

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
Department of Energy and Environment

**Green Building Advisory Council**

**Meeting Date:** June 1, 2016

**Meeting Location:** DOEE, 1200 1st Street NE

**Attendees:** Bill Updike (DOEE), Karim Marshall (DOEE), Alexis Goggans (DOEE), Molly Simpson (DOEE), Chris Dickerson-Prokopp (DHCD), Sally Parker (DCPS), Anica Landreneau (HOK), Eugenia Gregorio (The Tower Companies), Carl B. Reeverts (EPA, retired), Jay Wilson (DOEE), Maribeth DeLorenzo (DOEE), Scott Pomeroy (Downtown DC BID), MaryLynn Wilhere (DOEE), Jess Zimbabwe (Rose Center for Public Leadership, NLC)

**Attendees (Via Phone):** Bernard Guzman (DHCD), Cliff Majersik (IMT)

**Project Team Attendees:** Elliot Seibert (Steven Winter Associates), Sean Reidy (Bonstro Harsign), Kenneth Browen (HS&DC), Eric Jones (HSCDC), Anthony R. Agnew (HSCDC), Chris Harkins (Harkins Builder, Inc.), Bill Bonstro (Bonstro Harsign), Robert Widmer (Harkins Builders),

**Main Points/Discussion:**  
**Introductions (All)**

**2321 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE Project Discussions – (Molly Simpson)**

- Gap financing provided by DHCD, HFA provided additional tax credit funding.
- DCRA has issued Certificate of Occupancy but discovered Green Building Act Requirements have not been met.
- The project failed to comply with the Enterprise energy criteria (5.1).
- As a result, Enterprise has declined certification for this project.
- Steve Winter Associates was recently engaged by the project team to test the performance of the building and propose a remediation plan.
- Next Steps
  - The project will submit an official letter to Director Tommy Wells explaining their failure to meet the requirements of the Green Building Act.
  - The Green Building Advisory Council will make recommendations to Director Wells.

**Green Building Fund Grant Update – Jay Wilson**

- *Behavior Change Programs-*
  - *Smarter DC Challenge* - Currently 250+ organizations have explicitly named an action they are taking to improve efficiency. There is ongoing discussion on what the best use of funding availability is and how to keep participants engaged. Current topics include how to focus on metrics vs.

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participation, qualitative impacts and if there is value in bringing the program internally to DOEE or other District agencies.

- Participants provided feedback on difficulty with time constraints, multiple competing projects and inability to plan for future actions.
- Discussion explored alternatives such as having a monthly challenge that is schedule or focuses heavily on behavior change
- *POWER DOWN DC: A Multifamily Energy and Water Challenge*
  - Engaged 2 cohorts of buildings in pilot year; 3 DCHA properties; 4 private multifamily rental properties throughout the District. Celebration tentatively scheduled for August 11 to award winners.
  - DOEE would like to continue the program next year and expand capacity for the program by providing a 'bootcamp' for participating property management firms and giving the property managers tools/support and responsibility to run events and track data.
- *Sustainable Development Planning and Analysis*- Currently undergoing paperwork. Grantee will be announced soon.
- *Microgrid Technical Assistance*- Microgrid grant has been utilized to develop a screening tool and research that will be useful in DC and beyond. This grant research has influenced other projects, including microgrid infrastructure discussions ongoing at St. Elizabeths East.
- *Living with Water/Heat Competition*- Looking to implement a competition and developing plans as a follow up to the Climate Adaptation Plan.
- *Historic Sustainability Guidelines*- DCRA has been discussing implementing guidelines. This will be discussed as a project for next year.
- *Getting to Zero Net Emissions Buildings in Cities*- Carbon City Neutral Alliance is requesting funding to conduct a planning exercise for cities with net zero, or near net zero emissions targets. This would be a matching program, with cities providing upwards of \$50k in funding.
- *Green Building Cost Benefit Analysis*- COSTAR completed a benefit analysis in 2008. DOEE is pursuing funding opportunities for research to update this study.

**Date for next meeting:** August 3, 2016, 3-5 pm

**Location for next meeting:** DOEE, 1200 1st Street NE, 5th Floor

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