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**Summary  
GreenPrint Committee**

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**Date:** Tuesday, December 16, 2008    **11:00 am**    **Location:** Council Conference Room 391

**Committee Members Present:** Nevitt, Chair; Brown, Lehmann

**Committee Members Absent:** Linkhart, Vice-Chair

**Other Members Present:** Robb

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**1. Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute Update**

Summary of Discussion

James Van Hemert, Executive Director, Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute (RMLUI), discussed the organization's model Sustainable Community Development Code making the following points:

- The Institute is a non-profit, non-partisan organization affiliated with University of Denver Law School and is focused on land use in the West.
- The model sustainable code goes beyond form-based methods, is user friendly, and has implications for climate change and community health.
- The code provides a menu of choices for moving towards sustainability: communities can use it to audit their own Codes to remove obstacles to sustainable practice or more proactively to establish sustainability standards.
- So far, Salt Lake City has used the Code the most comprehensively.

**2. Community Planning & Development (CPD) 2009 Sustainability Plan**

Summary of Discussion

Jack Sinclair, CPD, discussed the agency's recent sustainable initiatives. He commented on the following major planning initiatives:

- The agency's Transit Oriented Development Initiative is developing new community plans for transit-supportive development and infrastructure at existing and FasTracks station areas including: Alameda, Sheridan, Auraria West, Evans, 10th/Osage, Decatur, 41st/Fox, and 38th/Blake station plans--all slated for adoption in 2009.
- The Living Streets Initiative has conducted a series of lectures and public workshops geared toward Adoption of a Living Streets policy and production of how-to manual for state Smart Growth Office.

- Part of the State of the Neighborhoods project is to develop 30-40 indicators to measure neighborhoods on sustainability, such as walkability. Mixed use, and others.
- Staff is working to help organize the national Congress for New Urbanism conference, to be held June 10-13, 2009 in Denver.

Mr. Sinclair also discussed progress in the realm of green building including:

- Working to adopt International Code Council (ICC) 2009 building codes by 2010 which increase energy efficiency about 20% over current ICC 2006 codes
- Continue staff and community education on best building practices such as:
  - Energy Star for New Homes Outreach (GEO Grant)
  - Insulate and Seal Outreach (GEO Grant)
  - Residential Green Remodeling Guides (EPA Sustainable Skyline Initiative Grant)
- Participate in Regional Green Building Workgroup to enforce “green” features in existing codes, share and promote best practices, and work towards establishing a regional green building program and code
- Development Services Initiatives

### **3. Update on sustainability audit report for Zoning Code Update Task Force**

#### Summary of Discussion

Tina Axelrad, CPD, discussed how the form and context-based new code proposed to advance sustainability and smart growth principles noting that:

- In Areas of Stability, zoning will guide development that is more compatible with existing Context/Character – helping to stabilize neighborhoods and attract reinvestment
- In Areas of Change, zoning enables appropriate densities to support desired growth, economic success, transportation, community assets, and affordable housing
- Throughout, zoning guides the provision of desired Neighborhood Features to promote healthy lifestyles (e.g., expanded mixed use zoning that creates more walkable environments)

Ms. Axelrad noted that Farr Associates had been retained to:

- Conduct a sustainability audit of new code
- Compare current and early drafts against national best practices to achieve overarching sustainability objectives
- Consider other model codes including Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute and LEED ND
- Confirm direction of draft code, offering possible enhancements, and identifying potential opportunities that require more research

- Audit recommendations currently being discussed & evaluated by the Zoning Code Task Force and City staff

The audit recommends some changes in the current direction to move towards more sustainability, such as protecting current solar investments in residential area and maximizing solar readiness in residential neighborhoods.