

GREEN ROOF WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING - SUMMARY

March 27, 2008 1pm

Environmental Services, 3015 Menke Circle

The Green Roof Working Committee (GRWC) met at the Environmental Services office at 1pm.

Attendees: Kent Holm, Barbi Hayes, Karen Klein, Mike Oestmann, Dennis Bryers, Emily Holtzclaw, Paul Woodward, Amanda Grint, Brad Young, Addie Kinghorn, Pam Tusa, Mike Ruma (Attendee list/contact information is attached).

Green Omaha Coalition

Barbi Hayes reported that she had shared information on the GRWC with the Board of the Green Omaha Coalition (GOC) (www.greenomahacoalition.org) and that a majority of the Board approved of the GRWC initial plans. A couple of the Board members indicated they didn't know enough about GRWC to voice an opinion. The intent is to share a work plan(s) from the GRWC with the GOC at a later date.

Barbi noted that the GOC has five (5) "councils" (Design/Construction; Public Agency; Green Education; Green Neighborhood; Green Business) and that there would likely be some overlap of the GRWC work plans with each council.

The GOC is having an open meeting on May 4, 2008 from 2-4pm at the Elmwood Park pavilion. All GOC councils will be reporting on their progress and plans. The public is invited to participate.

Subcommittees

Kent noted that there was not a lot of interest in the subcommittee assignments per his request after the February 28, 2008 meeting. That request was sent to all of the attendees from the October 25, 2007 Green Roof Symposium.

Mike Oestmann suggested we get the list of people that attended the Green Roof training course (held 3/26/08) to see if they had interest.

Brad Young indicated that he had information relevant to, and that he would work with, the finance and appraisal subcommittee.

Emily Holtzclaw, who is working with Nina Cudahy on the Omaha CSO (combined sewer overflow) Green Solutions effort, indicated that that effort is looking to consider green roofs. Lovgren Marketing is working on that Green Solutions effort and Emily will make the contact with Linda Lovgren.

A number of professional organizations (Architects, Landscape Architects, Nursery and Landscapers, etc.) were mentioned as possible sources of professionals interested in working on the subcommittees. Dennis Bryers volunteered to make those association contacts.

Barbi noted the Fontenelle Forest project and will email Kent with some information on the contractors involved.

Karen Klein noted that she had heard from a Lund Company representative that their company is interested in retrofitting older buildings. Karen will follow up with them.

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Barbi indicated that she could get contact information on firms that do lending for SIDs (Sanitary and Improvement Districts). She will have Triletty Wade get Kent the information.

Kent noted the following have signed up for subcommittees (see attached list).

There was some general discussion about the work to be accomplished by the subcommittees, with the consensus as follows:

Subcommittees will meet prior to the next GRWC meeting and develop an initial work plan. The work plan will target the Omaha MSA (metropolitan statistical area), and will include a timeline.

The GRWC will produce a report with an overall green roof policy(ies) and specific sections based on the subcommittees' work. The report will identify action items for further work/implementation, including, but not limited to, the identification of incentives to promote the use of green roofs. A workshop for lenders (and others?) should be held at the end of the process.

It was suggested that the Education and Outreach subcommittee get GRWC information out to MAPA and/or the GOC for subsequent distribution to the jurisdictions within the MAPA MSA.

Pam Tusa asked about grant funding that might be available. Kent will report back at the April meeting on potential sources; he mentioned his meeting with Amy Mead of Weston Solutions (a modular green roof supplier) and her offer of assistance in providing information from green roof applications around the country, including potential grant funding opportunities.

Paul Woodward noted the need for a general requirement for reducing site runoff. In the subsequent discussion it was noted that requirement will provide a basis for establishing incentives for green roofs and other best management practices to meet the runoff requirement.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm. Kent noted that he would begin posting the GRWC meeting summaries on the Environmental Services webpage (www.dcplanning.org).

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