

## **Green Team Meeting May 1, 2008**

Attendance: Wonderlin, Reilly, Boroff, Hall, VanDyke, Spencer, Haddox, Cress, Tennant, Kotcon, Harris

Bill Wonderlin called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM

Item 1: Minutes of the April meeting were corrected by changing the designation of LEEDS to LEED, and approved by consensus.

Item 2: Report from City Manager

Dan Boroff reported that the bids for the Fire Station will be let on May 7, a slight delay over previous plans.

He mentioned that Chris Haddox met with Rich Lane and Paul Walker (architects?) to discuss LEED requirements on the Riverfront Event Center. They agreed to achieve some of the LEED standards and will consider the value of applying for LEED certification. This is a \$22 million dollar project, and will be 80,000 sq. ft. with 1500 seats. They have an advanced heating and cooling system and Chris estimated that they have achieved 28 LEED points already.

Item 3: Bill Wonderlin reported that he sent the letter of support for the Morgreentown public project as composed by email. He also encouraged the City to join the Green Building Council and Dan said this recommendation would have to go to the City Council. Finally, Bill pointed out that Paul Brown would be stepping down as co-chair of the Green Architecture committee, but would remain on the committee. Bill will canvass the committee for a replacement (see below).

Chris Haddox asked about progress made on the city website.

Item 3: Procedural Guidelines for Green Team

We discussed the lack of quorum but decided to go forward to approve this document. Approved without objection. Will Reilly suggested we

might consider a proxy method to allow input for members who cannot attend.

Don Spencer said he had a list of ideas from other cities (National League of Cities) that the Green Team could consider. He will get this information to Bill so the team can consider them.

#### Item 4: Energy Committee

Jim Kotcon reported that the committee has not met for a month.

Chris Haddox reported that the Rocky Mountain Institute has a great website and will get the link to the team. He also mentioned a book by Paul Hawken called “Natural Capitalism” and a more recent book, “Blessed Unrest”, which contain good information for the Green Team.

The idea of an intern was discussed and Dan said that if the Green Team has a project that requires an intern he can help. They pay 7 to 8 dollars/hr and this could be a part time position or a summer job.

#### Item 5: Green Architecture

Bill Wonderlin reported on the concept of mixed use development and suggested we identify a candidate city similar to our size for comparison. The Green Team brochure is still in the design phase. It was suggested that the team appoint a banker who could help in promotion of green practices from that perspective.

Will suggested that the city might consider a energy consultant whose activities could save enough to pay for the position. The person could have incentives correlated with energy savings.

Dan discussed the similarity of this idea to what the City is doing with the energy audit. Their recommendations are guaranteed to make energy savings, and based on this recommendation the city will borrow money to make the necessary changes. Over time the savings will pay for the improvements.

Jim Kotcon reported that the State Legislature will be working on a bill promoting green building practices. This is going on during interims.

Don Spencer reported on his attendance at the Sustainability Fair at Davis and Elkins. We then discussed ways that the Green Team can influence City and State agencies to do a better job with green practices. A discounted fee or fast track permitting may be a way to accomplish this. Chris Haddox will make up a fact sheet for use by the City.

Chris Haddox volunteered to take over for Paul Brown as Chair of Green Architecture.

#### Item 6: Recycling

Harris reported that there was no activity since the last meeting. We discussed the Solid Waste Authority's consideration of pay as you throw waste collection. Sandy Cress suggested a face to face meeting in May and Harris agreed to set it up by email. We can also look for ideas in the National League of Cities document that Don Spencer is sending.

#### Item 7: New Business

Nate ???was added to the Green Team.

The Pedestrian Safety Board meets on May 19.

Next meeting at 4 pm on June 5 in the Public Safety Building.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by Larry Harris