

Sustainable Building and Planning Advisory Committee

January 7, 2009 – Meeting Summary

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Creating a framework.
- Public education should be done diplomatically, and continued throughout implementation.
- Leaving time between adoption of program and effective date for education.
- The need to research ROIs and determine which practices or elements of green building will have the highest return.
- People may be putting more money into energy efficient development because the current economy promotes occupying a house for a longer period of time.
- Approaching the creation of the building program using baby steps.
- Energy Star
 - NW Energy Star is 15% above 2006 IECC
 - Rebates available in Idaho
 - Fast ROI
 - Duct and blower door testing ensures performance vs. res-check com-check
 - Required to caulk everything – greatest cost for Brian (\$1,800 on 2,200 sq. ft. house)
 - Energy Star gets a house to almost LEED silver.
- Boulder, CO program:
 - Program has undergone an evolutionary process - over almost 30
 - Tiered system based on sq. ft.
 - Residential program has mandatory requirements and points.

The following items were assigned at the meeting:

- Brainstorm on education and outreach strategies.