

SUFC Steering Committee Call

Thursday, August 5, 2010

Present: Jim Skiera, Don Winsett, Alice Ewen, Keith Cline, Julia Anastasio, Steve Sinclair, Jen Hinrichs

Decisions:

- Steering Committee approved amendment of SUFC Principles to clarify voting procedures to exclude abstaining members from said tally counts re: SUFC positions.
 - *Only those positions supported by at least three-quarters of recognized non-abstaining members will be publicly endorsed by the SUFC (including use of SUFC logo.)*
- Principles should be further modified to include an internal definition of GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE once a definition has been approved by the larger SUFC.
- Steering Committee approved the development of a fundraising plan to raise funds outside of the FS grant to expand policy-related capacity of the SUFC.
- Partners in Urban Forestry, Philadelphia, Nov. 9-11, 2010: Steering Committee felt this was a good opportunity to provide information about what the SUFC is about and it doing in a broad sense. Conf. attendees will be interested to know SUFC is working on UF issues at a national level and advancing an agenda that “will lift all boats.”

Action Items:

- Jennifer will continue to compile working definitions of green infrastructure and float variations by Steering Committee for input and shaping prior. Steering Committee members will present a definition to the larger SUFC membership for approval.
- Don Winsett and Jennifer will craft a proposed fundraising plan for review by the Steering Committee by September. (All communications with potential funders will clearly state what X funder should expect from SUFC for contributed dollars.)
- Jim Skiera will connect with Dan Lambe to explore what options, if any, are available for SUFC to address the issues listed above as a 5-minute introduction during the gen'l session. Jim will attend and is available to represent SUFC.
- Steve Sinclair will touch base with Steve Scott re: the upcoming NASF conference to see if similar information about the SUFC can be shared with their conf. attendees.