



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

**Committee on Green Building
Meeting Summary**

Tuesday, March 21st 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
- Alan Warner, GBBN Architects, USGBC
- Eric Russo, Hillside Trust
- Holly Christmann, Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District, USGBC
- David Whittaker, Human Nature
- Jennie Russell, U.C./DAAP/Arch
- Dean Niemeyer, HCRPC

The meeting started with the request for any changes to the meeting summary from the February 2006 meeting. Chad cited a misspelling of Patrick McLean's name in the first paragraph. Other spelling typos were identified by Committee members. The Committee agreed to the changes and voted to approve the February Meeting Summary.

Joanne then requested reports on the individual task responsibilities cited in the February Meeting Summary. On the Stanberry Park green retro-fit, Holly stated that it was included as one of the two projects in the proposal for the Green Design Charettes Grant from the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Energy Efficiency. Dean stated the other project was for the City of Cincinnati. He informed the Committee that he had gotten the go ahead from Patrick McLean to include Cincinnati. Alan Weiner was not present to report on Fernbank Park. For the Cincinnati Zoo New Education Center, Alan stated that Glazerworks was involved in the design of this project and that we could contact David Jenike at David.jenike@cincinnati-zoo.org.

Eric said he would forward the Hillside Newsletter with the information on the improvements to the Hillside's building in Alms Park. Dean stated he had contacted Gerald Checco and Gerald had agreed to do a 500 word article on his geothermal retrofit on his house and co-worker's Mari Jane Klug's new geothermal house. Joanne informed that the owner of Sculpture Park was named Harry Wilkes. Chad stated he had talked with Ted Christian and Christian agreed to do an article on the Green Pleasant Ridge School.

Chad also said that CPS (Cincinnati Public Schools) would soon come out with a policy statement about green building for the CPS rebuilding campaign. Dean stated he had set up a meeting with Village Administrator Jenny Kaminer and the Mayor of FairFax to present information taken from Wal-Mart's own WEB Page about developing Green Wal-Marts and the new sustainability policy from Wal-Mart's CEO.

Jennie gave an update on her students' Green Roof Policies and Incentives Project. She stated that her students were on spring break, and therefore, wouldn't be here to present. She also said that these students did not put together Powerpoint or specific research document, but gave her instead, only internet links and various printouts. She said she still needed to sift through the information.

Dean distributed copies of the revised Green Building Media Campaign Action Plan and noted changes including the addition of item b) Develop and publish a Green Roofs Primer... Jennie recommended that the name should be changed to *Green Building: A Green Roofs Primer* to be consistent with *Green Building: An Economics Benefits Primer*. Dean stated that he had received an e-mail from Margo Pierce which said her editors had agreed to do some more green stories. Dean also informed the Committee that he had recently attended a workshop at the Miami Conservancy on media relations. He stated they taught how to do an effective press release, how to develop good relations with both print and broadcast journalists and how to develop Key Messages for your organization.

For the Agenda Item Green Building Demonstration Project, Jennie gave an update about her UC Studio for an Over-the-Rhine Green Affordable Housing Project. She stated she was in touch with Mary Burke of the Over-the-Rhine Housing Network and had identified Mulberry Street as the area for the project. She stated it was an area where there are the usual low-income households, but also some recent rehabbed properties and some possible lots for new development. The Student project would develop templates for both green rehabilitation, and also, new green residential infill.

Jennie asked Eric about whether the project could get some help from the Hillside Trust about developing on hillsides. Eric said that the Hillside Trust had a Land Use Committee that includes engineers and it reviews site plans for local governments. Jennie stated that part of the Studio process would be Public Forum at the Niehoff Studio at the Emery Center on Central Parkway on May 29th. Dean asked whether she had found a developer with interest in implementing the project.

Jennie distributed to the Committee a printout of a couple of e-mails from Penny Greenier and Jeanne Nightingale requesting assistance in doing a Green Building Design Charette for the Winton Montessori School. Holly said she would contact David Tsevat of the USGBC to see they would help in doing the Charette. Jennie also distributed information on "Three public meetings to gather ideas for the Cincinnati Parks Master Plan". All the meetings are from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The first meeting is on March 28th at the Maple Ridge Lodge-Mt. Airy Forest, the second on March 29th at Krohn Conservatory and the third on March 30th at East End School—Riverview East Academy.

David announced that Human Nature was collaborating with the Uptown Consortium and the Cincinnati Park Board to develop an Uptown Parks Study. David said there was a recent article in the Business Courier about the study (see link to that article below). <http://cincinnati.bizjournals.com/cincinnati/stories/2006/03/13/focus1.htm>
1 He requested that the Committee send a letter of support to the Uptown Consortium Director Tony Brown in support of the Study.

Holly informed the Committee that she had not heard from the County Commissioners about meeting with John Albrecht on Friday April 21st, the day after his presentation at Hixson. Dean stated he had not gotten a response back from Patrick McLean about getting the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and City Council to a meeting with Albrecht. Holly said there was some concern about the sunshine law and the need to announce the meeting. Dean stated he will follow-up with McLean to see if we could at least get the Mayor and Vice-Mayor's assistants and City Manager to the meeting. Holly stated that Albrecht said he wanted to talk with the elected officials. Joanne stated the next meeting will be on Tuesday April 18th and the meeting was then adjourned.