

**Partners for High Performance Homes
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 2, 2004**

Attendees:

Doug Swartz	City of Ft. Collins Utilities
Pat Keegan	Colorado Energy Science Ctr.
Simon Baker	Colorado Springs Utilities
Kim Calomino	Denver HBA - Built Green
John Beldock	Ecobroker
Steve Byers	Energy Smiths
Patty Crow	EPA / EnergyStar
Megan Edmunds	E-Star Colorado
Perry Rosenweig	E-Star Colorado
Andy Blackman	Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver
Keith Gray	Heat Exchange Systems Ltd.
Susan Castellon	Office of Energy Management
Sara Lamia	Building Coach
Steve Andrews	Solar Spectra
Ron Ebenkamp	Tri-State G&T

Updates:

Simon Baker, Colorado Springs Utilities:

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Existing Home Retrofit Program is underway. This is a training program to do whole house system improvements a partnership with E-Star.

Andy Blackman, Habitat for Humanity

Habitat Metro is looking for sponsors for their net zero house and working on doing training for other Colorado Affiliates.

Perry Rosensweig and Megan Edmunds

PHPH has been noticed and is being watched by George James, head of Rebuild America. Millennium Builder awards were a success.

Pat Keegan, Colorado Energy Science Center

Over 9,000 entries for the Home make-over program. Two chosen and \$30,000 of energy upgrades were awarded to the winners. Renewable Energy will be a hot topic this year with the passing of Amendment 37.

Doug Swartz, City of Fort Collins Utilities

DSM rebates available in Fort Collins for peak reduction and energy reductions. The new Fort Collins Code has an option for performance testing. Additional fact sheets for the "What to look for in a new home" brochure have been developed and will be available soon.

Pete Grey, Heat Exchange

First time visitor, enjoying the theoretical discussions but also has to worry about how to run a business on a daily basis.

Patty Crow, EPA

2005 Energy Star ad campaign will be starting in January. Energy Star Builders pay 50% of ad costs. EPA coming out with Energy Star tools for multi family properties. Energy Star Design Award for new construction?

Sara Lamia, Home Building Coach Inc.

New Graduate Real Estate Institute course called Marketing and Selling New Homes will be on line soon and distributed across the state. Course will incorporate high performance homes concepts. Upcoming speaking engagements include International Builders Show in Orlando in January.

Kim Calomino, Built Green

Built Green will be doing an extensive checklist review in 2005. Tier II has been given a name: Built Green High Performance.

Five new production builders joined Built Green in 2004, *great accomplishment Built Green!* At the national level as NAHB begins to look at green building programs, Built Green Colorado is involved with that and is in favor of supporting strong local programs.

Susan Castellon, OEMC

Reporting for Peggy Plate – Affordable Comfort conference no longer on the table as a project for PHPH, not the right group to be spearheading this conference.

Reporting for City of Boulder, a new project with Ensar Group to review current commercial codes and how they match up to LEED certification with the hopes of incorporating them into local commercial codes.

Steve Andrews, Solar Spectra

Available for speaking engagements, world oil price volatility and peaking oil supplies should be of concern to all of us!

Organizational Scenarios discussion:

Following the updates there was a discussion led by Perry Rosensweig regarding the current organizational structure. The group was in agreement that the current set up, bi-monthly meetings focusing on networking and information sharing was the best scenario for now. No one wanted to make any significant changes or push the group to anything more formalized. Minor adjustments were suggested and are reflected in the new meeting format. All were in agreement that the group will grow and change over time and that flexibility and commitment to the 10 action items from the Vision and Action Plan is where the focus should remain. There was some discussion about refining the goals but no action assignment came out of this request.

Small Group Activity Update:

The small groups have not gathered a lot of steam. There are several reasons for that:

- 1) People are busy
- 2) Our organizational structure does not have built in accountability system to oversee and coordinate small groups – they must be self-directed.
- 3) The work of the identified small groups has not risen to a top priority for the group.

This is normal for this type of group. Based on discussions with Suzanne Jarboe-Simpson it is OK to leave the small groups as they are. They will either get a life of their own or they will cease to have any importance to the group. For now, they are there and anyone can work on them, if they choose.

Upcoming Grant Cycle:

Please note the anticipated dates for the *Department of Energy's annual State Energy Plan* grants. If anyone or any group of partners is interested in responding to this proposal advance planning is advised.

January – announcement of solicitation, and details of funding focus.

March – solicitations due to state energy office (CO Office of Energy Management & Conservation)

May - Awards announced.

July –September – Contracts issues/funds available

EPA Region 8 is on a similar but more tentative time schedule. The opportunity to submit proposals/requests for funds could be open as early as the end of February.

Next Meetings:

Meetings will be scheduled on the 2nd Thursday of every other month starting with February 10th

February 10th 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Tri-State Generation and Transmission

April 14th 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Tri-State Generation and Transmission

Topics for next meetings – Please consider volunteering to present on a topic of interest to you at the next meeting.