

Community Meeting

Kapaa

Date: April 30, 2009

Attendees

Community:

Adam Asquith
Eric Braun
Gabriela Taylor
Glenn Sato, County of Kauai
Howard Greene, Gay & Robinson
Judy Dalton
Ken Taylor
Les Gale
Melissa and Sandy Fisher
Richard Brillante-White
Victor Cloutier

SENTECH Hawai`i Team Members:

Douglas Hinrichs, *SENTECH Hawai`i, LLC*
Diane Zachary, *Kauai Planning & Action Alliance*
Jill Sims, *SENTECH Hawai`i, LLC*
Rayne Regush, *Kauai Planning & Action Alliance*

Notes

Community Interests/Opinions

- General interest in the plan
- KIUC was a big mistake, people in there have disincentives to change over to renewables
- KIUC does not get things done, HECO is zooming ahead
- PV, solar
- Sky Stream distributed wind systems being used.
- Wind power can only be used on Ag-zoned land, not on Residential zoned land.
- How does it work for the plan to come together with KIUC and the KIUC Board?
(Answer: Stakeholder Meetings)
- KIUC wants to put in another fossil fuel turbine (naptha), which is ridiculous.
Also G&R is growing corn to use as biofuel. This is an island, there is a limited amount of land.
- What people say they want to do versus what they end up doing is very different.
KIUC is expecting the vendor to put up all the money, build all the facility but then have a clause that they can buy them out in 7 years. KIUC's projects have so many financial problems because they dragged their feet
- Can EVs serve as storage for the grid? Any place doing that? (Answer: Yes, in Austin, TX)
- Need to find common solutions using our common resources.

Vision

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- Has SENTECH considered the 13 subdivisions that are planned in terms of meeting future transportation needs?
- Need to add green building codes.
- Change “non-motorized” to “alternative modes”.
- Doesn’t address decreasing consumption and need to power down.

Process/ Questions

- Will there be a meeting with KIUC to tell them the results of the meetings?
- **Make sure that people’s organizations are listed in the Stakeholder meeting notes (show what Stakeholders are participating).
- Do not want any more time or money spent on KIUC.
- KIUC projects increased energy use; with efficiency, use will go down, not up.
- New board members have been elected and KIUC can change.
- Be careful simplifying permit process because there are some companies who will take advantage.
- Using the word “sustainable” should not include batteries.
- Gap in analysis: Don’t get any \$ if you buy a used PV system, have to use KIUC contractors and they are more expensive, educate people about options.
- There is no rebate going from propane to solar, only from electricity to solar.
- KIUC needs to change to a time of day pricing structure.
- IECC efficiency building standards will be introduced to County Council soon.
- Can we use state land for PV, wind since there is so much of it?
- Storage: KIUC should look into solar thermal on west side, dam on north shore that they might expand. Any potential for energy recycling? Utility does not support distributed storage.
- PV is needed in every community as a source of power in disasters.
- Vehicles: Lots of creative alternative vehicles are under development right now but laws have a lot of restrictions. County could ask state to make changes to make allowances for more types of vehicles.
- Need to focus on liquid fuels for transportation.
- Low speed alternative vehicles face legal restrictions.
- MSW does not encourage 3 Rs.
 - The Plan will look at “Pay as you throw” legislation.
- Mayor should be keeping up with what KESP is doing.