



**HAMILTON COUNTY
LOCAL ALLIANCE FOR NATURE AND DEVELOPMENT (LAND)**

**Committee on Green Building
Meeting Summary**

Tuesday, April 18th 2006, 1:15-3:15 PM
138 East Court Street, Rm 807 Cincinnati, OH 45202

In attendance at the Meeting:

- Chad Edwards, KZF Design
- Joanne Gerson, Montgomery Planning Commission
- Holly Christmann, Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District, USGBC
- David Whittaker, Human Nature
- Jennie Russell, U.C./DAAP/Arch
- Alan Weiner, C.O.R.R.E.
- Jayne Gall
- Dean Niemeyer, HCRPC

Joanne opened the meeting and asked whether there were any corrections to the draft meeting summary for the March 2006 meeting. Jennie requested that a sentence be deleted in the third paragraph on the second page of the draft meeting summary. The sentence stated that Jennie had talked with Stuart Prall about his interest in the Over-the-Rhine Green Affordable Housing Project. Dean stated that he would contact Cincinnati Magazine to discuss the “eco-friendly living –home & garden” section in the April Issue. He stated he wanted to know their motivation and see whether they would do some stories about what this committee was doing or other public green initiatives.

Joanne then requested reports on the individual task responsibilities for the Green Building Media Campaign. On the Stanberry Park green retro-fit, Holly stated that she had not received any information about whether the Green Design Charette Grant was approved by the ODOD Office of Energy Efficiency.

For the University of Cincinnati LEED Buildings/Sustainability Policy, Dean stated that we seemed to have completed what we wanted to do: 1) CityBeat published the “Building a Green Future” article in March, 2) Beth McGrew of U.C.’s Office of the University Architect, along with Chad, hosted the Hamilton County Environmental Action Agency on a review of U.C.’s Sustainability Policy and a tour of the new Student Recreation Center, applied for LEED certification. Dean stated that he will meet with Beth and the U.C. Student Sustainability Group in early May.

For the new Cincinnati Zoo Education Center, it was stated the project was going forward and Cinergy has provided photovoltaic panels for the building. For the Hillside Trust Office Rehabilitation, Dean stated that Eric had forwarded the Hillside Trust Newsletter describing the completed office space. Dean also stated he had requested Gerald Checco to write an article about his geothermal retrofit and Mari Jane Klug’s new house with geothermal. Gerald agreed to do the article and Dean said he will discuss this with Gerald on Friday at the Breakfast for John Albrecht, City of Chicago Green Program.

For the Cincinnati Public Schools/Pleasant Ridge Green School, Chad stated that Ted Christian had agreed to write an article. Chad stated he was waiting to see what the

Cincinnati Public Schools had to say about a general policy for the school system for Green Building.

For the Wal-Mart in Fairfax, Dean stated he had met with the Mayor of Fairfax, Ted Shannon and the Village Administrator, Jenny Kaminer and delivered to them a package of information on the greening of Wal-Mart, downloaded directly from the Wal-Mart WEB site. The packet included color copies of the press kits for the two green Wal-Marts. Dean recommended that the Village push for a green roof considering the proximity of the Duck Creek. Dean said he offered to come and speak to the Village Planning Commission about Wal-Mart's new sustainability policy and green building practices.

Dean informed the Committee that he had attended the Municipal League's monthly meeting and had spoken briefly about LAND-HC and its projects, and also, the greening of Wal-Mart. He said a Councilmember from the Village of Evendale had approached him after the meeting requesting further information about the greening of Wal-Mart. Dean later sent the councilmember a similar packet to the one he gave the Mayor of Fairfax.

The discussion then went to the next Agenda topic, the Green Building Demonstration Project. Jennie stated she had been in contact with the Over-the-Rhine Housing Network about the Niehoff Studio Green Affordable Housing Project. Jennie said that the O-T-R has been "studied to death" in recent year and the local affordable housing groups are, therefore, taking a "wait and see" attitude with this project.

Jennie stated that most students are interested in doing an in-fill project and they have also been looking at expanding the project as an urban eco-village. She stated that the Committee is invited to a "redlining session" from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday May 8th at the Niehoff Studio. At a "redlining session", the Committee would be invited to go from "desk to desk" and review and critique the students' work to date.

Jennie said that there would be a Open House for presenting the work of the studio on Friday June 2nd. The LAND-HC Green Building Committee are exclusively invited from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and there will be a general reception from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Hopefully, there will be a speaker (yet to be identified) at 7:00 p.m. Dean asked about the continuation of the Green Affordable Housing Demonstration Project for the summer. Jennie stated that summer studio will run from June 19th to August 25th and will take the next steps towards implementation including spending time with stakeholders.

David changed the topic and suggested that the Committee needs to target the corporate sector to educate, introduce and seek support with Green Building and sustainability policy and programs. Dean agreed and cited that Cinergy/Duke (CEO Jim Roger "Asking to be Taxed and Regulated" in the April 3, 2006 Issue of TIME Magazine) has a sustainability program and G.E. has its Ecoimagination public relations campaign and programs. The possibility of developing a conference/workshop with national speakers was suggested. After some further and considering the time, Dean suggested that he start an e-mail about developing a program for the corporate sector and that Committee Members can add their own ideas. Joanne stated the next meeting will be on Tuesday May 16th and the meeting was then adjourned.