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LEED for Neighborhood Development Core Committee

Conference Call – March 9, 2009

Member	Company/Affiliation	Attendance?
Ted Bardacke	Global Green USA	no
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	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	no
Kenneth Potts	McGough Development	no
Elizabeth Schilling	Urban Associates	yes
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
Nathan Sandwick	Natural Resources Defense Council	no

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

- a. None.



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2. Connectivity definition discussion

- a. Victor Dover gave an overview of the connectivity working group deliberations over the past few weeks. Victor presented several potential definitions of connectivity for committee discussion, varying in complexity and length. Victor enumerated the benefits of the revised definitions, which are simpler than the first public comment draft version but more rigorous than the pilot version.
- b. Jessica Millman moved to accept the working group's proposed definition of connectivity (Definition 1A in the document sent out with this call's agenda).
- c. Elizabeth Schilling seconded.
- d. Vote Results: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstentions (others joined call later).

3. Approved of minutes for 3/2/09 core committee call.

- a. Moved by Jessica Millman.
- b. Seconded by John Dalzell.
- c. Vote Results: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 2 abstentions (others joined call later).

4. GIBc16: Light Pollution Reduction discussion

- a. Michael Lane and Richard Heinisch, members of the Sustainable Sites Technical Advisory Group, summarized changes that they are proposing to GIBc16. Major changes include: the addition of LZ0, a lighting zone for undeveloped areas in national or state parks or similar areas; the addition of upright requirements; and the addition of an alternate method of compliance for light trespass requirements.
- b. The committee expressed their thanks for the substantial work undertaken by the SS TAG members, and voiced concern over the length of the credit. The committee discussed potential solutions for simplifying the credit, including moving some material to the reference guide. Doug Farr and Bert Gregory will work with Michael and Richard to continue revising the credit.

4. Maximum project size discussion

- a. Sophie Lambert showed a Power Point presentation with illustrations of how potential maximum size restrictions would play out at different stages of project development.
- b. The committee discussed several different scenarios for limiting project size, including differentiating pedestrian walksheds within larger projects, and instituting different size limits for different stages.
- c. Sophie will follow up with John Dalzell to create a recommendation to the committee regarding maximum project size for the next core committee call.

5. Questions from credit guardians

- a. NPDc7: Transit Facilities
John Dalzell summarized the working group's proposed changes. The aim of revisions was to address transit facilities beyond bus shelters, such as those provided around rail stops. The working group is also trying to determine the appropriate level of bicycle storage at different kinds of transit stops.
- b. GIBc14: Recycled Content in Infrastructure



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Susan Mudd summarized the working group's proposed changes, which respond to public comments regarding the scope of the credit, particularly whether new or expanded infrastructure should be included in the requirements. The committee agreed that the credit should only apply to new infrastructure.

c. GIBc7: Stormwater Management

Jessica Millman gave initial impressions of the public comments, summarizing the primary issues for the committee. Jessica explained that many comments expressed confusion regarding the definition of the phrase "storm event" and asked whether the language should be aligned with LEED 2009. Bert Gregory and Brett Van Akkeren explained where the difficulty stems from, and the committee concluded that the working group will need to meet with the participants who drafted the first public comment version to undertake revisions.

6. Next call is scheduled at 2:00 pm Eastern on March 17, 2009.