**Go Solar Florida Partner’s Meeting Minutes**

June 12, 2015

Broward County Government Center West, Room 2502B 11:00 a.m.

Join by phone: 954-357-5480

1. **Roll Call**

Alachua County: Tim Clark, David Cooper, Jeff Hays, Holly Banner

Broward County: Kay Sommers, Ken Dobies, Olivia Hilton, Andrea Bousquet, Jason Liechty, Michael Huneke

FAU:

FSEC: Colleen Kettles, Stephen Barkaszi

Miami Dade: Patricia Gomez

Monroe County: Mike Roberts

Orange County: Cindy Nielsen, Renee Parker, Lori Cunniff

City of Gainesville: Darlene Henrichs

1. **Updates**

**Received Formal Go from DOE on May 21, 2015:** this continuation is for a second budget period running until October 31, 2015 (one month extension due to delay getting approval). An additional continuation application will be required for a third six month budget period. We have a new SOPO which will be emailed to partners.

**Go SOLAR Florida booth at Building Officials of Florida Conference:** FSEC and Broward County operated a booth to explain and educate Building Officials about our effort, focusing on the on-line plans generation system. Computer demonstration of the system was given with several Building Officials showing interest in reviewing the system and giving feedback as it is developed. Next year: conduct a class at the conference with CEUs. Follow-up surveys were emailed to Building officials that submitted cards during the conference.

**Financial Team update on Resolution:** For a visual representation of what counties in Florida have adopted the resolution, see [GoSolarFlorida.org](https://browardauthor/GoGreen/GoSOLAR/GoSOLARFlorida/Pages/FinanceSolar.aspx). Several Counties have approved the resolution (accounting for 21.4% of Florida population), Miami Dade has approved resolution, waiting for copy of resolution (would increase to approx. 35% of Florida population). Will conduct email follow-up with counties in the next month. A presentation will be made to Coral Gables as part of resolution adoption on July 7.

**Permitting/Application Team:** FSEC working on next version of the plans system to be sent to Plans Team for review and comment. Next Plans Team call June 16th.

**Florida Industry Advisory Council:** Waiting to schedule next call until plans system ready to be shown to the Council, targeting end of July. A flyer was given out at the Building Officials Convention explaining the plans system effort and inviting the Building Officials to join the Council.

1. **New Issues**

**Third Annual Go SOLAR & Renewable Energy Fest:** Fest is scheduled to be held at the Orange County Convention Center, with move-in on October 1 and the Fest being held October 2nd and 3rd. A call is scheduled for June 16th at 11:30 to discuss the Fest further, if you are interested in participating, the call-in number is 954-357-5482. Items for discussion during the call include: contract and the rolls of the partners for the Fest.

**Some partners have updated budgets:** Alachua, Broward, Orange and FSEC have additional funds, however, for the most part this does not change deliverables. The formal copy of the new budgets adopted by DOE will be sent to the affected partners. Budget period two is a continuation of budget period one and so expenses from period one can be invoiced and paid as part of budget period two.

1. **Updates from Partners**

**Alachua:** working on electronic plans review automation, meeting with municipalities and participating as subject matter expert on Panel.

**FSEC:** working on plans system and Advisory Council as stated above.

**Miami Dade:** nothing new.

**Monroe:** nothing new

**Orange:** Working on getting solar friendly zoning code changes adopted, June 18th work session followed by two public hearings, adoption scheduled for August or September.

1. **Other Matters: None**
2. **Summarize Action Items**

* Get business contacts from BOAF to Colleen: Broward County
* Email new budgets to partners: Broward County
* Email new SOPO and Dates to partners: Broward County
* Start process for class at next year’s Building Officials Convention, check into obtaining CEUs: FSEC (Cindy may be able to provide contact info.)