

Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility
Minutes of the Meeting of the Energy Programs Subcommittee
109 S. State Street, Dover, DE 19901
August 28, 2012 at 1:30 P.M.

1. Welcome.

Executive Director Tony DePrima called the meeting to order a 1:40 P.M. Present were Dr. Charles Wagner, Sean Finnigan (telephone) and Dennis E. Williams (telephone).

2. Discussion of Future Energy Programs

Mr. DePrima started by acknowledging the information sent earlier to members including: A revised Recommended Program Table that depicted programs grouped into the categories that were suggested by Dennis Williams; Proposed concepts from the Delaware Interfaith Power & Light, Inc. (two programs); proposed concepts from Habitat for Humanity; Correspondence from the Home Builders Association of Delaware regarding the Green for Green Program; and a memo from Tony DePrima regarding the LED Street Light Program. Mr. DePrima presented the information and findings from the Recommended Program table. The committee generally concluded that the programs had to be phased in over time and could not all be implemented at the same time. Mr. Williams suggested a quarterly time line for rolling out programs for 2013 with budget numbers. There was consensus that the first priority should be placed on the Home Performance with Energy Star and the New Home High Performance (aka Green for Green) programs. Dr. Wagner expressed concerns that the Home Performance with Energy Star was too big and costly for DE SEU to operate. It was also recommended that the two "New Home High Performance" programs be consolidated into one program. It was also recommended that Green Congregation program should first operate as a pilot program. There was concurrence that the Financial Advisor should focus on a second bond issue to serve the large scale MUSH (Municipalities, Universities, Schools, and Hospitals) sector with Energy Service Performance Contract funding, and to establish a revolving loan program through a "loan reserve". Mr. Finnigan expressed concerns that we may need better information to make smart decisions about future programs. This caused a discussion regarding the need for additional analysis to insure that the programs are delivering what Delawareans want. Dr. Wagner expressed the importance of education in making the all of the programs successful. Mr. DePrima agreed that he would take the concerns expressed and develop a timeline showing the programs and budgets. This would be shared with the committee prior to presenting it to the full board.

3. Public Comment – No public present

4. Adjourned – 2:35 pm