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LEED for Neighborhood Development Core Committee

Conference Call – March 2, 2009

Member	Company/Affiliation	Attendance?
Ted Bardacke	Global Green USA	yes
Kaid Benfield	Natural Resources Defense Council	no
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
Justin Horner	Natural Resources Defense Council	yes
Bruce Knight	City of Champaign, IL	no
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	yes
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	no
Eliot Allen	Criterion Planners (consultant)	yes
Justin Horner	Natural Resources Defense Council	no
Nathan Sandwick	Natural Resources Defense Council	no

1. Approved of minutes for 2/24/09 core committee call.

a. Moved by John Norquist.
b. Seconded by Jessica Millman.

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c. Vote Results: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstention (others joined call later).

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

a. None.

3. Credit Interpretation Rulings

a. SLLc7: School Proximity
Draft ruling upheld.
b. NPDc9: Transit Facilities
Draft ruling upheld.
c. NPDc10: Transportation Demand Management (Option 2)
Draft ruling upheld.
d. GCTc3: Reduced Water Use
Draft ruling upheld.
e. Administrative: Speed Limit Street Design
This CIR will be forwarded to the Location & Planning Technical Advisory Group for continued discussion. Several LEED-ND core committee members will continue to work with certification staff to develop draft guidance for the LP TAG to review.

4. Maximum project size discussion

a. Sophie Lambert first led the committee through a discussion of credits and prerequisites that particularly small or particularly large projects may find challenging. The committee focused particularly on SLLp4: Wetland and Water Body Conservation; SLLc2: Brownfield Redevelopment; and SLLc3: Reduced Automobile Dependence. Sophie will pass the list of credits and prerequisites discussed during the call to the guardians of each respective credit for further consideration.
b. The committee discussed the benefits and drawbacks of setting a maximum size for projects applying for certification under LEED for Neighborhood Development. The committee expressed a desire to be sensitive to the level of documentation required at different stages, and to recognize the importance of flexibility for stage 1 projects. The committee agreed that 300 acres was a reasonable maximum for the scale of neighborhood that would fit best with the rating system, but that larger stage 1 projects should be allowed to participate in the program by delineating smaller sections within the project boundary that are no greater than 300 acres each.

5. Questions from credit guardians

a. GIBp3: Minimum Building Water Efficiency
Ted Bardacke summarized the concerns expressed in several comments that the residential requirement is too ambitious for a prerequisite. The committee agreed that the 90% requirement should be retained because it is appropriate for a leadership standard.

6. Next call is scheduled at 2:00 pm Eastern on March 10, 2009.