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## LEED for Neighborhood Development Core Committee

Conference Call – June 23, 2009

Member	Company/Affiliation	Attendance?
Ted Bardacke	Global Green USA	Yes
Constance Beaumont	Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development	No
Kaid Benfield	Natural Resources Defense Council	Yes
John Dalzell	Boston Redevelopment Authority	Yes
Victor Dover	Dover, Kohl & Partners Town Planning	Yes
Lee Epstein	Chesapeake Bay Foundation	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
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
<b>Committee liaisons</b>		
Brett Van Akkeren	U.S. EPA	Yes
<b>USGBC Staff</b>		
Sophie Lambert		Yes
Dara Zycherman		Yes
Chris Marshall		No
Meghan Bogaerts		Yes
Jason Hercules		Yes
Robyn Eason		No
Stefanie Young		No
Jeff Lovshin		Yes
<b>Others</b>		
Nora Beck	Congress for the New Urbanism	No
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
Justin Horner	Natural Resources Defense Council	Yes



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## 1. Approved of minutes for 6/16/09 core committee call.

- a. Moved by Bruce Knight.
- b. Seconded by Lee Epstein.
- c. Vote Results: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstention (others joined call later).

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

- a. None.

## 3. Exemplary Performance

- a. The core committee continued the discussion of the exemplary performance proposal created by staff. The entire GIB section was discussed along with ongoing issues in several NPD credits. Concern was expressed over setting exemplary performance thresholds for credits in which meeting thresholds beyond the credit requirements does not necessarily produce increased performance.
- b. Extensive discussion occurred on the exemplary performance suggestions for NPDC8: Transportation Demand Management, with special consideration given to the Vehicle Sharing option in the credit (#4). A vote was taken to determine whether or not the committee felt exemplary performance was pertinent to this credit.
- c. Vote results: 5 ayes, 7 nays, 0 abstentions. NPDC8 will not be available for exemplary performance credit.
- d. The committee made several additional changes to the exemplary performance thresholds suggested by staff, including those in NPDC9: Access to Civic & Public Space, NPDC11: Visitability and Universal Design, and NPDC13: Local Food Production.

## 4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Comment Period

- e. Jessica Millman mentioned that approximately 1400 public comments were received in the 2<sup>nd</sup> public comment period and indicated that an important discussion regarding a 3<sup>rd</sup> public comment period will occur during next week's conference call. The discussion will center on potential "critical flaws" in the current rating system that could hinder market uptake of the rating system.
- f. Review of the public comments was suggested and staff requested that any core committee comments regarding "critical flaws" be returned by 2:00 EST on Friday June 26, 2009 to staff.
- g. Dara Zycherman also spoke about upcoming decisions for the committee and a timeline of the remaining steps before transition to a post-pilot system. Dara also provided a comparison timeline if a 3<sup>rd</sup> public comment were included in the development timeline.

## 5. Next call is scheduled **at 3:00 pm Eastern on June 30, 2009.**