

4CORE Board Meeting Minutes: December 20, 2013



LOCATION

Carnegie Building Meeting Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Enid Brodsky
Werner Heiber
Tom Holcomb
Mark McKibben
Mary Beth Miles
Peter May Ostendorp
Lew Pratsch (via skype)
Kurt Schneider

ABSENT

Roy Peterson
Mark Schwantes
Paul Senecal

4CORE STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Gregg Dubit
Cori Andreatta
Sarah Rank
Bonnie Rozean
Amanda Saunders
Theresa Shishim
Sandhya Tillotson
Tom Zajicek

GUESTS –

Sam King - BP

Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 3: 11 pm.

Peter noted that the intent of this board meeting is to celebrate what has been accomplished in 2013.

Introductions were made. Gregg introduced Mark McKibben, the General Services Director for La Plata County. Mark has been appointed to the 4CORE board. Mark briefly gave his background.

Gregg introduced Sam King, Engineer with BP. Sam has been involved with the CNG program. Sam is exploring board membership.

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Gregg noted that Gov. Hickenlooper announced that the state has received \$30M for alternative fuel fueling stations. The funds will flow through CDOT.

Sam briefly gave his background.

Staff and board introduced themselves.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve minutes from November 21st.

Motion: Enid requested that the end date of the Refuel Colorado and IAQ grants be corrected from 2013 to 2014. Werner made a motion to approve the November board meeting minutes with the correction; Enid seconded.

Vote: Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Report

Peter noted that the financial report had been submitted to the board and if there were any questions to address them to staff. Kurt noted that more information will be available with the December financial report to be given in January.

Kurt noted the operating reserve and LO reserves are now specified in the financial report in the cash section in the Statement of Financial Position.

Community Solar Gardens (CSG) & BP

Gregg updated the board on CSG. LPEA made a policy change opening up virtual net metering and community solar gardens. 4CORE is not participating directly in the first round of applications. There is a page on the 4CORE website dedicated to solar which includes a guidebook. 4CORE will work to determine its role going forward with CSG.

BP has offered a parcel of land located on Hwy 550 near a transformer which could be used for a solar garden.

Enid added that studying the proposal in depth is an appropriate approach.

Sam also encouraged a well thought out plan and noted that BP would use the garden to offset their electric use.

Gregg noted that approximately 189 leads have come through the Solarize campaign some of which are not suitable for solar due to site locations. These residences would be a good fit for a solar garden.

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2014 Board Meeting Schedule

Gregg proposed meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month to accommodate financial reporting. Gregg wanted to check in with the board to see if the meeting date and time should be revised. Discussion was held on scheduling the meeting on the 4th Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm except for November and December when the meetings would be scheduled for the third Thursday. Kurt noted that delaying the meeting a week would be very helpful to receive the most current financial informatio. There is a major holiday in September as well so September's meeting will be held the third Thursday.

ED Evaluation

Peter noted that it is time to conduct the ED and staff evaluations after new board members have been oriented. Peter will be in touch with the board regarding the ED evaluation.

Program Updates

Each staff member gave a brief update on their program focus as described below by staff member.

Indoor Air Quality – Sandhya Tillotson. Sandhya will be presenting 18 IAQ informational presentations to low income residents in La Plata County by August 2014. Board members are invited to the IAQ presentations if they wish to attend.

HomeRx/Energy Audit Incentives – Tom Zajicek. Tom reported that 15 residential and 4 commercial audits were conducted between August and November 2013. The City of Durango, LPEA, Atmos Energy, and Amerigas propane audit incentives will be available to customers in 2014. Tom went over the 2014 audit pricing schedule.

Home Energy Score (HES) – Cori Andreatta. Cori is working with the local auditors to train them on the HES. The goal is to certify 5 local auditors in HES. Peter Rusin will be returning from the CEO for further training to local realtors regarding green MLS. Discussion was held on targeting homeowners in the building process to incorporate energy auditing during the building process.

Refuel Colorado – Sarah Rank. Sarah noted that the program is challenging currently as there is not a fueling station or mechanics trained to work on alternative fuel vehicles and since there aren't alternative fuel vehicles there is not a demand for a fueling station. Data collection is being conducted for fleet managers. A potential location has been selected for a fueling station. Gregg noted that \$171M is spent in one year on transportation in the five county region.

RSBP (Resource Smart Business Program) – Amanda Saunders. Amanda noted that the RSBP CSC grant will be sun setting at the end of February 2014. 30 businesses have participated in the program. Annual average savings per business is \$1,900 and each business is eligible to receive a \$1,000 rebate. A fee for service model is in development.

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Solarize La Plata – Teresa Shishim. Teresa reported that 191 folks have signed up for the program and 95 leads have been sent to the contractors. Five contracts have been signed to date. Kurt noted that LPEA will be offering \$350 in REC credits to all customers in LPEA’s service territory.

Gregg thanked everyone for their hard work in 2013.

NEXT MEETING

January 23rd, 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Carnegie Building

ADJOURNMENT

Werner moved to adjourn, Mary Beth seconded. Motion approved at 4:18 pm.

Drafted by Bonnie Rozean, Finance Manager

Respectfully Submitted by:

Paul Senecal, Secretary

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