs cannot be used on new projects because they can’t be integrated; we can’t separate the projects.

Chair Corman said to put on the next agenda How to figure out solutions on innovation, savings, and funding. Mr. Lang said he likes to do work with the DCSEU and maybe there is a way to come up with a better strategy.

***Lance Loncke – Expenditures/Modifications***

The overall spending is pretty much on track. A comparison chart is handed out for review.

Modofication 1- A request for extension by the DCSEU. It will not impact the EM&V Report.

Modification - Solar for All, Green Jobs – spend time setting up project. Also the Emergency HVAC Program. Document spelling out Solar for All and Emergency HVAC. The Board would have time to look at the changes.

**Other Matters**

* None

**Actions taken by the Board**

* Approval of February 12, 2019 meeting agenda
* Approval of November 13, 2018 and December 17, 2018 meeting minutes

**Actions for the next Agenda**

* Vice Chair

**Adjournment**

* Chair Corman adjourned the meeting at 12:10 PM.

*Minutes prepared by: Lynora Hall*