



Minutes

Go SOLAR Florida Team Leader Update Meeting
October 23, 2014
Broward County Government Center West, PLCP Room 1303A

Attendees:

- Kay Sommers, Project Manager
- Cathy Randazzo, Zoning and Planning
- Matt Anderson, Marketing
- Andrea Bousquet, IT
- Icilda Humes, Administration
- Jason Liechty, Finance Action Plan
- Olivia Hilton, Contracts/Grants Administrator II
- Ken Dobies, Marketing Associate

Contracts Updates – Cathy Randazzo

- Miami Dade County has signed its contract which now awaits signature from Broward County.
- Cathy is following up with City of Venice about its interlocal agreement

Team Leader Status Reports

1. Go Solar Broward – Michael Huneke (unable to attend but reported by Kay Sommers)

The grant management team has made a decision to discontinue the pursuit of interlocal agreements with the remaining municipalities under Go Solar Broward. Instead, all efforts will be targeted at Go Solar Florida. This is as a result of impending changes to the electrical codes which would render the existing Go Solar Broward plans as obsolete. It was felt our time could be better spent working on the permitting solution. We will then work on bringing them on board after we have our new system (Go SOLAR Florida) on line.

2. Financial Options – Jason Liechty

The final draft of the financing action plan has been posted online. It includes a matrix with pros and cons of various financing options.

Research continues and any pertinent findings will be incorporated into the document.

3. Planning & Zoning - Cathy Randazzo

- The Best Management Practices document is online.
- Ordinance changes have been received from Alachua County and City of Hollywood.
- It was noted that cities tend to amend ordinances on a regular basis so the plan is to encourage partners to request that their boards consider solar-friendly language whenever an ordinance-review opportunity arises.
- Cathy will now continue to follow up with all partners to ensure their jurisdictions adopt similar changes to their zoning code and present to their commissions for approval.



4. Administration/Budget – Icilda Humes

- All Broward County timesheets for quarter 4 were received in a timely manner.

5. Outreach/Marketing - Matt Anderson

- The GSF website is continuously being updated.
- At the request of Orange County marketing materials were forwarded to that partner county.
- The marketing team leader and the financing action plan team leader will convene a meeting to discuss marketing of the financing action plan.
- The project manager shared that a video camera and a voice-recording package have been purchased for marketing purposes.
- The marketing team leader now has access to an iPad for social media purposes.

Partner Visits- Kay Sommers

- The Project Manager reported that she conducted site visits to Monroe County, Orange County and Alachua County. FSEC had previously been visited. At the meeting the following was discussed:
 - Draft action plan for respective partners
 - Financing action plan and sample resolution to adopt at each jurisdiction
 - Sample zoning ordinance for adoption by each jurisdiction
 - GSF webpage
 - Joint Legislative Positions for 2015 Legislative Session

Advantage Marketing update – Kay Sommers

- The grant management team is still awaiting approval from Broward County's Office of Public Communications with respect to the Advantage Marketing agreement for a private engineering firm to support the work of the grant.

Legislative Action – Jason Liechty

- Jason reported that the intergovernmental affairs team has edited the draft Joint Legislative Positions document and the revised draft has been shared with partners. The Project Manager has asked grant partners to “move it up the chain of command.”
- Jason has indicated that he plans to incorporate some issues that came out of the Climate Compact into the legislative program. Thereafter the revised document will be forwarded to Vote Solar for advocacy purposes.

Other Items

- The Climate Compact had submitted a proposal for a DOE grant for Solar Pathways but it was not successful. However, a proposal is being prepared for another DOE program opportunity that is available via the Institute for Sustainable Communities.

Next Meeting will be held in November at 2pm in Room PLCP 1303A.