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LEED for Neighborhood Development Core Committee

Conference Call – February 17, 2009

Member	Company/Affiliation	Attendance?
Ted Bardacke	Global Green USA	no
Kaid Benfield	Natural Resources Defense Council	yes
John Dalzell	Boston Redevelopment Authority	yes
Victor Dover	Dover, Kohl & Partners Town Planning	no
Doug Farr	Farr Associates, Architecture and Urban Design	yes
Tim Frank	Sierra Club	yes
Bert Gregory	Mithun Architects + Designers + Planners	no
Daniel Hernandez	Jonathan Rose Companies	no
Bruce Knight	City of Champaign, IL	yes
Jessica Cogan Millman	The Agora Group	yes
Susan Mudd	Congress for the New Urbanism	yes
John Norquist	Congress for the New Urbanism	yes
Kenneth Potts	McGough Development	no
Elizabeth Schilling	Urban Associates	no
Committee liaisons		
Brett Van Akkeren	U.S. EPA	no
USGBC Staff		
Sophie Lambert		yes
Dara Zycherman		yes
Chris Marshall		yes
Meghan Bogaerts		yes
Jason Hercules		yes
Robyn Eason		yes
Stefanie Young		yes
Others		
Nora Beck	Congress for the New Urbanism	yes
Laura Watchman	Watchman Consulting (consultant)	no
Eric Main	Criterion Planners (consultant)	no
Rachel Sohmer	Natural Resources Defense Council	yes
Eliot Allen	Criterion Planners (consultant)	yes
Justin Horner	Natural Resources Defense Council	no
Nathan Sandwick	Natural Resources Defense Council	no
Payton Chung	Congress for the New Urbanism	no

1. **Approved of minutes for 2/10/08.**
 - a. Moved by Jessica Millman.



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- b. Seconded by John Dalzell.
- c. Vote Results: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstentions (others joined call later).

2. Approved of minutes for the February retreat.

- a. Moved by John Dalzell.
- b. Seconded by John Norquist.
- c. Vote Results: 4 ayes; 0 nays; 2 abstentions (others joined call later).

3. Declaration of conflicts of interest related to this call's agenda

- a. None.

3. CIRs (Credit Interpretation Rulings)

- a. Stefanie Young gave a summary of the draft CIR, which was prepared by USGBC staff to address exemplary performance thresholds for use during the pilot program. Staff consulted all existing committee rulings in drafting the proposed thresholds. The goal of this CIR is to assure a manageable workload for the core committee and the Location & Planning TAG, as well as assist project teams in determining acceptable pathways to achieve exemplary performance credit.
- b. The committee discussed the benefits and drawbacks of this approach. Several committee members raised concerns about predetermining performance thresholds without reviewing project-specific information. Staff clarified the CIR procedure going forward, pointing out the advantages to providing guidance in this vein.
- c. The core committee agreed to take up this issue again on a conference call in the near future. In the interim, Sophie Lambert will speak with Jessica Millman and Ted Bardacke to formulate a proposal for handling exemplary performance CIRs.

4. SLLp2: Proximity to Water and Wastewater Infrastructure discussion

- a. Jessica Millman summarized the comments we received on SLLp2 and the subsequent proposal prepared by the credit guardians in response to those comments.
- b. The committee agreed that because SLLp2 is short and acts as a proxy for good location choice, it could be successfully moved to the "For all projects" section of SLLp1.
- c. The committee agreed that the definition of wastewater and water service does not include sand mound and septic systems, though it does not necessarily preclude other non-traditional systems from qualifying. The credit guardians will work to find the correct terminology to incorporate into the definition of Wastewater Service Area.
- d. The committee also discussed the issue of public versus private ownership of the service, ultimately deciding that ownership does not matter in this context.
- e. The committee agreed to remove the provision regarding infrastructure passing through open space, due to the fact that it often results in confusion and is somewhat redundant due to the other SLL prerequisites.

5. Graphics brainstorming session



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- a. Staff solicited feedback from the committee regarding the revision of the graphics found in the rating system. Dara Zycherman will be working with the graphic designers to revise the graphics for the next version of the rating system. Committee members were reminded to please alert Dara as soon as possible whenever it becomes apparent that a change will need to be made to a graphic.
- b. Doug noted that the GIBc9: Solar Orientation graphic is confusing and should be a priority for revision.
- c. John Dalzell noted that a graphic for SLLc4: Bicycle Network and Storage would be very helpful in explaining what constitutes an acceptable bicycle network.

6. Credit guardian questions

- a. Doug Farr introduced a proposal regarding SLLp5: Agricultural Land Conservation and the protection of undeveloped agricultural land on project perimeters that he will circulate to the committee via email.

7. Updates and Housekeeping

- a. The committee congratulated John Dalzell on being chosen to serve on the USGBC Board of Directors this coming year.

8. Next call is scheduled **at 3:00 pm Eastern on February 24, 2009.**