



Minutes

EPC WORKING MEETING – AWARDS CRITERIA

April 15, 2024
Virtual via Zoom
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Attendance

EPC Awards Subcommittee Members (4)	Status	Staff
Kishla Askins	PR	Melissa Atwood, T&ES
Philip Mobilia	PR	
Marta Schantz, Vice-Chair	PR	

P: Present; **PR:** Present Remotely; **A:** Absent - Unexcused; **E:** Absent – Excused; **N:** Not a Member

Meeting focus is to review the draft excel worksheet of program details and tiers developed after discussion of Subcommittee in March.

Discuss Points and Decisions:

Ms. Kishla Askins received materials from the Green Building Recognition Program, including their SmartForm for applications and the program package submitted to City Council. The goal is to see how Eco-City Homes Recognition Program can follow the same design/format as the Green Building Recognition Program.

- Next steps: meet with the Office of Climate Action Sustainability Coordinator and Climate Action Officer to discuss program challenges and successes to avoid them on the front end of implementation for Eco-City Homes program.

Discussed idea of putting together a scenario for an individual home, multifamily home, and renter to show what it would look like for each to apply for this recognition.

Discussed how Green Business Recognition Program assigns actions versus points. Consider using assigned points on the excel worksheet and translate them into bronze, silver, and gold tiers. Determine how many actions in each tier are needed to achieve the different tiers of recognition.

Energy Star portfolio manager – sign up and track homes usage.

Request all EPC members become the “test pilots” for this program to see where they end with the recognition, including challenges and suggestions.

Other discussion points:

- Renovations of historic buildings.
- Linking resources to the program information.
- Communications around launching the program; and whether it will be EPC’s task to set up or if Climate Action will coordinate this.
- What recognition would look like: window stickers, yard signs, request Council do quarterly recognition to residents.
- Where would Condos fall in this recognition? Seems to fit best as a single-family home.
- Does the EPC want to recommend a small set of “prerequisites” that everyone needs to do? Possibly make prerequisites become the bronze tier.
- Should certifications be for a lifetime? For a given number of years before they need to reapply (as things change)?
- Consider a start-up recognition (e.g., like a plank owner), where they are recognized for being part of those that were the first to get this certification. Encourage first users/implementers to get program off the ground at startup/launch.

EPC’s Next steps:

- Mr. Philip Mobilia will translate the points into tiers and consider whether we can have bronze tier be “prerequisites.”
- Ms. Kishla Askins will meet with the City’s Climate Action Officer and Sustainability Coordinator to discuss how the Green Business Recognition Program is going and initiate discussion about handoff of program.
- Ms. Marta Schantz will give an update to the EPC at the EPC’s regular meeting tonight, Monday, April 15, 2024.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00p.m. Next working meeting is Monday, May 13, 2024 at 4:00pm.