



HAMILTON COUNTY 2030 PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK
CAMPAIGN TO BALANCE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT
PART 1: COUNTYWIDE GREENSPACE INITIATIVE

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LOCAL ALLIANCE FOR NATURE AND DEVELOPMENT (LAND)

Committee on Green Building
Draft Meeting Summary (11-29-06)

November 21, 2006, 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Room 807, County Administration Building

Attendance at the Meeting:

- Joanne Gerson, City of Montgomery Planning Commission
- David Quilligan, TREMCO
- Virginia Russell, UC
- Phil Friedman, HCDBI
- Alan Weiner, CORRE
- Deborah Ulrich, HC/SibcyCline
- Eric Russo, Hillside Trust
- Dean E. Niemeyer, HCRPC

Joanne opened the meeting and welcomed new member Deborah Ulrich. Deb stated she is a long-term employee of the County's Adult Probation, and also, part-time salesperson for Sibcy Cline. Joanne asked that everybody introduce themselves. Dean distributed a revised Agenda to the committee members. Joanne asked for any comments or revisions for the October Meeting Summary.

Dean stated that he did not list Phil Friedman as attending the meeting and he indeed was there. Jennie stated she had seconded the motion to approve the revised September Meeting Summary. With the corrections, Jennie moved to approve the October Meeting Summary and Dean seconded.

Joanne moved to the first agenda item—2007 Planning Partnership Annual Meeting Program—Mayors' Climate Control Agreement. She said she needs to know when the Planning Partnership Executive Committee will meet again since they need to decide when to schedule the 2007 Annual Meeting. Joanne stated that she had received word that Zoo's new Green Building would be able to host the annual meeting.

Joanne stated that the Zoo was available on March 19th and 26th. Jennie asked whether the program would be primary a presentation with posters or a panel discussion. She stated that the US Green Building Council probably already have display panels. Dean stated that we could use all the design studios' work for Over-the-Rhine.

Dean next distributed copies of the comprehensive list of Green Building projects/programs/organizations. He said he took Chad and Holly's list and added some further items that had not been listed. Jennie recommended that the abbreviations for the names of organizations be expanded with the complete names. It was also recommended that U.C. be added to the Steger Life Center listing. Jennie asked is this it or can we add more to this list. Dean stated the list should be an evolving one and should also inform what Green Building Projects that should be presented on the WEB page. Joanne thanked Chad and Holly for their work on this assignment.

Phil stated that it's too bad that there are no recognizable green projects in the county that would impact his plan reviewers. Jennie stated that he should get a few of his plan reviewers LEED-Accredited because it's going to be the future. Phil said he knew that some of the plan reviewers will need to gain LEED-Accreditation in the future. Phil stated that his department gets numerous projects funded by the Mayerson Foundations. He questioned whether we could approach them and see if they would be amenable to completing project that is LEED certified.

Dean distributed a letter and revised outline for the WEB page that was contributed by Christine Robertson of the Sierra Club. He stated that he liked Christine's recommendations and would likely use them to revise the WEB page. Dean stated he will get Chris Porter, the new WEB Master to make the recommended revisions to the draft WEB page. He hopes the launch could happen no later than the first of the year.

On the Greening of the HIP Program, Dean informed the Committee that he had met with Pat Hanrahan, HIP Coordinator and they were looking into how to partner with The Home Depot. At the very least, he wants The Home Depot to distribute the HIP Brochures at their stores. However, he thinks that a stronger partnership might be doable considering The Home Depot's sustainability/energy efficiency policy stand.

For the Colerain Connector Green Demonstration Project, Dean distributed his notes from the Green Community Design Workshop and a print-out of the northside.net-ncnrc (Cincinnati Northside Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation) WEB page describing the Northside HOME House Project (for the development of two new green houses). Dean informed the Committee that he had met with representatives from Northside Community Council, Urban Redevelopment Corporation and Tom Jackson from the City of Cincinnati on Friday November 17th. Dean recommended that the Committee's Green Demonstration Project be changed to the Colerain Connector Demonstration Project and there was consensus agreement to approve this change.

Alan Weiner read an excerpt that capsulated the ideas from "The Next Industrial Revolution" by William McDonough and Michael Braungart from *The Atlantic Monthly*, October 1998. The complete article was copied and distributed to the Committee.

Dean next distributed the LAND-HC Progress Report through November 21, 2006. Joanne stated that we need to add the series of articles on Green Building that were in Cincinnati Magazine. Dean said he would add those articles-but will have to research since there is no access to them from the magazine's WEB site. Jennie noted that charrette was misspelled on the second page.

Dean stated he had not completed the Primer on costs/benefits of Green Building. However, he confirmed there has been a number of similar publications developed at the national level. He distributed to the committee a copy of *Green Buildings and the Bottom Line: Fourth in a Series of Annual Reports on the Green Building Movement* (November 2006-64 pages) published by Building Design+Construction. Dean stated that Mike Huseman had recently sent him this publication and that we could possibly post it on the WEB site. After reviewing the document, Jennie suggested that its concluding 10 recommendations were good, but that she was a bit wary of the document as a whole considering its sponsor list.

Dean asked if there were any actions/projects that were missing from the list. Eric stated that he had recently been contacted Dennis Gordon, Director of the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission about what would be appropriate standards for

the development of an Eco-industrial zone. He suggested this could possibly be a project the Committee would take up in the future.

Jennie stated that we should add the success of the Committee itself. Phil questioned about the status of Jeff Alluotto's internal green initiatives for the county. Phil suggested that we have a meeting with Commissioner elect Pepper and Commission Portune to bring them up to speed on the green initiatives. Joanne stated that Planning Partnership does a new elected officials orientation and that should be happening during December.

For the next agenda item, "review strategic plans/action plans and set goals for 2007, Dean distributed copies of all the strategic and actions plans developed in the last year. Joanne informed the Committee that she had written down a list of possible projects from the current discussion and she listed them:

1. Meet with charitable foundations about funding LEED projects-e.g. Mayerson Foundation-fund our U.C. Studio-OTR project
2. Northside Redevelopment Corp/Green Colerain Connector Project
3. Greening the HIP program
4. LAND-HC Committee on Green Building WEB page
5. Planning Partnership Annual Meeting 2007 Program
6. Northern Kentucky Eco-Industrial Zone—more discussion with Dennis Gordon Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission
7. Follow-up on Greening Banks
8. Hamilton County Green Initiatives—Jeff Alluotto's ad-hoc committee
9. Meet with three Hamilton County Commissioners – ASAP

Jennie recommended that this discussion be deferred to the December meeting to allow input from members who are not present. She said we should dedicate the whole meeting to discussion on 2007 projects. The Committee agreed to this recommendation. Joanne stated that she has been Chair of the LAND-HC Green Building since its inception and was wondering if another Committee member was interested in serving as Chair for next year. The consensus was that everyone preferred that Joanne continue as Chair for the next year. Dean stated the December meeting will be on Tuesday December 19th. After further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.