



RESIDENTIAL GREEN BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 17, 2011

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Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday June 21, 2011

Location: Gut rehab at 336 Wabash in Elgin, IL submitted for LEED certification by Brandon Weiss

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Location: Chicago Center for Green Technology, 445 North Sacramento Blvd, Chicago

Attendees: Jason La Fleur, Chairman

Katie Kaluzny

Dan Rappel, Vice Chair

Bill Seeger

Pam Garetto, RGBA

Eric Barton

Paul Chapello

Jase Frederick

Steve Pohlman

Brandon Weiss

Sarah Coulter, RGBA

Elizabeth Richards

Mark Jackson, Secretary

Board Level Reports

I. Board Level Reports

1. Jason La Fleur opened the meeting with attendee introductions

Chapter Announcements and Report

1. The 2011 Gala and Chapter fundraising event is Saturday, May 21. Tickets are still available and raffle tickets may be purchased on the Chapter website.
2. Doug Widener is coordinating programs to broaden the Chapter sponsor base and increase individual contributions.
3. Event planning assistance and speaker training are available through the Chapter. Dan Rappel is the point person.

Secretary Report

1. Mark Jackson reported that the April 19, 2011 meeting minutes and exhibits are posted on the website.
2. Mark asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Pam Garetto seconded.
3. Jason acknowledged the anti-trust compliance statement and requirements

Vice Chair Report

1. Dan Rappel reported that the Blunk Residence tour on Friday, May 13 was a success with 30 plus attendees.
2. Upcoming events include the Chicago Branch Outside the Green Home: Landscaping Considerations on May 17 after the RGB meeting and Greening Homes on a Budget in Rockford area on June 28, to include a tour of Chapter Member Mike Dudek's home in Woodstock. We would like topic recommendations for an RGB event in July to coincide with a Chicago Branch event. We will work on scheduling a LEED Multifamily / Midrise presentation in August. On Nov 16, Sarah Coulter is presenting Greening Real Estate at the N/NW Branch.
3. Dan discussed having an event in the Champaign area with RGB participation. A potential event might include the Equinox house in Champaign. There is a Green Festival in Peoria in September which may also be a potential event for RGB participation.
4. Regarding the AIA Outreach Partnership, Katie said that she has been speaking with AIA and she will continue to follow up.

Chair Report

1. The EEBA Houses that Work for Existing Homes workshop on June 8 is in Addison. Additional flyers are available from Katie for distribution.
2. The Better Buildings, Better Business summit will be in Schaumburg in January 2012. The organizers are accepting proposals from potential presenters but your proposal must be submitted by June 10, 2011. Please see the website www.ecw.org/betterbuildings and review the May RGB meeting reminder email dated May 10, 2011 for more details.
3. Work continues on a residential awards program which will lead to an award presented in 2012. If you want to help, please contact Bill Seeger
4. The Chicago Center for Green Technology is working on filling its Fall 2011 event calendar. Potential CCGT topics include rooftop gardens, sustainable flooring and wind turbine programs. If you have a topic that you want to propose presenting, contact Katie. Proposals must be submitted by May 31.
5. LEED Midrise is a new rating system. USGBC has developed a seminar which the RGB Committee agreed should be a topic for an August meeting.
6. There is an interest in providing a remote call in option for RGB Committee members who cannot attend a meeting. Mark Jackson will work with the Chapter office on possible solutions.
7. There are two classes on Green Appraisals in June. Chapter members receive the AIA members' rate. Call L.A. Anderson to receive discounted rate for USGBC members 312-616-9406
 - a. 6/27 - [Introduction to Green Buildings](#): \$145.00 (\$30 off)
 - b. 6/28 - [Case studies in Appraising Green Residential Buildings](#): \$145.00 (\$30 off)
8. If you are aware of multi-family projects which did not pursue LEED certification due to the cost, please provide project details to Jason. National would like to track these projects.

RGB Updates

I. Affordable Housing

Elizabeth Richards provided an update on the LEED AP Homes experience program. More information will be provided as available. Elizabeth reconfirmed that the registration fee goes to the affordable housing group and not to USGBC. Elizabeth also discussed HabitatPro, a program started in Colorado which provides LEED AP experience. The program has attracted active participation in Colorado.

II. Chicago Green Homes

No report

III. LEED for Homes

Pam Garetto provided a report from the April 28, 2011 national RGBA call. A copy of this report is posted on the website with our May meeting minutes.

IV. Existing Homes Subcommittee

Steve Pohlman said that Speed Green will be introduced at the Oak Park Green Fest on May 21 and used to promote Regreen. Steve is at the beginning stages of developing an education program that could be used with retailers of building and remodeling supplies. Contact Steve if you would like to help. The next Existing Homes Subcommittee meeting is Thursday, May 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 at Yova in Oak Park.

V. HBA

Brandon Weiss discussed the April 20 Green MLS presentation by Sarah Coulter at an HBA event in Naperville. HBA had broad participation and viewed this as a valuable program. There is a June groundbreaking at Serosun Farms, a sustainable community being built in Hampshire, IL. The developer would welcome USGBC – Illinois' participation at this event, perhaps Doug or Paige to give some opening remarks.

VI. PR

The Regreen Impact list was presented and discussed. Please review and provide document suggestions to Steve Pohlman. Doug Widener will review and approve the final content and then Dan Rappel offered to review for potential graphics enhancements. No website updates to report at this meeting.

VII. Advocacy

We need volunteers for the May 21 Oak Park Earth Fest. Please contact Pam G. May 24 is the County Green event at the College of Lake County in Grays Lake, IL. RGB will have a booth. Please see www.thecountygreen.com. June 11 is the Aurora Green Lights, with Jason

a keynote and Pam presenting. GPro training is now available for contractors and trades. There is potentially government funding available for a Homeowner Program. Al Medina is working on the draft for a funding request. If others are interested in reviewing, please contact Pam G.

VIII. Education

No report

Unfinished Business

None to report

New Business

None to report

Additional Meeting Items

We are taking suggestions for the location for the July meeting

Adjournment

U.S. Green Building Council – Illinois Chapter Anti-Trust Compliance Statement

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