



Chicago

U.S. Green Building Council – Chicago Chapter



DATE: THURSDAY MAY 20, 2010 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM

LOCATION: MIDWEST ENERGY EFFICIENCY ALLIANCE, 645 N MICHIGAN AVE, SUITE 990, CHICAGO, IL 60611 <NOTE: BUILDING ENTRANCE IS ON ERIE ST>

REMOTE ATTENDEES: LOG INTO USGBC'S NEW GOTOMEETING SERVICE TO SEE OUR PPT AND DOCUMENTS: [HTTP://USGBC-ILLINOIS.NA5.ACROBAT.COM/R64564872/](http://usgbc-illinois.na5.acrobat.com/R64564872/)

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Committee As A Whole May Meeting Notes

Introductions & Welcome – 6:00 p.m.

Monthly Discussion Piece – 6:10 p.m.

- Presentation on PACE financing by Steve Trout, Illinois Finance Authority (IFA)
- See attached PowerPoint
- How PACE works:
 - City or County creates special service area district
 - Property owners voluntarily sign up for financing and install energy projects
 - City or county issues SSA Tax Secured Bonds, proceeds go to property owner to pay for energy project (availability not based on personal credit)
 - Property owner repays bond through property tax bill (up to 20 yrs), repayments transfer to new owner as necessary, this tax is not viewed as debt against owner
 - Energy savings match or exceed annual tax cost
- How can SLGC help get this message out to state and local leaders?

Committee Updates – 6:40 p.m.

- Member survey results helped co-chairs guide committee restructuring
- SLGC's refined role and responsibilities within USGBC Illinois Chapter
- Restructured committee
 - Description of teams
 - Discussion, Q&A
- Next up: revisiting SLGC's mission statement, creating bylaws, turning member survey into *new member questionnaire*

Subcommittee Reports – 7:00 p.m.

- Outreach Subcommittee Update
 - National Advocacy Update
1. The National advocacy consultant, Lauren Davis, has left Ibarra Strategies. Lauren's replacement at Ibarra is Ken Flippin. We're inviting Ken to join us on our June conference call with the Illinois Chapter advocacy team.
 2. LEED-ND launched 4/29. USGBC national has updated white-paper (20 pages): "A Local Government Guide to LEED for Neighborhood Development", can be downloaded at usgbc > neighborhood development resources (<http://www.usgbc.org/ShowFile.aspx?DocumentID=6131>) highlights ways to use ND & tie to community issues, advocacy issues within local communities.
 3. Cool Cities campaign – reminder that the "Green Buildings for Cool Cities" guide for advancing local green building policies.... is on website (usgbc/government resources):

<http://www.usgbc.org/ShowFile.aspx?DocumentID=6445>

4. Chapter highlights – Missouri Chapter–focusing on Green Schools legislation; working with school boards, superintendents & municipal gov't reps.

5. Advocacy & Residential Marketplace – had successful LEED-homes Providers retreat; USGBC working with HBAs (Home Builders Associations) to work on common ground interests. Builders & LEED-Homes providers not necessarily engaged. USGBC working with HBA's to form local partnerships (Illinois Chapter's Residential Green Builders Committee has been working on this.) Recommend selecting 3-5 policy targets. Info on USGBC residential Advocacy positions, available for download - Home builder community needs support for local & state legislatures, green homes issues.

6. Some questions & discussions re: local gov't incentives for residential projects. New -> Cincinnati will waive taxes for 5-15 years for green residential projects. New Mexico – has state tax credit for builders. *see continually updated /searchable LEED Public Policy Database

<http://www.usgbc.org/PublicPolicy/SearchPublicPolicies.aspx?PageID=1776>

7. Less than 1 month left for public comments on International Green Construction Code (IGCC) version 1.0. See <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/igcc/pages/default.aspx>

Chapter Updates – 7:10 p.m.

- Operations Circle meeting coming up in June
- GreenBuild 2010 volunteers email: greenbuild2010@usgbc-chicago.org

Adjourn – 7:15 p.m. --- *Next meeting – Thurs June 17 @ MEEA 6:00 PM*