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LEED for Neighborhood Development Core Committee

Conference Call – May 5, 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	No
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	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)	No
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 4/15/09 core committee call.

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



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2. Review of final vote on SLLp5: Agricultural Land Conservation

- a. Jessica Millman reminded staff that the conclusion to the committee's discussion of SLLp5, which took place via email after the last core committee call on April 15th, should be reflected in this week's minutes.
- b. After the April 15th core committee call, several modified versions of the final credit language that was decided upon during the call were circulated to the committee for discussion via email. Email discussion took place through the morning of April 17th, and the resultant proposal added new tiers to the thresholds of Option 5 for greater flexibility, introduces increased stringency in mitigation requirements, but keeps the threshold for no mitigation at a lower level. A vote on this compromise proposal achieved 14 yes votes and 1 abstention.

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

- a. None.

4. Review of progress thus far and process ahead

- a. Jessica Millman and Sophie Lambert shared the results of the LEED Steering Committee Call during which LSC approved LEED-ND to go to second public comment. LSC members had few questions and staff has heard positive feedback about the level of preparation that went into the package of materials sent to LSC.
- b. Dara Zycherman reviewed the major milestone dates for the next few months. The proposed schedule is based upon a best case scenario, assuming no technical changes are warranted as a result of second public comment. We have the flexibility to adjust the schedule if needed. Dara outlined how the process for responding to public comments will differ from how we responded to comments during the first public comment period, and how time will be managed.

5. Regionalization update

- a. Meghan Bogaerts gave an update on the latest news about the regionalization process. Meghan and Sophie have been speaking regularly with Nora Beck and Elizabeth Schilling about outreach to representatives from the Congress for the New Urbanism membership and Smart Growth America, respectively, in addition to USGBC Chapters staff. We are currently finalizing the process flows for the project, which will involve volunteers from the regional and state levels.
- b. The LEED-ND core committee's involvement will include two major tasks: picking which LEED-ND credits will be available as part of the regionalization process and providing guidance about which key issues the regional task forces should focus on. A working group of the core committee will undertake this work. Tim Frank, Ken Potts, and Susan Mudd volunteered to participate. Meghan will send a follow-up email to confirm participation.



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6. Minimum Program Requirements

- a. Sophie explained the of the purpose of MPRs, which is to set basic parameters for which kinds of projects should use the rating system, in order to manage expectations and reduce the workload that results when ill-fitting projects attempt to participate. Moving forward, staff will do the first outline of potential MPRs, and present to the full committee for discussion.
- b. A working group will be created to discuss the issues of maximum size and stages of certification. Ted Bardacke, John Dalzell, Doug Farr, and Jessica Millman volunteered to participate.
- c. Any committee member who has ideas for potential MPRs should email them to Sophie.

7. Updates and Housekeeping

- a. Please note that the bottom of the agenda includes call times for the month of June and the first week of July. We may need to stretch some of these calls to two hours depending on how quickly we move through agenda items and how many public comments we receive.

8. Next call is scheduled at 3:00 pm Eastern on May 19, 2009.