



Citizen Committee on Alternative Energy – Pros & Cons

Board of Supervisors

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Citizen Committee Establishment

- Create by Resolution
- Advisory only
- Define scope, authority, number of members, term of appointment, etc.
- Follow all legal procedures for conducting business
- Subject to FOIA
- Staff support

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Pros

- Additional avenue for citizen input into process
- Can leverage citizen expertise on technical topics

Cons

- Limited number of citizens formulating recommendations in an 'official' capacity
- Duplication of efforts being undertaken by staff & the Planning Commission
- Strain on staff resources to support a new committee

Additional Thoughts

- Citizen involvement and interest is common with zoning cases
- Planning staff have received a significant amount of information, studies, and suggestions so far and is reviewing and taking the information into account
- Other projects have had grassroots committees organized by citizens that bring together local experts to address issues and make recommendations