

# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## District Department of the Environment



### Green Building Advisory Council

**Meeting Date:** 6/6/2012

**Meeting Location:** DDOE, 1200 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW

**Attendees:** Christophe Tulou (DDOE), Brendan Shane (DDOE), Beatrix Fields (DHCD), Cliff Majersik (IMT), Marshall Duer-Balkind (DDOE/IMT), Barry Weise (DDOE), Harrison Shelton (DCRA), Jeff Bonvechio (DCPL), Susan Riley (DGS), Kevin Jeffrey (Clean Water Action), Ivory Hall (Clean Water Action), Edward Hampton (DCPL), Chris VanArsdale (W.C. Smith), Patty Rose (Greenspace NCR), Rabbiah Sabbakhan (DCRA), R. Denise Everson (DCHA), Brandon Mitchell (DMPED), Veronique Marier (DDOE), John Andreoni (IMT/SEU), Bill Updike (DDOE, by phone), Ethan Landis (Landis Construction, by phone)

### Main Points/Discussion:

- **Introduction by DDOE Director Tulou**
- **Green Building Report (Brendan Shane)**
  - Patty Rose suggested that the Green Building Report be brought under the Sustainable DC umbrella because the report helps to create a baseline to inform Sustainable DC, and makes suggestions about where we want to go
  - The public announcement of the report could be one of the first steps of Sustainable DC after implementation plan is finished
  - Members recommended developing a plan for release and outreach and holding a public event with the real estate development community to leverage the positive messages on the city's progress
  - Also should explore tying release to existing programs and legislative initiatives: Empowerhouse, Green Ribbon Committee, Better Buildings Challenge, Sustainable DC Legislative Package (June 26 hearing scheduled), DCPS/DCPL Openings
- **Green Building Fund Update (Robbie Sabbakhan)**
  - The fund is currently at \$610,000 and is projected to be close to \$1 million this year
  - DCRA and DDOE are still negotiating uses for FY12; including options for government and community initiatives
  - DCRA is waiting for reprogramming approval to hire a green building coordinator
  - DCRA is getting staff trained and accredited at LEED Green Associates
  - DCRA is planning a Green Building Symposium

- DCRA budgeted \$700,000 of Green Building Fund monies for FY13, target of 5 FTEs and additional funds for training and programming
  - Question came up for the need for staff training at other agencies (DMPED, DHCD, DCHA, DCHFA, etc.)
  - Members asked to convene a meeting to review a written work plan and strategies on use of the green building fund specifically
- **C & D Legislation (Barry Weise)**
    - Currently there is no permit available for C&D or composting facilities in the District
    - In an effort to consider how we might allow C&D or composting in the District, it was decided to consider including requirements for C&D in a bill
    - Members discussed including deconstruction in the legislation and creating a mechanism for the ability to bid on deconstruction on projects
    - DDOE will seek additional input from GBAC as the legislative development process moves forward
- **Green Construction Codes (Bill Updike)**
    - The Green Technical Advisory Group of the Construction Codes Coordinating Board is about half way through the process of amending the IgCC for the District
    - The Green TAG is made up of building industry leaders in all fields (architecture, real estate, development, engineering, construction) and is putting forth an achievable list of proposals aimed at codifying the green building best practices in the District
    - Work of the Green TAG is intended to be complete by the end of July
    - Denise Everson mentioned that the IgCC was a topic at the AIA convention and that many jurisdictions attending the session appear to be moving toward adoption
    - Members also discussed the cost benefit analysis related to adoption of District-specific codes and significant challenges related to green code implementation following adoption
- **Benchmarking Update (Marshall Duer-Balkind)**
    - Benchmarking regulations have been approved by DCRA, OCA, OPLA and are now at the OAG for legal sufficiency
    - DDOE will provide a 30-day comment period, and it is hoped that the regulations will be finalized in August with an effective date for data submission in October for buildings greater than 150,000SF
    - Data access will be crucial for success (efforts are underway on this front)
    - A technical assistance helpline has been created under a joint IMT/SEU effort and someone has been hired to staff
    - Public building benchmarking for 2010 & 2011 is complete and DDOE is working with DGS and other agencies to finalize release of the public buildings benchmarking report in July

- Benchmarking data will be incorporated into the 2013 Green Building Report
- There will be an affordable housing benchmarking event in October, and DDOE will be working on tenant education on benchmarking in the coming months
- Philadelphia and Boston are getting close to passing benchmarking legislation
- **GBAC Membership (Brendan Shane)**
  - Outstanding item to update the appointments for the GBAC
  - Boards & Commissions is very busy right now, but DDOE will continue to work to move appointments and reappointments forward
- **Updates/Other Business**
  - Patty Rose reported that Greenspace NCR is working to put their green building list of service providers and products online (please contact Patty with business ideas)
  - Denise Everson reported that DCHA has completed a Sustainable Standards Guide for its project development and operations
  - Cliff Majersik reported that IMT created brochures for DCRA for energy code requirements (will be available online)
  - Members discussed the Mayor of Portland's sustainability newsletter, and how Mayor Gray should do the same (Mayor of Philadelphia also has a sustainability newsletter)
  - Brandon Mitchell reported that DMPED has created a matrix that tracks Walter Reed AMC with the goals laid out from the Sustainable DC working groups
  - Brendan Shane reported on EcoDistrict efforts in the District and recommended that members look for SW EcoDistrict Report that will be released by NCPC in July
  - Cliff Majersik reported that FY 12 SEU funding is still available for energy efficiency
  - Susan Riley reported that the new DOES HQ received LEED-Gold and discussed progress on the food waste pilot at Wilson HS (10 public schools total). She also proposed conducting a tour of the new Forensics Lab for the GBAC, which is targeted for LEED-Gold.
  - Chris VanArsdale reported that Canal Park development is progressing toward a ribbon-cutting in November and incorporates cross-property stormwater management.

**Next Steps:**

- Create an outreach plan for release of the Green Building Report
- Set up a meeting to discuss Green Building Fund (timeline and strategy)
- DDOE to seek input from GBAC on C&D legislative process
- DDOE to finalize and release the 2010/2011 public building benchmarking report
- DDOE will pursue GBAC appointments/reappointments with Boards and Commissions

**Date for next meeting:** August 1, 2012

**Location for next meeting:** DDOE, 1200 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW

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