



**ENERGY ELEMENT CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TALENT CITY HALL
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
October 4, 2018**

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The Energy Element Citizen Advisory Committee of the City of Talent will meet on Wednesday, October 4, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the City of Talent Large Conference Room, 110 E. Main Street. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to the City Recorder at 541-535-1566, ext. 1012. The Planning Commission reserves the right to add or delete items as needed, change the order of the agenda, and discuss any other business deemed necessary at the time of the study session and/or meeting.

REGULARLY MEETING – 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order/Roll Call at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Member Sohl Member Bizeau Chair Ponomareff Member Roome	
1. Also Present:	
Zac Moody – Community Development Director Michael Hoch – RARE Energy Efficiency Coordinator Emily Berlant – City Council Liaison	

- Consensus to reword: Build energy alliances and partnerships with other municipalities, private businesses, and stakeholders to foster energy resiliency across the region.
- POLICY 3: Energy Resiliency:
 - Consensus to reword: Identify and acquire renewable energy sources and storage options for City of Talent and residents to foster energy resilience.

Committee asked for a final draft on Policy 3 before approval.

VI. Approval or Amendment of Policy 2

Zac Moody provided an update on how the policy was updated based on committee input.

- POLICY 2: Energy Generation:
 - Consensus to reword: The City will encourage the acquisition of clean and renewable energy sources that help Talent reach 100% independence from fossil-fuel energy sources by 2038 while attempting to keep energy prices affordable and preserving our rural quality of life.
- Implementation Strategy 2.1a:
 - Consensus to reword: Seek and develop a collaborative relationship with public, private and volunteer groups across Jackson County to develop resources and opportunities for the public and businesses to learn about the costs and benefits of renewable energy including traditional and creative financing models (e.g. tax credits, power purchase agreements, revolving loan funds). Partner organizations may include the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG), other incorporated municipalities, Jackson County Health and Human Services, businesses, Rogue Climate, Southern Oregon Climate Action Now (SOCAN), and the Energy Trust of Oregon.
- Objective 2.1:
 - Consensus to reword: Provide ongoing information and guidance to residents and business owners about the value and benefits of renewable energy including practical tools for implementation.
- Implementation Strategy 2.1d:
 - Consensus to reword: Using 2015 data as the baseline, regularly inform, at least annually, City Council and the community on progress towards greater acquisition of clean and renewable energy sources in Talent using appropriate public information channels.
- Implementation Strategy 2.2b:
 - Consensus to reword: Identify potential sites (e.g. public buildings, commercial roofs, parking lots) as suitable locations for community solar installations and, zoning codes that could be amended to accommodate development.
- Objective 2.2:
 - Consensus to reword: Foster the creation of community solar projects with a goal of ensuring that renewable energy opportunities are available to all residents and property owners, regardless of income.
- NEW Implementation Strategy 2.3g
 - Ensure zoning codes are aligned with best practices for climate adaptation, energy generation, and livability.
- Implementation Strategy 2.2f:
 - Consensus to reword: Investigate providing financial support to local solarize projects who want to support community solar installations in Talent.

Next meeting scheduled for October 22 from 6-8pm. Agreement to bring paper copy with notes to work through. Committee directed staff to connect with Ashland's Stu Green for EV related measures.