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May 7, 2014 EEAC Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Attendees: Christina Halfpenny (DOER), Matt Saunders (AG), Christina Dietrich (ENE), Elliot Jacobson (LEAN), Eric Winkler (ISONE), Paul Johnson (Greentek), John Howat (NCLC), Emmett Lyne (PAs), Shaela Collins (PAs), Lynn Westerlind (NGrid), Lisa Shea (NU), Eric Belliveau (Consult), Ian Finlayson (DOER), Steven Venezia (DOER), Lyn Huckabee (DOER), Alex Pollard (DOER), Lawrence Masland (DOER)

Agenda:

- Implementation update
- Database resolution

Meeting began at approximately 2:05pm

IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE MEMO

- (Belliveau) The consultants produced the deeper dive information and are in agreement that more information is needed than currently exists. They are clear that this is not the position of the council – it's the consultants' position and they recommend that the Council take an official position on it. A version was sent out on May 6 and they are looking for comment based on that draft.
- (Halfpenny) Asked if the PAs were OK with the consultant's recommendations.
- (Lyne) The PAs are not OK with the recommendation because they don't believe that this information rises to the level of Council action although they are fully committed to the deeper dive categories identified. The PAs also disagree with the consultant's characterization of what data is required to present the deeper dives. They believe that the information requested is inconsistent with the information needs already discussed.
- (Jacobson) Concerned with the deeper dive identified for multifamily buildings because it seems like the scheduled timing is before the MF studies scheduled for the summer are released.
- (Belliveau) Clarified that EM&V is an entirely different discussion but that both EM&V and the deeper dive should probably be discussed concurrently.
- (Belliveau) In light of the need to focus on one topic at a time, the consultants have a lot more data on residential lighting so it would make more sense to do that topic in June and wait until August to discuss MF housing so they can do the deeper dive and EM&V review at the same time.
- PAs agreed with this schedule change
- (Johnson) Questioned why the PAs didn't support point #5 in the implementation update memo

- (Belliveau) Answered that there is a question about what data is needed and what data is “difficult” to obtain.
- (Lyne) Added that the devil is in the details of the request. There is a significant question of what data is needed and/or available.
- (Johnson) Concerned that PAs took issue with the fact that the consultants used too much narrative. He would like to see more narrative that explains the story behind the numbers.
- (Lyne) Assures Johnson that the PAs are not discounting the value of narrative.
- (Halfpenny) Eric and Emmett need to get together and work on the language and get back to the Council within 24 hours. Deeper dives should be a part of the resolution to follow through on the findings in the IU .
- (Dietrich) Would like to see Eric and Emmett work out the language also but would like it to go to the council as a resolution.
- (Halfpenny) Is OK with it going to the Council without going back to the executive committee.
- (Saunders) Disagrees with the idea of using a resolution to decide. It kills the culture of collaboration established in this process. Right now, without the discussion between Emmett and Eric, we don’t know what the gap looks like between the data asked for and the data available. This resolution is not going to get them more data.
- (Halfpenny) Asked for clarification about why the deeper dive topics were chosen.
- (Belliveau) Clarified that they chose multifamily because it was untouched, residential lighting because it’s a big/important issue, C&I Retrofit because of the shortage of goals.
- (Jacobson) Is sympathetic to Saunders’ opinion because he also doesn’t believe that the document will make the process of getting data any easier. He feels that the PA comment language better reflects the reality of the situation.
- (Belliveau) Would like to see Council consensus because, without it, individual Councilors get singled out.
- (Saunders) Would like to ensure that, if consultants are getting pushback from the PAs, that the Council specifically knows why.
- (Halfpenny) Agrees that council action maybe appropriate versus the resolution.

DATABASE

- (Halfpenny) Asked for comments on the vision statement from Councilors. She got 3 sets of comments. There was concern with mission creep, privacy, and she got affirmations of support with specific data requests. The PA documents were materially different than the what is reflected in the original vision statement.

(There was question about whether the vision statement should be included in the database resolution. EC members generally agreed that it should be left out after decided to rework the data vault language because they did not want to risk not presenting the debated questions,

including who pays for and hosts the database, for ruling to the DPU. They also agreed to put vision statement language up for a separate vote at the Council.)

(Word smithing about the database resolution commenced)

- (Halfpenny) Using the tenants agreed upon in the discussion, Belliveau should rework the language and send it to her so she can send it to the Council by the end of day on Thursday.

(A brief discussion on the schedule commenced and the EC agreed that the annual report and residential overview would be done in June –along with lighting, and then Multifamily in August. July dates need to be confirmed the full council)