

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Department of Energy and Environment

## Green Building Advisory Council

**Meeting Date:** 2/6/2019

**Meeting Location:** DOEE, 1200 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE

**Attendees (In person):** Bryan Bomer (DCRA), Kate Johnson (DOEE)\*, Katie Bergfeld (DOEE), Anica Landreneau\* (HOK), Eugenia Gregorio\* (Tower Companies), Andrew Held (DOEE), Fernando Arias (Clark Construction), Nathan Kron (DOEE), Stephen Gyor\* (OP), JoAnna Saunders (DOEE), Cliff Majersik\* (IMT), Mike Brown (DCRA), Jay Wilson (DOEE), Jess Zimbabwe\* (ULI), Carl Reeverts (EPA)\*, Jenn Hatch (DOEE), Paroma Chakrawarty (Clark Construction)

**Attendees (by phone):** Mark Bryan (USGBC-NCR), Lamont Lee\* (DHCD)

*(\*denotes members of the Green Building Advisory Council)*

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### Introductions (All)

#### Clean Energy DC Act Update – Kate Johnson, DOEE

- Bill passed Council unanimously before the holidays, and was signed by Mayor Bowser 1/18/19
- Officially it is in the DC Register here:  
<https://www.dcregs.dc.gov/Common/NoticeDetail.aspx?NoticeId=N0078727>
- Now in the 30 Congressional review day waiting period – looking at late March at the earliest
- Many provisions (like RPS) will take effect immediately; others will become applicable when they are funded, which could begin in the new fiscal year (October 1, 2019)
- Specifically around BEPS, the bill calls for putting together a taskforce. GBAC will have a member on it. Would like to figure out a nominating process at the next meeting to be able to put forth a name to the Mayor's office.

#### 2017 Green Building Report – JoAnna Saunders and Andrew Held, DOEE

- For case studies:
  - Would like to show site EUI to demonstrate improved performance
  - Look into including design EUI for new buildings
  - CityCenterDC – try and find pre/post EUI for first certification vs. recertification
- Would be great to show a spread of metrics – not all high-performing buildings are platinum
- Would be also great to look at different eras of buildings to disprove that older buildings don't perform as well as new buildings
- DOEE will reach out for ideas for this report, and future if there are clients/properties members recommend highlighting for a case study
- 2017 benchmarking data is live at: [energybenchmarkingdc.org](http://energybenchmarkingdc.org)

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### Benchmarking Exemption Request Update – Nate Kron and Katie Bergfeld, DOEE

- In DOEE's legal opinion it is OK to have an entity disclose data to DOEE, but for DOEE to bind itself and not include that in a public disclosure
- DOEE will write up the recommendation, send out for feedback
- GBAC will make the recommendation to Director Wells, who will make the final decision.

### New Benchmarking Reporting Methodology Pilot

- Looking at automatic reporting through Portfolio Manager web services – this would make it easier for property owners to report, and also for DOEE to look back at data and give real-time help through the help center. Seattle does this for their benchmarking data collection.
- Would be voluntary but would like some folks to test it out, so offering it as an option this year. Template is still available this year for owners who want to report that way
- Would also share the code that the team uses to pull data from the system for transparency

### DCRA Updates

- Green Building Professional Seminar Series – 2019 schedule announced
  - 8 workshops, one per month starting March 25 (DCRA to send Save the Date)
  - Feedback from last year: location switching was hard, so this year, all seminars will be at one location but still free; cap of 225 per session
  - DCRA will continue to provide a certificate of completion for those who want to self-report for professional continuing education credits
- Net-Zero Program Update:
  - Green Ambassador program has expedited permitting and have been working with partners at sister agencies to do the same (DOEE, DC Water)
  - Initially they'll advertise for residential but are interested in expanding to multi-family; commercial
  - Don't currently have the financial incentives for commercial; multi-family to really entice participants but have the rest of the pieces
- DMV Net-Zero Energy Coalition
  - Initially got together around normalizing language to help with confusion and improve understanding of regulations in the three jurisdictions
  - 175 people registered for the Feb 12 meeting kick-off
- Construction Code Update
  - First round of public comments have been answered by the Technical Advisory Groups and the revised codes are now at Construction Code Coordinating Board for review. Then the codes will be re-published for a second round of public comments.
- Staffing Updates
  - Hiring an office associate currently and will be hiring for 2 Green Building Inspector positions in the next 3-6 weeks, including inspection supervisor
  - There will be 2 solar-related positions coming up – one solar coordinator at DCRA and a solar reviewer shared between DCRA & DOEE

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### Green Building Fund Collection Correction – Cliff Majersik, IMT

- Decimal place error in schedule of fees for certain rehabilitation projects. Needs to be corrected through rulemaking.
- Non-governmental members unanimously voted to circulate a letter to submit to Council asking to correct the decimal error.

### Roundtable Updates

- **Jess Zimbabwe (NLC/ULI)** – Moving to Seattle this summer, and therefore will not be serving another term on the GBAC so DOEE will work with Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments to fill.
- **Anica Landreneau (HOK)** – Atlanta Super Bowl stadium was a HOK project. First LEED Platinum stadium, but also built to alleviate flooding in the neighborhood.
- **Eugenia Gregorio (Tower)** – moving to NYC but working in DC with Tower through end of Feb, and then will work with staff to find a replacement for the GBAC. Tower is really interested in figuring out battery storage but not many commercial buildings are pursuing it. Would love examples of who is doing it or ideas.
- **Cliff Majersik** - Anticipate NYC will be signing a similar BEPS into law around Earth Day
  - Great article around the Clean Energy DC Act signing that quoted Eugenia and Anica: <https://www.bisnow.com/washington-dc/news/sustainability/half-of-dcs-buildings-could-require-upgrades-under-new-climate-law-96705>
  - Opportunity to organize something either in-person and/or a webinar through BisNow to discuss benchmarking, BEPS, etc.
- **Carl Reeverts (EPA Alum)** – EPA alumni are looking at the effect of the shutdown and what has been impacted. Will keep GBAC informed about what they’re looking at.
- **Fernando Arias (Clark Construction)**: Clark has a client building vertical geothermal and others interested. Clark would be interested to hear about projects that are up and running and cost-analysis of how to get there. Also looking to study construction and demolition waste – interested to connect with others interested in collecting & looking at data as a first step.
- **Mark Bryan (USGBC NCR)** – v4.1 is out for use and available on the website and LEED for Cities new version is coming out in a few months
  - NCR: [Green Tie Affair](#) 2/21 at District Winery
  - Hosting an event on PACE & LEED [3/12 at USGBC](#); Montgomery Co. energy summit 4/3
- **Stephen Gyor (OP)** – Sustainable DC 2.0 is in final design & editing and plan is to release around Earth Day
- **Jay Wilson (DOEE)** – OP is going to put forth an emergency text amendment to the Zoning Commission to address an issue that came up around community solar. Hearing will be on Monday (11<sup>th</sup>) and would be effective that day if passed.
- **Kate Johnson (DOEE)** – Working on the Green Building Fund grant for FY19 to provide early design assistance to projects seeking to be net-zero energy. Have ~\$75,000 in total, so looking at up to \$20k for a number of projects. Will be asking GBAC to help spread the word when it opens
- **Andrew Held (DOEE)** – 2019 covered building list is now [live](#).

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The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm ET.

The next meeting will be:

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

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