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LEED for Neighborhood Development Core Committee

Conference Call – April 7, 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	Yes
Justin Horner	Natural Resources Defense Council	Yes
Bruce Knight	City of Champaign, IL	Yes
Jessica Cogan Millman	The Agora Group	Yes
Susan Mudd	Congress for the New Urbanism	No
John Norquist	Congress for the New Urbanism	No
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		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	No
Eliot Allen	Criterion Planners (consultant)	Yes
Nathan Sandwick	Natural Resources Defense Council	No

1. Approved of minutes for 3/30/09 core committee call.

a. Moved by Jessica Millman.
b. Seconded by John Dalzell.
c. Vote Results: 4 ayes; 0 nays; 3 abstentions (others joined call later).

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

a. None.

3. Committee discussion of outstanding issues in credit language

a. GIBc7: Stormwater Management

Bert Gregory gave an overview of the most recent revisions to the credit, particularly those which respond to concerns from the EPA and the Natural Resources Defense Council. After discussion, the committee decided to retain the number of points for urban conditions present in the current draft language, as well as alter "brownfield with contaminated soils" to align with SLLc2: Brownfields Redevelopment.

b. SLLp4: Wetland and Water Body Conservation

Laura Watchman outlined the remaining discussion item for this prerequisite – the percentage of major impacts allowed within wetland or water body buffer land. The committee discussed the thresholds, determining that they are appropriate but that these additional major improvements should not be undertaken within the absolute minimum buffer width of 25 ft. for wetlands and 50 ft. for water bodies. Laura will craft language to reflect this change.

c. SLLp5: Agricultural Land Conservation

The committee reviewed several proposals for revising this prerequisite, including proposals by Doug Farr, Tim Frank, and Victor Dover. Ample discussion occurred regarding the pros and cons of requiring farmland mitigation and on-site farmland conservation. The committee agreed to delete Option 1 and keep Options 2 and 4. The working group will continue revising Options 3 and 5 based on committee discussion for review on the next core committee call.

d. Diverse uses appendix

Kaid Benfield and Daniel Hernandez reviewed their proposed changes to the diverse uses appendix, which are designed to more accurately reflect the daily uses that embody the values of LEED for Neighborhood Development. Daniel and Kaid will use committee feedback to revise and finalize the list this week.

e. 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.

f. SLLp1: Smart Location

Victor and Kaid reviewed the changes to Option 2, which lowers the intersection threshold from 150 intersections/sq. mile to 90 intersections/sq. mile. After discussion, the committee also agreed to two new changes: pre-project intersections will be changed to existing intersections, provided that those intersections were not supplied by the developer applying for certification, and the through-connection requirement will be changed to 600 ft. on average. Kaid and Victor will have another call this week to discuss whether these changes are also appropriate for inclusion in NPDp3: Connected and Open Community and/or NPDc6: Street Network.

g. NDPc3: Diversity of Uses

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Sophie Lambert asked a quick question regarding the requirement that projects provide residential units within the project. The committee agreed that residential units outside the project boundary, but within ½ mile of the center of the project, could also satisfy this requirement while staying true to the intent of the credit.

4. Next call is scheduled at 2:00 pm Eastern on April 15, 2009.