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LEED for Neighborhood Development Core Committee

Conference Call – March 17, 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	no
Doug Farr	Farr Associates, Architecture and Urban Design	no
Tim Frank	Sierra Club	yes
Bert Gregory	Mithun Architects + Designers + Planners	yes
Daniel Hernandez	Jonathan Rose Companies	yes
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	yes
Kenneth Potts	McGough Development	yes
Elizabeth Schilling	Urban Associates	no
Committee liaisons		
Brett Van Akkeren	U.S. EPA	yes
USGBC Staff		
Sophie Lambert		yes
Dara Zycherman		yes
Chris Marshall		no
Meghan Bogaerts		yes
Jason Hercules		no
Robyn Eason		no
Stefanie Young		no
Others		
Nora Beck	Congress for the New Urbanism	yes
Laura Watchman	Watchman Consulting (consultant)	yes
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. Approved of minutes for 3/9/09 core committee call.

- a. Moved by John Dalzell.
- b. Seconded by Jessica Millman.



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- c. An incomplete sentence at the end of part 5b should state that the committee agreed that the credit only applies to new infrastructure. 'With' will be changed to 'which' in part 2a.
- d. 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. Timeline and process discussion

- a. Jessica Millman gave an overview of the current progress of the first public comment responses and revisions, concluding that additional time will be necessary for the committee to complete its work.
- b. Dara Zycherman gave an overview of the implications of extending the timeline two weeks, including additional core committee call times and new deadlines.
- c. Several committee members gave input on their availability in April. Susan Mudd and John Norquist will be unavailable the week of April 6th. Bruce Knight will be busy in the latter half of April.
- d. Those on the call agreed to the proposed extension of the schedule. Everyone also agreed that a portion of the four-hour Webex scheduled for next week should remain as full committee call time, while the remainder should be used for individuals or credit guardians to complete the particular credits they are still working on. Meghan Bogaerts will send out a Doodle poll to determine call times for the upcoming weeks.

4. Questions from credit guardians

- a. SLLc7: Site Design for Habitat or Wetland Conservation
SLLc8: Restoration of Habitat or Wetlands
SLLc9: Conservation Management of Habitat or Wetlands
Laura Watchman and Meghan presented two redlined versions of these three credits for consideration by the committee. The committee debated the pros and cons of combining the credits, deciding that ultimately it did not decrease confusion and so they should remain separate for clarity. Other discussion topics included: applicability to restoration efforts in floodplains, the appropriate time requirement for management activities, and the potential for exemplary performance points. The committee approved the language, pending a few language clarifications to be done by Laura and Meghan.
- b. Previously developed and infill definitions
The previously developed definition working group presented its draft language to the committee for consideration. The group also pointed out that the definition of infill is intertwined with the definition of previously developed, and therefore the two have been revised in tandem. Topics of discussion included: scenarios in which parcels have been substantially developed on one small portion of the parcel, the difference between manicured lawns and forested areas, the possibility of developing language around the ratio of built land to parcel size. The committee agreed that it would be



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best to explore other options for the word “yard” that would more accurately describe the committee’s intentions. The previously developed working group will continue to refine the language, taking into consideration the many comments and concerns from committee members expressed during the call.

- c. Sophie and Meghan requested additional feedback via email on the definitions of previously developed and infill and SLLp4: Wetland and Water Body Conservation.

5. Next call is scheduled at 2:00 pm Eastern on March 24, 2009.