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Western North Carolina Green Building Council

HELPING TO BUILD A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

Mission- To promote environmentally sustainable and health conscious building practices through community education.

Board Meeting Minutes – 1 August 2011- 5:30 to 7:30pm

EarthFare meeting room

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Approval Of Treasurers Report – Dashboard reviewed quarterly (May, Aug, Nov, Feb)**
2. **Approval Minutes**

NEW BUSINESS

3. **Home Rating Systems** – Matt: Portland has \$12 million from DOE to create a 60-90 minute audit for home energy (with a cost below \$200). Goal is to create a program here. Discussion about using an existing program, or creating our own. [1] Earthadvantage will hold data and WNCGBC will have limited admin role [2] WNCGBC to hold data; can control costs more. **Greenscale** – new intern working on this – still working on options – could be an addendum document on MLS – can calculate carbon, and could use Appalachian Offsets to assist with the costs.
4. **Neighbor Saves** – first house on Saturday (8/6), will be a team of 3 houses – did presentation at YWCA last week.
5. **Appalachian Offsets** – Jake will send templates to Becky; Becky will review RFP, edit with Jake, and then discuss with full board. Board needs to discuss list of criteria for matching funds, discuss list of criteria for mailing list of potential recipients.
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Executive - 6/29/11 – Did not receive Green Business Fund Grant for existing homes program; working on “Greenscale”; NS working on brochure; Sept 1 – contact other communities about offering HBH discount
 - b. Education - join with Outreach for some events; online class update
 - c. Marketing – update about Neighbor Saves promotion
 - d. Outreach – Erika is chair – plan for 3 events per year (1) directory release party (2) “fun” events (1) hands on activity (optional); “bench” project – there was a planning presentation at Green Drinks, but no actual movement towards a project.
 - e. Finance -
7. **Community Solar** - Determine location; Solicit investors for LLC; Install panels- members get paid back within 5- 6 years; AIRE provides legal work and feasibility study for site, evaluates for investors according to income and investment for best investment; Best return, up to 14% for high income people with passive income; Air gets a 5-10% payment for their part; Once the investments are paid back with interest the system then can be donated to The Council for future income and carbon credits; Each project is different, just depends on the make up of the LLC and what they want to do. First Solar sold shares for \$5000, and sold half shares also. But really the LLC can be structured any way the investors decide, eg a \$50,000 project could be made with \$1000 shares, with one investor holding 30, and 20 investors 1 each; Richard Fireman would gladly come a do a presentation to the board.

Date	Committee	3/7/11	4/4	5/2	6/6	7/4	8/1	9/5	10/3	11/7	12/5	1/2/12	2/6	Σ
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Kevin Ward, Chair	EX*, M													
Tim Callahan, co-Chair	EX, E						A							1
Boone Guyton, Treas.	EX, E*, F													
Melanie Brethauer, Sec	EX, E													
Becky Brown	E		A											1
Shana Combs	M						A							1
Ken Czarnomski	E, F													
Jim Demos	EX, M						A							1
Jody Guokas	M	A					A							2
Isaac Savage	EX, M													
Erika Schneider	O		X		X		A	X		X		X		1
Matt Siegel	Director		X		X			X		X		X		

A=Absent; FB=Full Board Meeting; C=Committee Meeting; EX= Executive Committee; E=Education Committee; O=Outreach Committee; M=Marketing Committee; F=Finance; *= Committee Chair