

Agenda
Technical Advisory Committee
Sustainability Subcommittee
January 21, 2010
12:00 Noon to 1:30 PM

LOCATION: Platt/Whitelaw Architects, 4034 30th Street, San Diego, CA 92104

- 1) **Call to Order**
- 2) **Approval of Minutes**
- 3) **Discussion**
 - a) Update report on DSD Expedite Policy (existing Council Policy 600-27)
(Kelly Broughton)
 - i Schedule for draft and alignment with 900-14 update
 - ii Type of policy
 - iii Stakeholder meetings – incentives and thresholds
 - b) Update report to “One Stop Shop” concept - DSD as resource center for sustainability strategies and incentives
(Afsaneh Ahmadi, Linda Pfeifer, Risa Baron -SDG&E)
 - c) Building Standards updates
(Afsaneh Ahmadi)
 - i 2008 Title 24 Energy Efficiency Standards effective January 1st 2010
 - ii 2010 California Green Building Standards Code (CALGREEN) effective January 1st 2011
- 4) **New Business**
- 5) **Schedule next meeting**
- 6) **Adjourn**

TAC Mission: “To proactively advise the Mayor and the Land Use and Housing Committee on improvements to the regulatory process through the review of policies and regulations that impact development. And to advise on improvements to the development review process through communications, technology and best business practices to reduce processing times and improve customer service. And to advocate for quality development to meet the needs of all citizens of San Diego.”

City of San Diego
Development Services Department: Technical Advisory Committee
Sustainability Subcommittee Meeting

Date: July 23, 2009; 12 noon -1:30 pm

Location: Development Services Department, Rm 5D, 1222 First Ave, San Diego CA 92101

SUMMARY

1. The Meeting was called to order
2. Those present: Afsaneh Ahmadi, Scott Molloy, Ted Shaw, Mike Slawson, David Pfeifer, Alison Whitelaw
3. The minutes from the 05/07/09 meeting were approved
4. Afsaneh gave a progress report on DSD's updates to Council Policy 600-27.
 - A The update to 900-14 is on a separate track and relates only to City buildings
 - B It has not yet been decided if 600-27 will be a Council Policy or a departmental policy. Either way, it needs to be a clear, easily implementable program that is structured with flexibility to accommodate future higher standards or expectations.
 - C There was a general discussion about potential incentives/benefits.
 - i. Standard details for predictable installations (eg: pv's)
 - ii Exemption from certain Land Development Code requirements
 - iii Expedited review (similar to current 900-14) however, fluctuating workloads at DSD mean this is not always of value.
 - iv Fee waivers
 - D Afsaneh noted that Land Development Code exemptions and fee waivers would require City Council approval
 - E The policy needs to be aligned with the goals of the Climate Action Plan. The committee needs to be updated on the Climate Action Plan. Linda Pratt is the Staff member.
 - F DSD should provide a "one stop shop" service, providing information on and links to all incentives, rebates and other advantages provided by other agencies for sustainable building strategies..
5. Next meeting mid September (to be scheduled)
Agenda Items: Climate Action Plan Update, One Stop Shop update, Expedite Policy update
6. Meeting adjourned

City of San Diego
Development Services Department: Technical Advisory Committee
Sustainability Subcommittee Meeting

Date: Sept 22, 2009; 12 noon -1:30 pm
Location: Platt/Whitelaw Architects, 4034 30th Street, San Diego CA 92104

SUMMARY

1. The Meeting was called to order
2. Those present: Mike Westlake, Afsaneh Ahmadi, Dan Striker, Scott Molloy, Ted Shaw, Mike Slawson, Alison Whitelaw, Linda Pratt, Katie Dykens, Josh Brock, Lianna Rios, Risa Baron
3. Approval of minutes from 7/23/09 meeting was deferred to next meeting.
4. Afsaneh and Mike gave a progress report on DSD's updates to Council Policy 600-27.
 - A It has not yet been decided if this will be a Council Policy or a departmental policy..
 - B It is intended as a general incentive program to encourage excellence in other areas in addition to sustainable design (eg: affordable housing, accessibility, etc)
 - C A meeting to brainstorm incentives was held in August with an ad hoc committee of stakeholders. Another similar meeting will be scheduled soon to discuss qualifying thresholds for projects entering the program.
 - D Scott recommended that thresholds be tied to exceeding various existing standards by identified margins
5. Linda, Katie & Josh reported on the status of the City's Climate Action Plan
 - A Distinction is made between City contribution and Community contribution (City represents around 2% of total emissions)
 - B Plan was originally based on ICLI metrics (goal – 15% below 1990 levels by 2012) but this was found to be unachievable, so all source data from 1990 has been recalculated using the IPCC model (goal – 1990 level by 2020) which is the State standard
 - C. The General Plan Action Plan contains community action measures toward meeting the goal.
 - D. The City plan is defined in the updated 900-14 policy which Linda will forward.
 - E The City plans to use EEBG funding to achieve efficiency in the following areas: Street lighting retrofits; residential energy efficiency retrofits; economically disadvantaged residential energy efficiency retrofits.
 - F Mayors office developing a Mello Roos plan thru AB811 to finance both renewable and energy efficiency residential retrofits through a property tax mechanism. Ted recommended that commercial properties be included.
 - G Alison recommended increase in public outreach (to demonstrate what City has already done) in order to build community pride & will.
6. Afsaneh reported on a meeting held recently with Risa and Lianna regarding developing a resource center at DSD to make it a "One Stop Shop" that provides information to the

public about rebates, incentives and measures related to energy efficiency and sustainable design in general.

A SDG&E is providing a display in the DSD lobby by the end of the year

B Information will be available through the web site, this will be interactive with hyperlinks to outside resources by sometime next year.

C Staff will receive education so that they can provide guidance to the public

7. Next meeting October 27th (tentative) agenda items to include
One Stop Shop update
Expedite Policy update
8. Meeting adjourned

City of San Diego
Development Services Department: Technical Advisory Committee
Sustainability Subcommittee Meeting

Date: December 10, 2009; 12 noon -1:30 pm
Location: Platt/Whitelaw Architects, 4034 30th Street, San Diego CA 92104

SUMMARY

1. The Meeting was called to order
2. Those present: Afsaneh Ahmadi, Dan Stricker, Ted Shaw, Mike Slawson, Faith Picking, David Pfeifer, Alison Whitelaw, Linda Pfeifer (DSD), Lianna Rios (SDG&E)
3. Approval of minutes from 7/23/09 and 9/22/09 meetings was deferred to next meeting.
4. Afsaneh gave a progress report on DSD's updates to Council Policy 600-27.
 - A Kelly Broughton has created a draft list of possible incentives to be discussed at the next ad hoc stakeholder meeting. Possible incentives fall into various categories such as improved process, regulatory incentives, financial incentives, educational incentives and marketing incentives
 - B It is hoped the update may be completed by February of 2010,
 - C Compliance verification was discussed. Different strategies need different kinds of verification (some at plan check, some during construction, some through building commissioning and performance). Under the City's current discretionary expedite policy, the qualifying sustainable strategies are attached to the project as conditions and verified at building permit plan check time. Penalties for non compliance should be required; this needs careful consideration, methods discussed included deposit accounts, bonds and trust funds tied to inspections, commissioning results, and initial building performance results.
 - D DSD wants qualifying strategies to align with strategies in the Green codes, and to allow for performance compared directly with Title 24 EE standards and Energy Star.
5. Afsaneh, Lianna and Linda reported on the DSD "One Stop Shop" program that will provide information to the public about rebates, incentives and measures related to energy efficiency and sustainable design in general.
 - A Lianna has recently been promoted to Risa Baron's position and will be the City liason for this program. She and Linda Pfeifer will coordinate to develop the program.
 - B Items under consideration include information on DSD web site, looping video on TV screens and other displays in the DSD lobby, DSD staff trainings, involvement of other agencies such as County Water Authority,
6. Next meeting January 21st, 2010, Noon
7. Meeting adjourned