



US Green Building Council
Idaho Chapter

July 5, 2006
Board and Chapter Meeting Minutes (combined)
Integrated Design Lab
Boise, ID

Board Members:

Present: Bruce Poe, Steve Benner, Sue Seifert, Doug Cooper, Matthew May, Bob Tikker

Absent: Selena O’Neal, Gary Childe, Cheryl O’Brien

Quorum: Yes

Others Present:

Ricci Myers and Sara Richards, Intern Architects, Cole + Poe Architects

Kenji Wright – green builder

Josh Bogle, Green Remodeling

Jim Young, Mountain Architects

Jim Brennan, Albertson’s

Linsay Erb, Hummel Architects

Tad Duby, On Point LLC

Heidi Caye, Millennium Science & Engineering, Scientist

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:13 a.m. by Chapter President, Bruce Poe.

II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Last month’s minutes were reviewed. A change was made to include Gary Childe as being present. Also, Page 2 under LEED for Homes, 3rd line, delete the word formerly. The minutes were then approved by the Board.

III. Treasurer’s Report

Gary Childe, Treasurer, was not present. No report was given at this meeting.

IV. Progress Reports

Matthew reported upcoming programs that are typically held every 3rd Friday of the month at Idaho Power Company. Upcoming programs are:

- July 21st Randy Hansell with Earth Advantage - Residential Green Building;
- August 10th (not the 18th this month) Jan Brown, Executive Director of Yellowstone Business Partnership (Dr. Kath Williams will accompany her) – Framework for Sustainable Development in the Greater Yellowstone Area;
- September 15th Tom Bender, EcoBuilding Architecture - Sustainable & Regional Materials;
- October 20th, Interfacing Green Spaces - Sustainability Floor Coverings; and
- November 17th - USGBC National GreenBuild Conference

V. Issues that Merit Discussion or Decision

1. Bruce introduced Ricci Myers and Sara Richards, intern architects, to the group. Sara explained what their strategy is to get students and young professionals interested in volunteering at GreenBuild. They are developing a budget, student database, question and answer information sheet and contacting professors. Bruce thought a few organizations like ASHRAE, AIA, or Albertson's might sponsor travel and lodging expenses for several students.

2. Bruce provided an update on his trip to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He mentioned the main focus of the seminar was moving Sioux Falls towards smart growth development. Bruce, representing the USGBC Idaho Chapter, talked about sustainability and how using the LEED program could help impact the building design and construction part of the Smart Growth planning.

3. Bruce also provided an update on his trip to Idaho Falls. He mentioned that 15 people attended the luncheon event to hear about USGBC and LEED. Janice Brown from the Yellowstone Business Partnership talked about how the Partnership plans to use the LEED green building rating system in its framework for integrating responsible building construction, land development and resource conservation across the Greater Yellowstone region. However, due to the varied and diverse interests of the stakeholders, the region requires a green building assessment framework that includes, but goes beyond LEED.

Bruce mentioned that volunteers are now being recruited to help fashion that framework for sustainable development for the Greater Yellowstone region. A major outcome of this project will be the first regional rating system affiliated with the LEED Green Building Rating System™. A two-day training session involving USGBC staff (including Rick Federizzi) is proposed for mid-late August 2006 in Jackson Hole, WY.

Following discussion, the Board approved to lend support toward this effort by: 1) providing their website link on the Chapter's website; 2) providing an update on their progress in the Chapter's monthly newsletter; volunteer two Chapter Board members—Bruce Poe and Cheryl O'Brien who have agreed to work on this project; sending an e-mail asking for volunteers who might want to get involved; and inviting the Executive Director to speak at the Chapter's August 10th program at Idaho Power Company.

4. There was a discussion about the Sun Valley Sustainability Conference and what sponsorship level would the Chapter like to consider. The Board was concerned about going through the effort to get the sponsorships for the conference and then not receiving credit

because it would go to the sponsor not the Chapter. Therefore, the Board approved to have Bruce talk with the Sun Valley Sustainability Conference fundraisers to find out if the Chapter raises funds for the conference through sponsorships, would we be recognized as a supporter. If they approve the concept and we are acknowledged in some way, then the Board will decide what level of sponsorship to achieve.

VI. Focus on the Future – pick one issue and discuss it thoroughly

Greater Yellowstone Framework For Sustainability Development

Per Bruce's request, Janice Brown from the Yellowstone Business Partnership conferenced over the phone to further describe the Greater Yellowstone program and its Sustainable Development Initiative. She mentioned that there are eight design teams to work on various aspects of the sustainable development over an eight-month period: 1) Building Standards, 2) Urban Land Use and Downtown Revitalization, 3) Transportation Systems and Infrastructure, 4) Biodiversity and Rural Land Use, 5) Cultural and Historical Values, 6) Recreation Resources/Facilities, 7) Marketing/Incentives, and 8) Pilot Demonstrations/Fundraising.

Janice mentioned she thought it would be a good idea if the Idaho Chapter would consider expanding its territory to incorporate Montana and Wyoming to later form a region.

Other

Bruce introduced Tad Duby. He discussed the all-day seminar that the Idaho Chapter is sponsoring July 21st. The seminar is setup for people to attend a ½ day only, all day, or a luncheon program. He explained the LEED for homes is currently in the pilot stage until the end of the year. Tad says there are a lot of interested designers and builders. He anticipates there will be over 60 people in attendance.

Bruce distributed a letter from Rick Fedrezzi explaining how the USGBC is trying to resolve the prickly subject of wood in the LEED[®] Rating System.

VII. Announcements

Next Board meeting is August 2, 2006 at 11:00 am at the Integrated Design Lab.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:50.

Minutes submitted by Assistant Secretary, Sue Seifert.