

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

District Department of the Environment



Green Building Advisory Council

Meeting Date: 4/3/2013

Meeting Location: DDOE, 1200 1st Street NW

Attendees: Bill Updike (DDOE), Patty Rose (Greenspace NCR), Ethan Landis (Landis Construction), Anica Landreneau (HOK), Marshall Duer-Balkind (DDOE), MaryLynn Wilhere (DDOE), Laine Cidlowski (OP), Maribeth DeLorenzo (DHCD), Dave Epley (DCRA), Jess Zimbabwe (ULI), Denise Everson (DCHA), Scott Pomeroy (Downtown BID), Sandy Wiggins (Consilience, BALLE)

Main Points/Discussion:

Introductions (All)

DC Smarter Business Challenge Presentation (Scott Pomeroy & MaryLynn Wilhere)

- ❖ Intended to take the place of a green business certification
- ❖ Website is: www.dcsmarterbusiness.com
- ❖ Partnering with AOBA, DCBIA, USGBC-NCR
- ❖ As of 4/3/2013, there were 20 companies, with 92 buildings and 28M square feet participating
- ❖ Having different foci for each month—March was the Building Energy Summit
- ❖ Mayor's Sustainability Awards to be announced this summer

Green Code Discussion (Bill Updike & Dave Epley)

- ❖ Need to think about prepping and education for city council staffers
- ❖ Discussion about commissioning, specifically around nonprofit developers (CPDC, National Housing Trust, etc.)
- ❖ Discussion about schedule—sending to council this summer simultaneous with second comment period

Green Building Fund (Bill Updike & Dave Epley)

- ❖ Question about the nature of the fund—does it have to be spent in FY13 (short answer is yes, but it could go into fund balance for FY14, and DCRA could then ask for additional budget authority in FY14)
- ❖ Discussion about the possibility of having a training session for green procurement—bring in Jonathan Rifkin from OCP (and include private sector as well)

Energy Star Benchmarking Discussion (Marshall Duer-Balkind)

- ❖ Compliance range is 60-70% (DC probably highest of any city at initial submittal)
- ❖ DDOE was sending out warning e-mails for those that didn't comply (have a period of one month to come into compliance)
- ❖ Help center got more than 200 calls, and the team conducted weekly trainings and responded to countless e-mails
- ❖ Data for 200,000 SF and greater buildings can be made available this summer
- ❖ Worked with PEPCO to provide whole building aggregate data to owners, and about 100-150 buildings took advantage of that
 - Ultimate goal is to have info updated directly to Portfolio Manager
 - Patty recommended that we give PEPCO public credit for this
- ❖ Patty asked if we would include waste reporting at some point (not currently part of the Portfolio Manager tool)

Sustainable DC Update (Laine Cidlowski)

- ❖ DC government working on internal work plan for these efforts (Mayor's release of implementation plan on April 22)
- ❖ Have created a list of lead agencies and contacts for various action items

Roundtable Updates (All)

- ❖ Veronique -- Discussed Comprehensive Energy Plan and public meeting
- ❖ Denise -- Applied for technical assistance work with O&M Green Guides. Also working on Langston Dwellings Sustainable DC Challenge Grant to study for onsite energy generation.
- ❖ Sandy – Broken ground with the Alice Ferguson Foundation on the first Living Building Challenge project under construction in the region
- ❖ Dave – Working on green and energy codes implementation strategy, solar expediting and other
- ❖ Laine – Discussed SDC implementation plan kickoff meeting
- ❖ Maribeth – Applauded SDC efforts, and discussed a productive meeting between SEU and DHCD
- ❖ Ethan – Discussed USGBC-NCR advocacy meeting and other green events

New/Continued Action Items:

- ❖ Schedule June meeting with PSC, Pepco, Washington Gas, DC SEU, others?
- ❖ Draft green building report
- ❖ Do strawman proposal regarding change to Green Building Act.
- ❖ Broker conversation related to integrating SDC, GBA and Green Codes
- ❖ Issue Green Building Fund Grant RFA
- ❖ Revise FY14 GB Fund Budget and prioritize grant ideas

Date for next meeting: June 5, 2013

Location for next meeting: DDOE, 1200 1st Street NW, 5th Floor

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