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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING

November 4, 2010

Convened 8:30 am
Adjourned 2:30 pm

Projects Reviewed

Swale on Yale
Sustainable Building Policy
Shared Streets
Discovery Park Capehart Restoration Project

Commissioners Present

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Incoming Commissioners Present

Tom Nelson
Osama Quotah

Staff Present

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November 04, 2010

Project:

Sustainable Building Policy

Phase:

Briefing

Last Reviews:

N/A

Presenters:

Sandra Mallory, DPD City Green Building

Attendees:

Peter Dobrovolny, DPD City Green Building
Joe Regis, CBD Sustainable Building Policy
Lloyd Douglas, Cascade Neighborhood Council
Ann Shi, Sustainable Queen Anne
Kathleen Petrie, DPD

Time: 10am – 11am

ACTION

The Design Commission thanked presenter Sandra Mallory of the City Green Building team in DPD for her update on the Sustainable Building Policy undertaking. The Design Commission was in general agreement about the use of LEED as a base and customizing it. Commissioners provided the following recommendations:

- Consider a more holistic policy that encompasses not just building sites, but also roads, right of ways, and landscape (Swale on Yale might be used as a possible model).
- Include clear directives about stormwater use, locally sourced and built materials etc.
- Use the Living Building Challenge as orientation for creating a system of incentives rather than demerits. Incentives might include a sustainable performance fund that would augment a team's operational budget.
- Go beyond "Net Zero" with energy use, assuming that a plus factor might be achieved in the future.
- Take advantage of private sector experience (problems and pitfalls) to help the city navigate the process.
- In the evaluation of existing or new projects, look at when in the lifespan the project was evaluated/ whether the project is up for renovation or not.
- Research the Boston approach where a checklist method is used. Does it have the rigor of certification?