

## **Detroit Green Task Force Meeting**

March 25, 2010

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Meeting was called to order at 3:01 by Kenneth V. Cockrel, Jr., in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor.

**Introductions** – Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

### **Update on City Council Ordinances**

Green Purchasing Ordinance: Looking to eliminate the 5% up charge associated with making green purchasing choices over non-green products and services. This ordinance has been temporarily put on hold to address concerns. After the first of the month council hopes to be able to move forward with this ordinance.

Anti-Idling Ordinance: Idling would be restricted to reduce emissions – with exceptions related to safety issues. This ordinance passed 2 weeks ago Tuesday. The vote was unanimous – which means the ordinance takes immediate affect.

### **Proposed Diesel Emissions Ordinance**

Diesel Emission Reduction Ordinance: Chapter 12 “Health and Sanitation” to ensure cleanliness of the City of Detroit’s diesel vehicles. This ordinance is currently pending – it was drafted by the Eastern Michigan Environmental Action Council. They propose that all city diesel vehicles should be fitted with filters that will reduce diesel emissions and that state funding could be applied and the city should lead by example. Filters will be available for all diesel engine types and would reduce emissions by 50-90%. Year 2007 vehicles and up should have these filters, they are asking that vehicles 2007 and below get retrofitted with the filters as well.

This pending ordinance will be discussed at the Public Health and Safety Standing Committee of the City Council meeting, Monday, March 29, 2010, @ 11:30am.

Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) is a part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and provides funding for voluntary diesel emission reduction activities.

### **Discussion of East Lansing Green Building Policy**

Should this be a policy that Detroit adopts as well? This policy was adopted by East Lansing in April 2009, Novi has a similar ordinance. The City of Detroit is not currently creating a lot of new buildings, but in the future there may be a new Police Head Quarters built. This item can be brought back as a line item for next week’s meeting, once it has been reviewed by all.

The policy requires that:

- New municipal construction over 5,000 square feet attain LEED-NC (New Construction) certification at a minimum “Silver” level
- Renovations to municipal facilities or municipal construction projects incorporate LEED building and/or low impact design practices to the greatest extent practicable
- New private development in the City which receives municipal incentives up to 15% of the total project cost attain at least LEED certification at the “Certified” level
- New private development in the City which receives municipal incentives over 15% of the total project cost attain LEED certification at the following minimum level:
  - Projects with one building shall attain LEED - NC or ICC - 700 “Silver” certification
  - Projects with multiple buildings, attain either:
    - LEED-ND “Silver” certification and obtain at least 1 point in GIB Credit 1 under the LEED-ND rating system -or-;
    - LEED-NC or ICC -700 “Silver” certification for each individual building in the project
- New private building renovations in the City which receives municipal incentives attain certification at the LEED “Certified” level
- The city shall encourage all new private development in the City to incorporate LEED, or similar green building practices, and low impact design elements to the maximum extent practicable

#### **Non Motorized Plan Update** – Speaker for Prasad Nannapaneni, DPW

Plan calls for 295 miles of bike lanes. They now have maps that show what is coming up in the next few years. Some construction is expected this year, more in 2011. WSU has instituted a program that goes out to Detroit Schools and teaches children how to cross the streets safely so that the bike lanes can be used properly when completed.

#### **Deconstruction Update** – Speaker for Roland Watkins, Young Detroit Builders

It was determined that the cost structure was higher than the department wanted. They are not willing to go forward at this time due to this issue.

#### **Presentation on Neighborhood Revitalization Strategic Framework** – Anita Lane, Community Development Advocates

The Community Development Advocates of Detroit (CDAD) Futures Task Force was formed out of a conviction that Detroit requires a bold new vision for its neighborhoods – one that acknowledges that we will not reverse the loss of population for the foreseeable future, and that current conditions in Detroit’s neighborhoods are socially, economically and environmentally no longer sustainable. Detroit must truly reinvent itself- from the core downtown to the city limits.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Strategic Framework consists of:

- A community development perspective through a broad-based, multi-sector consensus process

- Neighborhood classifications, future directions and matching strategies
  - Traditional residential sectors
  - Spacious residential transition zones
  - Urban homestead sectors
  - Naturescapes
  - Green venture zones
  - Green thoroughfares
  - Industry zones
  - Village hubs
  - Shopping hubs
  - City hubs
  - Downtown
- Reforming the community development industry
- The triple bottom line, preserving and sustaining Detroit
- The right direction for Detroit: a beginning framework
- Facilitating the change process by working with people and creating a citywide vision
- A new Detroit: spacious, gracious, green and industrious

The Mayor has this information, but has not met on the issue yet. For additional detail, see "CDAD FTF Strategic Framework" document.

### **Bicycle Racks on DDOT Buses**

The Department of Transportation (DDOT) hereby provides the following response to City Council's request dated January 28, 2010 from Council Member Kenneth V. Cockrel, Jr., chair of the Council's Budget, Finance & Audit Committee.

The bike rack grant was approved by the U.S.-DOT Federal Transit Administration (FYA) on 9/18/09 and by City Council on 10/6/09. MDOT provided the local match for the grant and the expiration of the MDOT grant agreement is 9/18/2012. It is anticipated that DDOT will have the racks installed on all buses within six months after contract award.

Completion timeline:

- RFP/IFB issued - estimate completion date 3/2010
- Contract Award – estimate completion date 5/2010
- Contract Complete – estimate completion date 12/31/2010

### **Announcements:**

SHAR (Self Help Addiction Rehabilitation) – Gary Wozniak

Recovery Park Project is in this month Crain's Detroit Business under Urban Development

The Greening of Detroit shared details of their upcoming event:

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2010 Spring Tree Sale

Date: Saturday, April 24, 2010

Time: 9:00am to 12:00 pm

Place: Detroit Eastern Market-Shed # 6

The next Green Task Force meeting is scheduled for April 22. It is also Earth Day so this date may change and all will be advised.