**Green Building Advisory Council**

**Meeting Date: 12/2/2020**

**Meeting Location: Online - WebEx**  
**Link to recording:** <https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/ldr.php?RCID=42be6265c85b4d609405e87714925699>

**Attendees (all by Bluejeans/phone)**: Kate Johnson (DOEE)\*, Michael Brown (DCRA), Fernando Arias (Clark Construction)\*, Anica Landreneau (HOK)\*, Cliff Majersik (IMT)\*, Stephanie Plummer (Mom’s Clean Air Force)\*,  Mark Bryan (USGBC-NCR), Jenn Hatch (DOEE), Casey Studhalter (DOEE), Katie Bergfeld (DOEE), Jay Wilson (DOEE), Kathleen Berube (DOEE), Maribeth Delorenzo (DOEE), Vinicio Linares (DOEE), Reena Agarwal (Center for Active Design), Sara Karerat (Center for Active Design), Michael Feldman-Weincek (DOEE), MaryLynn Wilhere (DOEE),  Jason Hartke (International WELL Building Institute), Angela Spangler (International WELL Building Institute), Kristian Hoffland (DOEE)

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

**Administrative Items – *Kate Johnson, DOEE***

* Members may be hearing from MOTA about renewing membership terms
* Some members are rolling off and will need to be replaced
* Open to recommendations – sent to Kathleen Berube
* Can also apply directly through MOTA website

**DOEE Green Building Fund Budget – *Kate Johnson, DOEE***

* Green Building Fund is a special purpose revenue fund collected by DCRA, distributed to DOEE via MOU annually. Unspent balances can be carried over into next fiscal year, unlike other funds.
* Past years revenue has been approximately $2M. For FY21, DOEE receiving approximately $900k
* DOEE FY21 budget for Green Building Fund shared
* Largest expense is staff salary with 4.8 FTEs funded. Spread out over several staff members with partial salary support.
* Largest non-personnel expense is grants at $330k.
  + Building Innovation Hub
  + NZE Design Assistance and Embodied Carbon
  + Carbon Neutrality Strategy
  + DCRA partnership to support Energy Code compliance and entrepreneurship
* Third largest expense is professional services and memberships at $76k, which includes MWCOG (including BE-EAC), USGBC, DCBIA, etc.
* High level update from DCRA: The Director will release a detailed income statement once the Finance Office completed their work. Estimated $1.9 million revenue and expenditures in FY2020. The Council swept ~$80,000 this year. The carry-over from previous years of ~$1.0 million is consistent
* Detailed DCRA budget for FY21 presentation anticipated at next GBAC
* Desire expressed to see DOEE and DCRA expenditures by staff focus area
* Seth mentioned an amendment in FY 21 Budget Support Act of 2020 about Green Building Fund being used for nuisance property abatement. Referenced an article - https://www.sierraclub.org/dc/blog/2020/06/sierra-club-opposes-raid-dcs-green-building-fund. The amendment did not move forward
* Private sector members of the GBAC submitted a letter to council saying they were opposed to the Green Building Fund being used for property abatement

**Fitwell Viral Response Module - *Reena Agarwal and Sara Karerat, Center for Active Design***

* Presentation stemmed from the work of the COVID-19 subgroup, comprised of GBAC members
* Module focuses on science based research from the CDC to mitigate the spread of all diseases, particularly COVID-19
* Features minimum requirements to be achieved in each of three major categories, enhanced indoor environments, behavioral change, and occupant trust
* Applicants can become certified at the base level (70%) or become certified with distinction (90%)
* Tenants and residents are demanding these kinds of certifications and landlords and owners are pursing them to attract tenants

**WELL Building Certification and COVID-19 – *Jason Hartke and Angela Spangler, International WELL Building Institute***

* WELL is a wholistic standard focusing on health and well being in the built environment
* WELL V2 is about to leave pilot, V2 now encompasses all previous rating programs
* WELL Health and Safety became available in June 2020, this standard focuses on responding to airborne infectious disease by focusing on operational policies, maintenance protocols, emergency plans and stakeholder education and engagement

Links: <https://account.wellcertified.com/directories/projects>; <https://www.wellcertified.com/>

**BEPS update – Katie Bergfeld, DOEE**

* Standards should be published very soon, ahead of January 1st deadline to publish
* Supplementary documents to rules under development
* Rulemaking planned to be published soon, will be open to public comments for 60 days
* Wrapping up data verification. Applications closed November 20th – not accepting any new applications. Focused on completing verification.

**Codes Update – Casey Studhalter, DOEE**

* Integrated version of the codes is published an available on DCRA’s website
* 2023 Code Development process is underway – exploring changing the public comment/engagement period to potentially shorten the total time it takes to develop the codes
* Casey is presenting on Appendix Z during the Green Building Professional Seminar Series on December 9th, link here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-green-building-professional-seminar-series-tickets-121531625363>

**Roundtable Updates:**

**Cliff Majersik, IMT** - Hub launched with events coming up <https://buildinginnovationhub.org/events/>. Hiring for a second FT staff person. IMT working with St Louis and Kansas City to create new Hubs and a network of Hubs across the country.

**Fernando Arias, Clark Construction** – Launched USGBC Green Builder badge, offered as component of continuing education via USGBC.

<https://www.usgbc.org/help/how-can-i-earn-green-builder-badge-education-usgbc>

**Seth Coan, RMI** – RMI report recently published titled Regions Take Action, focused on climate action taken by states and regions. Found an issue with DC SEU incentives that don’t support increased insulation and other passive measures outside of their custom programs. Could consider inviting SEU to join future GBAC meetings.   
<https://rmi.org/insight/regions-take-action/>

**Jay Wilson, DOEE** – DOEE recently published guide for building owners considering solar <https://doee.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddoe/service_content/attachments/2020%20FINAL_DC-SolarFinancing%281%29.pdf>

**Michael Feldman-Wiencek, DOEE**– HAND and NHT continuing affordable housing workshop series on Dec 3rd

<https://www.handhousing.org/training-engagement/2020-2021-training-capacity-building-series/#december>

**Anica Landrenau, HOK** – Appointed to IECC-Commercial 2024 development committee.

**MaryLynn Wilhere, DOEE** - The application period for the 2021 Clean Energy DC Award will open January 2, 2021. Questions? Contact marylynn.wilhere@dc.gov

**Mark Bryan, USGBC** – Invitation to join NCR, IMT and the New Building Innovation Hub tomorrow December 3rd @ 1PM for one of our final events of the year, When Health and Wellness Meets Energy Performance. Please join speakers like Tommy Wells, Lindsey Falasca, Lee Dunfee and Linda Toth for a deeper discussion of the nexus of health and energy. You may register using this code: HEALTHY2020 https://www.eventbrite.com/e/when-health-and-wellness-meets-energy-performance-tickets-126333209029

Meeting adjourned at 4:59pm

**The next meeting of the GBAC will be held virtually via WebEx on February 3, 2021**