

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council

Meeting Summary

January 9, 2012
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

1. Welcome & Announcements:

Chairman Mobley made a few introductory comments.

2. Public Comments & Discussion:

The floor was opened for public comments. Mr. Bruninga – Reminded the Council not to overlook the workplace as a primary charging location. He also alerted the Council that he had emailed the statistics of commuting length/time in Maryland that they requested at the last meeting.

Mr. Luis MacDonald (Auto Flex Inc. – MDOT certified MBE/MD Company) – Introduced himself and announced that his company had been awarded the contract for the GSA federal fleet pilot program providing electric vehicle and re-charging station services.

3. Bill Status:

No decision had been made, as of this meeting, on who would be introducing the Council's bills in the General Assembly.

4. Work Group Updates:

The Chair asked if any of the Work Groups had updates of their activities during the break. Kathy Kinsey of the Facilities Group said they were focusing mainly on the stream-lining process, multi-family/urban issues, and design standards. The Group had developed an online survey to assess permitting issues which they hope to have ready in February. They will set up five regional meetings around state, for which John Murach has created/modified an EVIC PowerPoint. They plan to launch the survey at those meetings.

Andrew Farkas spoke next on the Infrastructure Plan, including the potential to adapt SHA's statewide model for use in the plan. He also brought up an article in Washington Post regarding equity issues, and a discussion of the article ensued, including : it's possible negative impact on subsidies supporting EV's, support for reinstating EV tax credit, whether the tax credit could be a point of sale tax credit, not an income tax credit, whether some subsidy could be made be available to cities – as a tax credit isn't, and whether the focus could be shifted to fleets such as carsharing where more widespread groups of people would have access.

5. Workgroup Reorganization:

Kristen and Meg walked through the reorganization that has been proposed to form smaller groups with specific tasks, and discussed the possible timeline. The Chair reminded the Council of the deadline for the final report of December 1st, 2012 and the need to move forward, but said timelines could be adjusted once members had a chance to look at their options. Volunteers were assembled for each of the proposed task groups, including some members that were not present but had indicated their choices earlier.

There were discussion on: whether all the legislative charges had been covered by the new task groups, what other tasks might be added, the timeframe for finishing early tasks so that the Council could begin putting together performance measures and the action plan by late July, and exactly how “bold” the Council wished to be in its recommendations for the future.

6. Future Meetings:

The next meeting of the full Council was set for 2:30 on February 2nd at MDOT. There was discussion of how often the full Council should meet, but confirming the actual dates beyond February was deferred to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned