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LEED for Neighborhood Development Core Committee

Conference Call – February 24, 2009

Member	Company/Affiliation	Attendance?
Ted Bardacke	Global Green USA	yes
Kaid Benfield	Natural Resources Defense Council	yes
John Dalzell	Boston Redevelopment Authority	yes
Victor Dover	Dover, Kohl & Partners Town Planning	yes
Doug Farr	Farr Associates, Architecture and Urban Design	yes
Tim Frank	Sierra Club	yes
Bert Gregory	Mithun Architects + Designers + Planners	yes
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	yes
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 2/17/08 core committee call.**
 - a. Moved by Bruce Knight.



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- b. Seconded by Jessica Millman.
- c. Vote Results: 3 ayes; 0 nays; 3 abstentions (others joined call later).

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

- a. None.

3. Reminder about weightings

- a. Meghan Bogaerts gave an overview of the process for making changes to the number of points allocated to each credit. Committee members should consider whether weighting changes are warranted as they review and respond to comments on individual credits. If any committee members wish to recommend that a weighting change be made to a credit, this should be noted and sent to Meghan to compile. When first public comment revisions are nearing completion, the whole committee will then consider all recommendations for weighting changes as a group.

4. Questions from credit guardians

- a. Definition of Adequate Transit Service
John Dalzell shared his initial thoughts regarding revision of this definition with the committee. Many on the call agreed that the definition should move toward the methodology employed in SLLc3: Reduced Automobile Dependence, which calculates the number of total trips provided in or near a project, rather than qualifying individual transit stops as adequate or not adequate. Opinions on how to incorporate a requirement for weekend service were mixed. The working group will continue to refine the definition based on this feedback.
- b. SLLc3: Reduced Automobile Dependence
Kaid Benfield gave an overview of his proposal to the credit guardian group for revisions on this credit. John Norquist shared several ideas for more accurately defining appropriate planned transit; this subject will require further refinement by the credit guardians. The committee also agreed that the Location & Planning TAG should weigh in on the Option 1 thresholds.
- c. NPDc14: Tree-lined and Shaded Streets
Bruce Knight provided feedback to the credit guardian, Victor Dover, regarding proper terminology that should be used to refer to planting trees. Meghan Bogaerts will work with Bruce and Victor to correct the terminology. Nora Beck will also assist in revising the technical requirements of this credit.
- d. NPDc15: Neighborhood Schools
John Norquist gave an update on the progress of this credit. John and Ted Bardacke agreed to speak after this call to reach resolution on the major issues raised during the public comment period.
- e. GIBc5: Historic Building Preservation
Sophie Lambert is working with representatives from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to revise the credit language, and hopes to send draft language to the credit guardians for review by the end of the week.
- f. NPDp2: Compact Development



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Jessica and Meghan asked several questions regarding this prerequisite, and the committee agreed to the following: Option 1 should clearly state that only existing transit is included in the calculation; Option 1 should also clarify that the 12 dwelling unit per acre threshold only applies for those portions of the project surrounding the transit nodes; steep slopes should not be excluded from the calculation of buildable land, as they are often deemed non-buildable by local codes anyway.

5. Updates and Housekeeping

- a. Several committee members have major conflicts with next week's core committee call time. Meghan will email a Doodle survey link to the committee to reschedule next week's call for another time on Monday or Tuesday, and will use the same survey to set a call time for March 24th.
- b. Sophie and Dara proposed a revised call schedule that would add two weeks to the current schedule. The committee agreed that this is a more realistic plan. Meghan will send new call times to the committee as they are finalized.
- c. Eliot Allen told the committee to expect emails from him with track change suggestions for revisions to the rating system based on his experience in the pilot in the coming week.

6. Next call is scheduled at 2:30 pm Eastern on March 3, 2009 (call time may change pending committee discussion).