

Energy and Sustainability Task Force Meeting minutes, January 2, 2020.

Attendees: Phil Miller, Steve Fox, Scott Holmberg, Casey Lund, Sara Lawson DSJ. Guest Steven Amos, Northside Christian Church.

Approval of agenda: Steve Fox/Scott Holmberg Approved.

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Guest speaker Steven Amos, Executive Minister, Northside Christian Church spoke about the churches experience with the solar panels installed at the church.

Steven shared that the church uses about 140Kw electricity. The church leadership had evaluated solar about 5 years previously however, it did not make financial sense at that time. In the fall of 2018, the church was able to partner with an organization, Collective Sun to install the system. Collective Sun was able to claim a 30% tax incentive that would be split between Collective Sun and Northside. 15% each. The initial investment was \$130,000 Collective Sun with a 6-year payback.

More details on Collective Sun in attached link.

<https://collectivesun.com/about-collectivesun/>

Steven did not have a full year of data but related that winter had the lower energy production and Summer earned the church a credit to apply to future bills.

It was noted during discussion after Steven's presentation that using an organization such as Collective Sun, the City would have improved options over straight financing.

The Task Force will meet with a couple more representatives of organizations that have done solar projects to learn more about what went well and what did not go as planned.

Next meeting: February 6, 9:30 AM, 201 South Holden.