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LEED for Neighborhood Development Core Committee

Conference Call – March 30, 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	yes
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)	yes
Eric Main	Criterion Planners (consultant)	no
Rachel Sohmer	Natural Resources Defense Council	no
Eliot Allen	Criterion Planners (consultant)	yes
Nathan Sandwick	Natural Resources Defense Council	no

1. Approved of minutes for 3/24/09 core committee call.

a. Moved by Susan Mudd.
b. Seconded by Justin Horner.
c. Vote Results: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstentions (others joined call later).

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

a. None.

3. Questions from credit guardians

a. SLLp4: Wetland and Water Body Conservation

Laura Watchman led the committee through a discussion of the remaining issues in the prerequisite, leading to several decisions. The working group will develop language to clarify that previously developed structures that extend into a wetland or water body can be refurbished and still comply with the prerequisite, as long as the structure is not expanded. The language allowing poor quality wetlands to be exempted from the prerequisite requirements was approved. The major improvements density table will remain as-is, but Victor Dover and Doug Farr will test the requirements against several projects they are familiar with during the next week. The minimum buffer widths of 25 ft. and 50 ft. were approved.

b. GIBc3: Water Efficient Landscaping

Want to add an indoor water point, take it from wastewater management

c. Connectivity definition

Victor Dover gave an update on recent working group conversations, including a summary of outstanding issues. The committee discussed the pros and cons of calculating intersection density for SLLp1: Smart Location Option 2 with or without internal project streets included. Victor will circulate more examples of how projects would fare in each scenario for discussion on next week's call.

d. GIBp4: Construction Activity Pollution Prevention

Bert Gregory gave an update to the committee. The language is nearly finished, and more clearly articulates what the requirements are.

e. GIBc7: Stormwater Management

Bert Gregory gave an update to the committee. The language is nearly finished, and it now explains how storms should be measured in more detail than the previous version. Comment responses will also explain how the credit addresses quality issues through quantity management. The bonus points for urban conditions will also be dialed back in response to concern in public comments.

f. Adjacent site definition

The committee discussed the possibility of allowing for a site to be deemed adjacent if a narrow and specific greenway abuts the project. Sophie Lambert and Laura Watchman will propose language and send to the committee.

4. Next call is scheduled at 1:00 pm Eastern on April 7, 2009.