

Sustainable Community Design Leaders Call

27 FEBRUARY 2023

2 - 3pm ET / 11am - 12pm PT

Attendees

Steven Baumgartner (Urban Systems Strategies), Jennifer Cutbill (Lateral Agency), Elaine Limmer (Sasaki), Sandy Mendler (Gensler), Sheba Ross (HKS), Brian Sands (HKS), Yogesh Saoji (DLR Group), Tim Smith (SERA), Merrill St. Leger (SmithGroup), Christine Thomson (MIG), Nicole Voss (Isgenuity)

(NOTE: Highlight those on call)

Emailed apologies for not attending: Nicole Voss

NEXT CALL: Monday, March 20th 2pm ET/11am PT

Agenda

Goal: Looking ahead (network, framework)

1. Welcome, Intros, Settling In
 - a. Something you're looking ahead to
2. Next year
 - a. Strategic planning
 - b. This group
3. Framework/protocol
 - a. Review progress since last meeting
 - b. Working session on table of contents

Announcements

- 1.

Action Items

- 1.

Current Notes

1. Welcome, Intros, Settling In
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 - i. Very interested in self-facilitating a monthly call
 1. Would need stronger commitment from group to show up and also bring guests
 2. Need to start seeing something, doing something, participate, etc.
 - a. More than conversation, need deliverables
 - b. For us to get something out of it, also to keep membership and interest
 3. If self-facilitated, would there still be membership restrictions?
 - a. People who can't afford fee, not eligible for BuildingGreen, might still be interested
 - ii. Other networks - don't want to talk about buildings, in this group because of that. Don't want to go to Greenbuild, talk LEED, etc.
 - iii. Find value in this group, only place to talk to people thinking about infrastructure and problems that exist outside of buildings
 - iv. If this went away, would still call people and start meeting on our own, then expand it from there
 - v. What is the value BG would bring if not facilitation?
 1. Cross-network conversations and resources are not super valuable as of now
 - vi. Consider chairs to lead direction more explicitly, own the agenda, etc.
Maybe 2
 1. Whoever has been here the longest
 2. Ask people what they think
 - vii. The world has changed a lot in three years, lots of places with shared safe space
 1. Reminders about the space, remember where you are
 2. This particular topic is so interdisciplinary, really need to have people from multiple perspectives or areas of work
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Pre-Call Notes

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Information for Reference

Peer Networks

<https://www.buildinggreen.com/peer-networks>

Core Purpose of this Network

The Core Purpose of this network is:

- a. **To:** *share sustainable and resilient community development inspiration, best practices, and lessons learned as we define and promote social sustainability.*
- b. **In a way that:** *is collaborative, inclusive, authentic, and transparent, breaking down barriers and engaging the ecosystem of complementary expertise and community-based stakeholders.*
- c. **So that:** *we leverage the power of design at the regional, urban, community, and campus scales to lead transformative social change and create equitable, sustainable, and resilient communities.*

Previous Meetings

[January 18, 2022](#)

[February 22, 2022](#)

[March 21, 2022](#)

[April 18, 2022](#)

[May 16, 2022](#)

[June 27, 2022](#)

[July 18, 2022](#)

[August 15, 2022](#)

[September 19, 2022](#)

[October 17, 2022](#)

[November 21, 2022](#)

[December 19, 2022](#)