

## MINUTES

### Meeting of the City of Hollywood Green Team Goals & Action Subcommittee June 16, 2009 – 5:30 PM

Present: Robert Shair, Sam Uccello, Paul Farren, Dennis Stotts, Jay Huebner, David Kout, Lorie Mertens-Black, Elizabeth Barnet (public)

At 5:30 p.m. Sam Uccello called meeting to order.

Dennis Stotts recommended that we do things in bite-sized pieces.

Discussion was that the Green Building ordinance, as rewritten, was taken directly from the state statute and just added renovations to the text. If the Committee were to use that version, we wouldn't need an ordinance.

The main question that was discussed was, "Do we want city buildings to be built and actually CERTIFIED or do we want to word the ordinance to say 'built to certified standards'?"

Points were made that if we require certification there will be checks and monitoring throughout the process, whereas if certification is not required, that might not be the case and there would be no enforcement.

Jay Huebner indicated if you don't monitor the process, who can prove that it was done? Dennis agreed that the processes should be followed to make sure they are done.

Bob Shair said we should make the ordinance as tough as possible.

Paul Farren said the goal here is to stem global climate change. He felt certification was the only way to assure maximum results and that the Mayor had asked us to make hard and controversial choices.

David Kout asked whether the certification process could hold up occupancy or delay payment of the project. We assured him it would do neither and that no builder should be required to guaranty a certified outcome, only do the process.

Dennis Stotts felt that it was in the City's best interest to care about the life cycle value of their buildings, and that they should lead by example on green building.

Sam Uccello remarked that so far the City has not walked the walk, only talked the talk.

Dennis Stotts was curious what the cost differential will be between a LEED Silver and a non-LEED construction. He feels we should know that. However, it is difficult to determine and opinions varied widely. Bob Shair remarked that Vice Mayor Beam Furr had mentioned that the City might be willing to pay the cost differential.

There was some concern that the certification requirement might cause some bidders not to bid; but the consensus was that if we put certification into the bid specifications, it would put everyone on a level playing field and they would have to consider it as they would any other line item cost.

We reiterated that we must present a recommendation that was Simple, Concise and Strong.

**MOTION:** Paul Farren made a motion that our recommendation for the ordinance should be "For Certification to LEED Silver or FGBC standards". Dennis Stotts seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Sam Uccello thought we should put back in the escape clause that would allow deviating from the required ordinance. The Committee felt there may be occasions where it might be in the City's best interest to not certify a building, but we feel that any override of the ordinance should be voted upon by the City Commission.

Lorie Mertens-Black asked if we could cut back from LEED Silver to plain Certified, but the Committee felt that Silver/FGBC should remain.

There was some discussion about allowing other emerging building certifications to be accepted as equivalent, but that was hard to define. Other cities have made proprietary requirements such as LEED and it has worked for them. We can discuss this at the regular meeting.

We elected to table the New Construction for the Private Sector. Jay Huebner thought we should review incentives when we consider this.

Bob Shair reported the City was ready to implement a tiered water structure and hoped that would help meet our goal of reducing water consumption by 2% annually.

Sam Uccello felt we should get the word out about that through community outreach.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.