

Mountain Maryland Energy Advisory Committee

March 18, 2015, 3:00 p.m., Garrett Information Enterprise Center, McHenry, Maryland

Meeting Minutes

Committee members attending: Tim Carney, David Dorsey, Bob Sutton, Mike Koch, Mike Dreisbach, Jo Gilman, Rodney Glotfelty, Jim Torrington

Committee members attending via conference call: Dr. Ed Gates, Paul Durham

Committee members not in attendance: Eric Guthrie

Others attending: Cheryl DeBerry, Evan Hansen, Andrea Varrato, Maureen Myers, Woody Getz

Approval of February meeting minutes ([Attachment A](#)):

A motion was made by Bob Sutton, seconded by Tim Carney, to approve the minutes. The motion was passed by a majority of the vote.

Presentation from Maureen Myers on PechaKucha events and discussion of energy efficiency event details:

Maureen Myers from Gosnell, Inc. presented information on the PechaKucha event series in Accident, MD. She discussed the origins of PechaKucha events and described the event format. The PechaKucha format is one night of 8-12 speakers presenting 20 slides. The average length of each speaker's presentation is just under seven minutes. Committee members asked questions about previous events and event details. The committee also discussed a variety of potential locations, guest speakers, and dates for the energy efficiency focused PechaKucha event. Potential locations include MoonShadow Café, Cornucopia Café, and Garrett College. The event could take place in May, July, or August 2015.

Discussion of Biomass Boot Camp event and update on the biomass feasibility study for Garrett College:

Cheryl DeBerry attended the Biomass Boot Camp event with Joey James from Downstream Strategies and representatives from Garrett College. Ms. DeBerry described the event and offered to make the event materials available to the committee.

Jo Gilman provided an update on the biomass feasibility study for Garrett College. She discussed various details, including financing and local options for boiler fuel. Committee members brainstormed potential financing options that could reduce the college's payback period.

Update on P210-Crowd funding solar for the Ruth Enlow Library System:

Evan Hansen provided an update on the solar crowd funding initiative. He informed the committee that Mosaic Power's business model has changed and that they are moving away from installing hot water heater retrofits in single family dwellings. Committee members suggested contacting Duane Yoder from the Garrett County Community Action Committee to determine if this organization owns any low income multi-family housing units that could benefit from a crowd funded solar installation. Committee members also brainstormed potential multi-family housing units in Allegany County.

Update on March 28 energy event:

Cheryl DeBerry provided committee members with an informational flyer for the ENERGY MATTER\$ 2: Savings through Conservation & Efficiency event at Frostburg's City Place ([Attachment B](#)). This event will be held on March 28, 2015 in Frostburg, Maryland. Woody Getz provided committee members with an overview of the event and scheduled presentations. Although the committee submitted a letter to the council after the February meeting that expressed interest in potential co-sponsorship, the council was not in need of assistance.

Public comment:

No public comment was offered during this meeting.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Jo Gilman, seconded by Mike Koch, to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm.