# Go Solar Florida Partners’ Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2015

Broward County Government Center West, Room 1303A 8:30 a.m.

1. **Roll Call**
* Broward County – Kay Sommers, Michael Huneke, Olivia Hilton, Matt Anderson, Cathy Randazzo, Andrea Bousquet, Ken Dobies
* FAU- Dr. Mitsova
* FSEC- Colleen Kettles
* Miami Dade- Boris Sursky, Michael Goolsby, Patricia Gomez
1. **Updates**
	1. Jan 29, 2015 Meeting in Coco – Kay Sommers thanked the partners for their hard work and attendance at this important meeting that demonstrated to our DOE partner, Josh Huneycutt our progress to date and our commitment to the project. General discussion agreed that it was a great meeting that left the best possible impression with Josh to give our project the “Go” for the second budget period. Colleen was in Washington DC last week and when she spoke with her grant contact, Chris Nichols, Chris said that “Broward is a real success story.”
	2. Financial Team- Kay Sommers
	* The resolution and action plan have been tentatively scheduled on the Broward County Commission meeting for March 10.
	* Orange County already executed their financial resolution on January 13, 2015
	* Miami-Dade County plans to have their commission approve it in April.
	* Thereafter, outreach will be done to the other 60+ counties in Florida with respect to adopting the proclamation.
	1. Plans/Plans Approval Team – Michael Huneke
* The team is working on improvements to plans system including adding more calculations, fine tuning, adding cut sheets and attachments.
	1. Marketing-Matt Anderson
* The February [Go Solar Florida e-newsletter](https://browardauthor/GoGreen/GoSOLAR/GoSOLARFlorida/Pages/Marketing.aspx) has been distributed and featured a story on Alachua County. The March issue will include a feature on either FSEC or Orange County. Please provide other articles of interest to Matt to include in the newsletter. Partners are encouraged to forward the e-newsletter to their respective distribution lists.
* Marketing materials have been expressed shipped to Orange County at their request. If any other partners need materials, please contact Matt at 954-519-1482.
* Work proceeds in upgrading the Go SOLAR Florida website for when the plans system is finalized by Stephen and the Plans team to go live. Partners are asked to have their systems ready to link to the Go SOLAR Florida site in approximately September.
	1. Florida Industry Advisory Council – Colleen Kettles
* The next Council meeting needs to be scheduled. Tentatively it will be March 13. When the date is confirmed, an appointment will be sent out.
	+ - * Stephen Barkaszi will be asked to show the plans demo to the Council at the March meeting.
1. **New Issues**
	1. Upcoming Meetings
		1. Solar Rights Workshops have been scheduled as follows:
* 1-28-15 Orange County complete with about 50 attendees. Both the presentation and the video have been [posted](https://browardauthor/GoGreen/GoSOLAR/GoSOLARFlorida/Pages/Calendar.aspx) to the website
* 2-12-15 Broward County complete with about 50 attendees.
* 2-18-15 Alachua County complete with about 23 attendees.
* Week of March 9 Miami-Dade County currently has 95 registered to attend
	+ 1. Net Metering/Interconnection – Orange County 1-28-15
* Kay Sommers reported that this meeting went well and had a turnout of 50 participants. The [presentations](https://browardauthor/GoGreen/GoSOLAR/GoSOLARFlorida/Pages/Calendar.aspx) have been posted to the Go SOLAR Florida website and the video should be posted within the next two weeks.
	+ 1. Next Partner Status Meeting 3-27-15
1. **Updates from partners**

Colleen Kettles mentioned another grant funding opportunity from DOE Called SPARC. The Energy Department’s SunShot Initiative announced $13 million in funding to help communities across the country reduce market and policy barriers to solar deployment and recognize communities for taking the initiative to go solar. This investment will make it faster, cheaper, and easier for Americans to install affordable solar energy systems and spur solar deployment nationwide by decreasing costs and supporting communities' efforts to transform solar energy markets.

The Solar Powering America by Recognizing Communities (SPARC) funding opportunity will establish a national recognition and technical assistance program for local governments—driving greater solar deployment and making it possible for even more American homes and businesses to access affordable and renewable solar energy to meet their electricity needs. Colleen asked if there was any interest from the partners in it. Kay said Broward is interested. Colleen said she would investigate submitting a Concept Paper which is due 3-5-15. If you are interested in partnering with FSEC on it, please call Colleen at 321-638-1004.

1. **Other Matters**

None

1. **Summarize Action Items**

None