

OPEN SPACE AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE
Energy Savings Forum
Cutting Costs, Saving Energy, Reducing Carbon Emissions

ACTION MINUTES

Wednesday, March 9, 2011 7:00PM
Community Meeting Room
Brisbane City Hall
50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Call to order

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and introduced the Energy Savings Forum.

Committee members present:

Fieldman, Gutekanst, Richards, Stiehler, and Chair Miller

Committee members absent:

Moreau

Staff members present:

Administrative Services Director Schillinger

Management Analyst Pontecorvo

City Council members present:

Conway

Lentz

Guest Speakers:

Anja Miller

Ray Liu

Jennifer Martin

Clara Johnson

Leesa Greenlee

Luc Deschaumes

Nick Harris

John Walker

Jason Bowers

Kari Binley

Douglas Alfaro

1. Introduction to the Forum

Chair Miller welcomed about 35 people to the Energy Savings Forum. The Forum is put on by the Open Space and Ecology Committee as part of the Brisbane Energy Strategy, supported and approved by the City Council. Chair Miller then recognized Council members Conway and Lentz, and members of the Committee. He outlined the program for the evening.

2. Saving Energy in Your Home or Business

Nick Harris of Ennovationz referred to the Ennovationz.com website and its range of energy savings tools and suggestions for homes and businesses.

3. Presentations by Brisbane citizens

Ray Liu, Jennifer Martin, Anja Miller, Clara Johnson, Leesa Greenlee for Elena Court, and Luc Deschaumes shared their experiences, research, and ideas about increasing energy efficiency and installing photovoltaics in their homes and businesses.

4. How to Reduce Fossil Fuel Use and Produce Clean Energy

Presentations were made by Johnathan Walker, SolarCity (www.solarcity.com); Jason Bowers, Recurve (<http://www.recurve.com>); Kari Binley, Sustainable San Mateo, Energy Ambassador Program (www.sustainabilityhub.net/ea); and Douglas Alfaro, Energy Upgrade California San Mateo County (<https://energyupgradeca.org>). Each presenter provided information on a variety of new programs, services, and financial incentives available to the Brisbane community. They encouraged residents and businesses to save money and energy through conservation, efficiency, and renewables.

5. Questions and Wrap-up

Chair Ray Miller opened up the forum to comments and questions. After a period of discussion, he thanked the speakers and audience for their participation. He announced that a video of the Energy Savings Forum would be rebroadcast on Channel 27 and links to it would be available on the Open Space and Ecology page of the City of Brisbane website.

The Energy Savings Forum concluded at 9:45 pm.