

Sustainable Building and Planning Advisory Committee

January 21, 2009 – Meeting Summary

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Correction of January 7th meeting minutes.
 - ENERGY STAR is 30% above current code, not 15%.
 - In the WR valley ENERGY STAR is almost LEED silver because of the valley's higher building standard.
- Mastic is more expensive than metal on ducts because it is more labor intensive.
- Rebate Bothwell received from Idaho Power for Energy Star home was \$400 - the inspection or certification is about \$600.
- There is a learning curve associated with improved building techniques, but costs go down after training because the labor requires less time as skills are mastered.
- “right sizing” of furnaces can save lots of money. Larger furnaces that needed are often sold to ensure no under-heating complaints from building occupants, but it monthly heating bills are more and the heating unit itself is more.
- Pros and Cons of ENERGY STAR
- Issues with governmental entities requiring public to not only increase energy efficiency in buildings, but to pay for a certification through programs like ENERGY STAR or LEED.
- Feedback from NAHB meeting - Bothwell
 - The group was concerned about the Committee's intent, regarding green building
 - There was consensus in opposition to res-check/com-check
 - There was consensus in support of ENERGY STAR.
- Public outreach and education opportunities
 - Chamber
 - NAHB
 - Hailey City Council
 - ENERGY STAR
 - Idaho Power
 - Sustain Blaine
 - Sawtooth Board of Realtors
 - Co-sponsored workshops with Blaine County
- Approach to outreach and education
 - Talk about general benefits to green building techniques and technologies
 - Talk about what the Committee has been working on
 - Talk about building programs
 - Talk to general public or specific industries for best results and to reach the greatest population (consumer vs. professional).

- A general approach to green building techniques with specifics on what the committee's goals are and its purpose.
- A survey could be distributed to the audience during the presentation to gauge support.
- There is a give and take between public feedback and program development – when the goal is to develop a program and a public that are aligned, it is an ongoing process where both take form simultaneously and are interdependent on each other.
- Focus on techniques and technologies that have the highest ROI.

The following items were assigned at the meeting:

- Everyone – brainstorm on presentation format and content for Rotary (2/17) and City Council (2/23)
- Contact the group next to your name and ask if they would be interested in a presentation, get info. on the next meeting dates, or when they would be available, what types of info. would they be interested in hearing about, etc.
 - Brian –NAHB
 - Mariel – get on February 23rd Council Agenda, contact Sonora Institute, Co-sponsored workshop
 - Jolyon- Energy Star and Idaho Power presentation (need dates established so we can invite those that we give presentation to – work with Mariel on scheduling if it is going to be at the City).
 - Craig – Sawtooth Board of Realtors, Sustain Blaine