

Solar Task Force (Wednesday, May 12, 2021)

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Members present

Dr Michael Cain, Bonnie Kelnberger, Jeffrey Shaw, and G. Mike Thompson

Absent:

Bryan Thomas Sr.

Consultant:

Les Knapp

Staff

Harry Knight, Deputy Director, Land Use and Growth Management

Amy Carter, Video/Media Producer

Sandie Greene, Recorder

Meeting called to order at 4:04 PM

1. 4:00 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of minutes from meeting of the May 10, 2021, Solar Task Force meeting.

Move to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2021, Solar Task Force meeting.

Motion by G. Mike Thompson, second by Dr Michael Cain.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr Michael Cain, Bonnie Kelnberger, Jeffrey Shaw, G. Mike Thompson

2. 4:20 p.m. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recommendations- Continue the discussion of the draft Recommendations for Utility Scale Solar.

Motion #1: Move to accept Recommendation number 3 with a friendly amendment requesting to remove the word "Because" from the first sentence of the recommendation.

Motion by Jeffrey Shaw, second by Dr Michael Cain.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr Michael Cain, Bonnie Kelnberger, Jeffrey Shaw, G. Mike Thompson

Motion #2: Move to accept Recommendation number 4; item I Areas with No or Limited County Jurisdiction, with a friendly amendment requesting to add the word "no" to section *a*. To now read: "These are areas where the County has little or no ...".

Motion by Dr Michael Cain, second by Jeffrey Shaw

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr Michael Cain, Bonnie Kelnberger, Jeffrey Shaw, G. Mike Thompson

Motion #3: Move to accept Recommendation number 4; item II Preferred Areas, with an amendment requesting section *c*, “The County should create incentives to encourage utility-scale solar projects in Preferred Areas” be removed.

Motion by Dr Michael Cain, second by. Jeffrey Shaw

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr Michael Cain, Bonnie Kelnberger, Jeffrey Shaw, G. Mike Thompson

Motion #4: Move to accept Recommendation number 4; item III Protected Areas, with friendly amendments requesting to add the word “areas” to section *b*. To now read “Protected areas include the following ...” . And section *c*. The last sentence change the word from “to” with the word “of” To now read “ ... or economic characteristics of the proposed project’s location”.

Motion by Dr Michael Cain, second by. G. Mike Thompson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr Michael Cain, Bonnie Kelnberger, Jeffrey Shaw, G. Mike Thompson

Motion #5: Move to accept Recommendation number 4; item IV Allowed Areas, with the removal of the word “default” in second sentence to now read: It will now read “This is the category for an ...”.

Motion by Dr Michael Cain, second by. Bonnie Kelnberger

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr Michael Cain, Bonnie Kelnberger, Jeffrey Shaw, G. Mike Thompson

Motion #6: Move to accept as written Recommendation number 4; opening statement.

Motion by Dr Michael Cain, second by. Jeffrey Shaw

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr Michael Cain, Bonnie Kelnberger, Jeffrey Shaw, G. Mike Thompson

3. 4:05 p.m. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation: Updates on Solar legislation in Annapolis

Les Knapp: Presenter

4. 6:30 p.m. ADJOURN

A. Adjourn the meeting of the May 12, 2021, Solar Task Force.

Move to adjourn the May 12, 2021, Solar Task Force meeting

Motion by Dr Michael Cain, second by Jeffrey Shaw.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr Michael Cain, Bonnie Kelnberger, Jeffrey Shaw, G. Mike Thompson