



GREEN BUILDING DECEMBER MEETING
Minutes of 12/09/2005

ATTENDING MEMBERS:

Janet Connors – First Community Bank
Kevin Gilleran – Gilleran Energy
Paul Klassen – Coastland Engineering
Michael Morrow – Carlile Macy
Armando Navarro – Sonoma State University
Dan Reiter – Winzler and Kelly

Paul Southworth – Winzler and Kelly
Glenn Suyeyasu – Mead Clark
Mark Armstrong – City of Santa Rosa
Barbara Firestone – City of Santa Rosa
Elise Howard – City of Santa Rosa
Dell Tredinnick – City of Santa Rosa

Green Building Certification Presentation Update: The recipients of the first Green Building Certificates were honored by the Santa Rosa City Council at the November 15th City Council Meeting. Councilman Bob Blanchard presented certificates to builders, designers, and inspectors of the qualifying projects, including Samuel Jones Hall, homes at Manes Ranch, two Habitat for Humanity Sonoma homes, and a spec home. Every homeowner will receive a certificate for their green home.

Green Points Update: Dell Tredinnick, Amy Bolten, and Elise Howard participated in a conference call with Bay Area production builders and members of the regional Build It Green. Alameda and Contra Costa counties, the cities of Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, and San Jose, and Syntex, Ponderosa, and Christopherson Homes were represented in the discussion of the new Alameda Green Points system. Sometime in January, hard copies of the point system will be available. The booklets will include an interior page for details of the Santa Rosa Green Points Program.

There are major changes in the point system. The new system takes into account the Title 24 overlap, so that points cannot be counted twice. There are five categories: indoor air, resource conservation, water conservation, energy efficiency, and community design. Fifty points earned within four categories is now required to earn a certificate.

The City of Santa Rosa wants to remain a voluntary program that fosters good behavior. The inspector guidelines and the City's Implementation Plan will have to be revised to reflect the changes in the green point system.

Action Item: After formalization of the new Green Points System, Dell will talk to City Council for formal adoption.

Train the Trainer presentation Update: The 2006 Green Building Professional Certification Program begins on January 7th and will be a year long. It will be offered on-line for those who are out-of-state students. Thirty eight students from the 2005 Certificate Program took the test. The number of graduates is not known at this time.

Announcements:

Quarterly Build It Green Public Agency Council Meeting in March: Dell stated that Santa Rosa will be hosting the quarterly meeting for all surrounding counties south of us to Santa Cruz. The venue will be Samuel Jones Hall for a half-day event with lunch from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. He asked members to begin thinking about a good program with fun things to do.

Local Green Building Programs Update: Armando stated that two months ago the City of Novato passed a mandatory green building ordinance for residential construction. Rohnert Park is developing their green building policy. Armando met with two San Rafael City Council members to introduce the idea of a voluntary or mandatory green building program. The groundwork for green building policy is being done locally.

Title 24's Effect on the Build It Green Points System: Kevin Gilleran will be doing a presentation on Title 24 and its effect on the green points system revision. It will be on the 14th of December in Petaluma.

Green Building Presentation to the American Society of Civil Engineers: Mike Southworth announced that he and Dan Reiter will be giving a presentation on green building at the monthly meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers at Cattleman's in Montgomery Village on the 14th of December.

Solar Projects Update: Dell stated that the City of Santa Rosa received a rebate from PG&E for the solar panel project in the MSCN yard. The solar kiosk in the MSCS lobby will be ready for use soon. It will have a readout of the amount of solar energy generated by the City's solar panels that power the lights at MSCS.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

NEXT MEETING: February 10, 2006; location to be announced.