

## USGBC West Suburban Steering Committee

### MEETING TWENTY SIX MINUTES

- 1. Introductions** –Anna Sedjo, Chair; Ed Choklek, Vice Chair; Kris Salmen, Secretary; Lori Vierow, Program Chair; Alan Johnson, Membership Chair, comm. members
- 2. Steering Committee Meeting Schedule**  
Regular meeting date is third Tuesday of the month at rotating locations  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, Green Earth Market, Elmhurst @4:30 pm (before event)  
May ? Anthony's Roofing, Aurora, Rich Dix, host
- 3. Branch Chair Report** (Anna Sedjo) Anna participated in Operations Meeting with Branch Chairs last week. (See her comments under Membership.)
- 4. Recent Events – review**  
Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> event at Cantigny (Lori Vierow, Anna Sedjo) Lori reported on this successful event. Good turnout from SLG, thanks to Andrea and DuPage Co. sponsorship.

### 5. Upcoming Events

(Keep our eyes open for opportunities to partner with the other USGBC Suburban branches or other organizations, such as BOMA, IFMA, NAHB)

#### **April Introduction to LEED for Homes (Lori Vierow, Cynthia Milota)**

- Date: April 19p.m.
- Location: Green Earth Café, Elmhurst (Cynthia negotiating with Café on food and drinks)
- Topic: LEED for Homes
- Target Audience: contractors, architects
- Speakers: Chris Payne
- Sponsors: Lori will contact local businesses **Can anyone help her get sponsors?**

**May** AIRE "Green" Lunch May 11<sup>th</sup>. AIRE Anna reported that this probably won't happen for us.

#### **June LEED Extra Credit – Renewable Energy (Jim Sharar-Stoppel and Ben Bischmann)** Ben reported

- Date: June?
- Location: Unilever, 2200 Cabot Dr., Lisle (hold 80-100)
- Topic: solar and wind (maybe, include state incentives, policy)
- Target Audience: facility mgrs., developers, professionals
- Speakers: working on this
- Sponsors: Unilever to cater and donate venue, others?

#### **July – Building Tour of LEED-designed Wheaton College Lab (Valerie Jardon, Ed Choklek, Susan Peters) w/ Fox Valley?** Ed reported.

- Date: July?
- Location: Wheaton College
- Topic: LEED Building Tour- science lab building
- Target Audience: professionals, students?
- Speakers:
- Sponsors: FGM?, others

#### **August – Hidden Oaks Nature Center, Bolingbrook (Scott Richards, Keven Graham) w/ So. Sub Branch?** Scott reported

- Date: August? -1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week
- Location: Hidden Oaks Nature Center
- Topic: LEED Building Tour
- Speakers: Alice Eastman (center mgr.), IF New person?
- Sponsors: Wight?, others?

#### **September – LEED Leaders and Liters (Anna Sedjo)**

- Date: September?
- Location:
- Topic: Private sector financials incentive
- Speakers:
- Sponsors:

#### **October – Green Schools (K-12) (Ed Choklek, Lori Vierow, Stella Nicoli)**

- Date: October?
- Location: St Francis H.S., Wheaton? Hawthorn School, Elmhurst?
- Topic: ?
- Target Audience: school administrators (Stella can help with ROE contact)
- Speakers:?
- Sponsors?

#### **December –Green Careers (Ed Choklek)**

- Date: December? Schedule around holiday parties and finals
- Location: Triton College
- Topic: Green Careers
- Target Audience: students
- Speakers:?
- Sponsors: Triton (room)

\* New Chapter Orientation at this event\*

5. **Membership (Alan Johnson)** Anna told us that both event attendance and chapter membership is down. Karin told us that the chapter is preparing to offer member-only benefits, I-Go Car membership, member-only events, discounts, etc. Karin also told us that the chapter is “taking over” membership soon and will have more control of it: notices when membership expires, incentives, etc. We are looking for ideas and suggestions on how to attract new members.

In regards to event attendance, we want to do a better job with PR and need someone from the branch to step up and lead this. (Andrea Korovesis has volunteered for this!)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Emerald Gala is on May 22<sup>nd</sup>** at Soldiers Field
- Green **Build is Nov. 17-19** at McCormick’s Place – attendance expected to be 30-35K. **Many volunteers needed! Go to chapter website to volunteer. (Ed reported that volunteers are needed for the offsite tours)**
- **IL Sustainable Schools K-12 Symposium, April 9** at Walter Payton College Prep. H.S., Chicago (Ed) **Registration is open [www.green.illinois.gov](http://www.green.illinois.gov)**
- The **Sustainable Design Challenge** is **April 13<sup>th</sup>** at the DuPage County Administration Building Auditorium (421 N County Farm Rd, Wheaton.) DuPage County high schools will show their "green" or "sustainable" building design projects to the public at the 4th Annual Sustainable Design Challenge. Public viewing of entries will be from 9:30- 11:30 a.m. Contact Kris Salmen for info.
- Emerging Professionals **“Rebuilding Together”** program to help a homeowner in Berwyn on **April 24<sup>th</sup>**, doing painting and such. They need both volunteers and materials. **Contact Anna or Karin to volunteer.**
- Naperville Earth Day event April 24<sup>th</sup> (10-12, 12-2 teams Lori, Pam Garreto, Laurie Handelman, Ed Choklek.

##### **What else “green?”**

- Who did what in green? **Rich Dix reported on the chapter booth at the ASLA show in Villa Park; he collected many business cards.**

**-Business card draw (Anna)** We all enjoyed hearing Ben and Stella talk about their careers in green building design (LEED-NC/schools) and operations (LEED-EB)