

MINUTES
Green Building Incentive Task Force
April 28, 2011
City Hall, Room 209, 12:00 PM

Marshall, Getz, Shinberg, O'Neil, Pulaski in attendance. Belleau and Boxer arrived 10 minutes after the start of the meeting.

1. Review and approve of GBITF minutes from March 24, 2011.

Getz approved, O'Neil seconded, unanimous.

2. Review of Meeting Material.

Houseal reviewed the first items of the meeting material: available options for incentivizing green buildings.

3. Further Discussion on Development of Green Building Incentives.

Marshall asked that Greg Mitchell, Economic Development Director provide insight into of how TIFs might be usable for incentivizing green buildings. He said he would like to hear from Mitchell at the next meeting.

Belleau was most interested in getting off of oil. Belleau also stated that an intermediary step could be a rating system and energy disclosure such as Energy Star Rating System or the DOES system.

Pulaski stated that New York requires buildings to report energy performance and has a requirement to do energy audits.

Marshall stated that he would like to hear back from staff on the legality of requiring energy performance disclosure.

Pulaski stated that out of interest, the new LEED rating system has a requirement for energy performance disclosure.

Marshall asked if there was a way that the goal of getting off of oil could be moved forward through natural gas hook-ups and incentivizing that.

Belleau stated again that the Task Force should first prioritize getting off oil and second insulating.

Getz mentioned that street opening moratoriums may be an issue.

There was continued discussion on build out of natural gas.

O'Neil mentioned that there were some things underway at the State level that the committee should consider.

Marshall made the request to Jaegerman that the planning department develop a menu of options for incentives available to applicants.

O'Neil stated that he felt it was important that policy should be neutral in the market, but on the other hand, natural gas is "inciting" as an energy supply and maybe the Task Force should encourage it.

Marshall summarized the material requested for the next meeting to include Mitchell discussion of the use of TIFs to incentivize green building, more information on energy disclosure (legality and New York's experience), natural gas availability in Portland and happenings at the State, and the use of CDBG funds for natural gas expansion or incentive.

Marshall stated that he wanted to narrow down the realm of incentives to explore.

4. Confirm Date for Next Meeting: The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 26, 2011.

5. Adjourn