

USGBC West Suburban Steering Committee

**MEETING FIFTEEN MINUTES**

The new Chair of the Committee Cynthia Milota opened the meeting at 7 p.m

The following members were present: Karin Barden, Ed Choklek, Madhoolica Dear, Mark Galati, Joy Hinz, Alan Johnson, Ed Maher, Cynthia Milota, Kris Salmen, Anna Sedjo, Jim Sharar-Stoppel, and Jeff Steinback.

The new branch officers are as follows: Cynthia Milota, Chair; Anna Sedjo, Co-chair; Kris Salmen, Secretary; Ed Choklek, Education/Program Comm. Chair; Madhoolica Dear, Membership Comm. Chair.

**Recent Events Reviewed**

- LEED for Dummies – Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at Mechanical Contractors Association, Burr Ridge; Meghann Maves, OWP&P speaker. We discussed the fact that ~80% of attendees were first timers at USGBC events, and that the program was, perhaps, too advanced for the audience. Also, there was great interest by attendees in LEED AP study sessions.
- IL Sustainable Schools Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at Joliet H.S. – Ed Choklek worked the USGBC table with Katie Kaluzny, USGBC staff. There was a lot of traffic at the table, and many educators were interested in the “Adopt a School” program, despite the fact that there were not a lot of details available.

**Steering Committee Meeting Schedule (with changes added)**

Regular meeting date is third Tuesday of the month at rotating locations

**April 28** – 4:30 pm meeting ahead of the event

**May 18** – 4:30 pm meeting ahead of the event

**June 16** – location suggestions or with June event

**Upcoming Events**

*Steering Committee members were encouraged to volunteer for planning/working 1-2 events.*

- The committee discussed adding another LEED AP Study Session at KJJW on Friday, April 24, 9 am – 1 pm, pending agreement by Katie Kaluzny and KJJW.
- We are looking for new venues for future events.

Future event planning was reviewed, as follows:

**March – Networking Event** (Kevin Graham, Ed Choklek) Ed reported

- Date: March 24, 2009 Breakfast
- Location: Barret’s Home Theater Store
- Topic: Sustainable Sites - Audience Target: USGBC, ASLA, APA, ULI, local government
- Speakers: Kevin Graham, David Yocca
- Sponsors: none

**April – Roundtable Panel** (Jim Stoppel, Jeff Steinback, Lori Vierow) Jim reported

- Date: April 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm
- Location: CBRE Schaumburg office
- Topic: Integrated Design
- Speakers: Mike Lopez (Valley View School Dist 365), Michael Ross (Ross Barney), or Vuk Vujovic (Legat) –to be finalized
- Sponsors: Am. Hydrotech (per Jim)
- Jim will write up the event by the end of March for the event announcement

**May – LEED, Leaders & Liters** (Madhoolica Dear, Allan Johnson, Valerie Jardon) – Madhoolica and Allan reported

- Date: May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm (program to start by 6:30)
- Location: Hotel Arista? (Mark Galati is contact)
- Topic: Renewable Energy (wind, photovoltaics) two speakers for 45 minutes each
- Speakers: the committee had 5 possible speakers and will further investigate Luke Leung (Epstein) and Mark Burger (Kestral)
- Sponsors: TBD

**June – Roundtable Panel** (Anna Sedjo, Ed Maher, Joy Hinz, Becky Wierra) Anna & Joy reported

- Date: June 23<sup>rd</sup> (breakfast)
- Location: Cantigny -Wheaton
- Topic: SLG Panel
- Speakers: EPA & DCEO possible speakers on stimulus pkg. or Becky has info from SLG list on other speakers
- Sponsor: Cantigny donating the room and meal
- Conf. call to be held by organizers to discuss speakers

**July – LEED for Extra Credit** (Ed Choklek, Jim S2, Kris Salmen) Ed reported

- Date: July 21, 2009 (5-8pm)
- Location: Elmhurst College Tours: New LEED Residence Hall
- Topic : Storm Water
- Speakers: TBD
- Sponsor: Wight & Co?, Others

**July – LEED Core Concepts** (Cynthia Milota, Karin Barden)

- Date: July 7 (all day)
- Location: NIU-Naperville (contract still pending- Cynthia to follow up)
- Topic: LEED 2009 Core Concepts
- Speakers: USGBC National
- Sponsors: none needed

**August – LEED Technical Training** (Kris Salmen, Joy Hinz)

- Date: August 25<sup>th</sup> (all day)
- Location: DuPage Co Auditorium
- Topic: LEED EB O&M
- Speakers: USGBC National
- Sponsors: DuPage Co. donating space

**September – LEED for Extra Credit - Schools** (Lori Vierow, Jeff Steinbach, Jim S2)

- Date: September 15, 2009 (evening)
- Location: TBD - Hubble Middle School
- Topic: Sustainable Schools Target Audience: School Boards-Parents?
- Speakers: Vuc Vujovic (Legat) and “champion” from school
- Sponsors: Legat Architects ?

**October – College of DuPage Event** (Ed Choklek, Anna Sedjo)

- Date: Friday Night, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Target: Emerging Green Builders
- Location: One or Two new buildings on COD campus
- Topic: Building Tours lead by design teams
- Speakers: TBD
- Sponsors: Design & Building Teams

**November – LEED Extra Credit** (Andy Sikich + ??)

- Date: Nov 3 or 4th
- Location: TBD
- Topic: Regional Credits
- Speakers: TBD
- Sponsors: TBD

**December – LEED, Leaders & Liters** ( ??)

- Date: TBD
- Location: TBD
- Topic: New LEED Requirements
- Speakers: TBD
- Sponsors: TBD

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Sustainable Design Challenge for High Schools (DuPage County)**. April 14<sup>th</sup> in the Auditorium of the Jack T. Knuepfer Administration Building, 421 North County Farm Road, Wheaton. Public welcomed 9 -11 a.m.
2. Request to Karin & group for major Chicago events to add to our west sub agenda- will do!
3. Request to group for suggestions of program venues – we’re doing well with this!
4. When do we need to begin planning 2010 events? ASAP!

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