

Building Energy Improvement Board

Thursday, October 7th, 2021

2:00-3:30pm

Agenda

1. Roll call
 - a. ATTENDANCE: Christopher Bedell, Cheryl Lovell, Craig Aubuchon, Donate Wheeler, Jesse Arevalo, Linda Little, Teresa Lutz, Mary Ann Lazarus, Michelle Simmons
 - i. Absent
 1. NONE
 - ii. Non-BEIB members:
 1. Emily Andrews (USGBC-Missouri Gateway Chapter)
 2. Cara Spencer (Director of the Building Energy Exchange-St. Louis & City of St. Louis Alderperson)
 3. Rajiv Ravulapati (City of St. Louis, Building Division)
 4. Paul Englert & Terri Fritsche (Spire Energy)
 5. Barbara Birkicht (City of St. Louis, Law Department)
 6. Joan (member of the public)
 - iii. Quorum is reached
2. Approve meeting minutes & notes – September 16th, 2021
 - a. Chair put forth a motion to approve
 - i. Member Lazarus accepted, Member Arevalo seconded
 - ii. Unanimously approved
3. Introduction to Cara Spencer – Director of the Building Energy Exchange-St. Louis (BE-Ex)
 - a. Board members gave an introduction of who they are to Cara and their organizational affiliations
 - b. Cara will discuss current priorities and timeline for BE-Ex
 - i. Cara plans to put together the bones of an Advisory board by the end of October
 1. There will be spots for BE-Ex funders, but number of spots has not been determined
 2. Goals of this board will help with funding, relationship-building, outreach strategies, and
 - ii. The goal is to formally launch BE-Ex in January 2022. Planning to release a website and introductory resources.
 - iii. Priority to get building owners to buy-in
 - c. Cara is employed under the USGBC-MO Gateway Chapter
 - d. BE-Ex, for the time being, will operate in a virtual space. However, Cara and BE-Ex currently operates out of the USGBC-MO Gateway Chapter's office located in the Commerce Bank Center for Science Education
4. Board Q&A/discussion with Cara
 - a. There will be strong collaboration with the Building Energy Exchange in New York City and a similar building hub launching in Kansas City
 - b. BE-Ex was purposely designed to be a non-governmental, non-biased -entity to serve as a comprehensive resource hub for building owners in the St. Louis region
 - i. Looking to still identify funding for the concierge service/technical assistance

- ii. Technical assistance targeted on benchmarking, using ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, guiding building owners through the various compliance pathways. The concierge service will take time to set up given current priorities.
 - c. Cara mentioned that she would like to work closely with this board on how BE-Ex should function overall and particularly for building owners complying with the City's benchmarking and BEPS ordinances.
- 5. Update on hiring for the Office of Building Performance
 - a. Rajiv notified the board that the Building Division has hired 3 people for the positions of Government Services Analyst, Program Specialist II, and Secretary I
 - b. These new hires will be on-boarded by the end of October.
- 6. Miscellaneous items
 - a. Rajiv notified the board that the Building Division is planning to convene the BEIB alternates next week to keep them updated and get input on the technical subcommittee
 - b. Member Wheeler developed the ASHRAE II audit template for educational facilities
 - i. Rajiv and Tim will share follow up questions about audit info collection for Member Wheeler's input. Rajiv will also reach out to Energy Resources Group and some of the alternates.
- 7. Adjournment – Oct. 7th
 - a. Chair Lovell put forth a motion to adjourn
 - i. Member Little accepted; Member Lutz seconded
 - b. Unanimously approved