Go Solar Florida Team Leaders’ Meeting

June 26, 2014

2:00 p.m.

*Chair: Icilda Humes (for Kay Sommers, Project Manager)*

**Attendees:**

* Cathy Randazzo, Zoning and Planning
* Matt Anderson, Go Solar Fest
* Michael Huneke, Plans and Permitting
* Andrea Bousquet, IT
* Icilda Humes, Administration

Icilda Humes informed the team that Kay was out of office and as such she would be chairing the meeting.

**Contracts- Cathy Randazzo**

* Contracts have been sent out to Miami-Dade County, Monroe County, City of Venice, FSEC and Orange County. It is anticipated that the Monroe County and FSEC contracts will be executed in early July and the Orange County contract will be executed shortly thereafter.

**Planning and Zoning- Cathy Randazzo**

* The Planning and Zoning Committee is scheduled to meet today.
* The draft of the updated Best Practices Manual will be forwarded to the team by July 31 for review.
* Dr. Mitsova and Cathy will be meeting next week to assess the progress of partners with respect to ordinances.

**Plans and Permitting - Michael Huneke**

* Both the plans team and the permitting team have been meeting.
* FSEC is working on the electrical and structural “engine.”
* The challenge in this process will be certification of plans for acceptance by building officials.
* The permitting team is working toward a universal permit system in which users will go to Go Solar Florida site, get their plans and then go to the AHJ’s system.
* The team is trying to figure out how to get the optimal system.

**2nd Go Solar and Renewable Energy Fest- Matt Anderson**

* Press release was issued yesterday. The event had:
* 65 exhibitors
* 42 speakers
* $18,000 cash sponsorship
* $7,100 worth of exhibitor space sold
* $33,000 worth of in-kind contribution
* Funds collected (sponsorship and exhibition space) covered 67% of total cost of the facility rental
* A total of 435 surveys were completed. The feedback was mainly positive and participants were of the view that the event was well-organized and on par with international events of the same nature.
* The event received good press coverage and the exhibitors indicated that they were pleased with the price of booth space.
* Attendees travelled from throughout Florida to attend.

**Timesheets-Icilda Humes**

* Timesheets have been re-designed in an effort to ensure that the data collection requirements for the grant are met.
* Broward County employees are asked to complete timesheets by July 3.

**Any other matters**

* The team leaders briefly shared their concern that there is the need for more public awareness and education on PV solar installation especially as it pertains to interconnection.