



**Summary
GreenPrint Committee**

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 11:00 am Location: Council Conference Room 391

Committee Members Present: Nevitt, Chair; Lehmann

Committee Members Absent: Linkhart, Vice-Chair; Brown

Agenda: 1. Update Governor's Energy Office

1. Governor's Energy Office (GEO) – Recovery Act Funds & State-City Partnerships:

Summary of Discussion

Angie Fyfe, Local Programs Manager, Governor's Energy Office, reviewed the activities of the Governor's Energy Office, particularly State-City partnerships to expend Colorado's share of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. The following points were made in the discussion:

- GEO's major program areas include: greening state government, residential and commercial energy-saving initiatives, weatherization, working with utilities, bioenergy, and the Colorado Carbon Fund.
- The greening state government initiative has ambitious goals: between 2005 and 2012, the state plans to reduce consumption of energy and paper by 20% each, water by 10%, petroleum by 25%, and waste by 75%.
- The state is receiving significant increases in energy-related funding totalling: \$49 million in the State Energy Program, \$43 million for the new energy block grant, and \$80 million in weatherization support. In addition, the state is poised to submit applications for additional competitive grants.
- Governor Ritter has established the Economic Oversight Recovery Board-an oversight commission to ensure transparency and accountability; Andre Pettigrew of Denver's Office of Economic Development serves on the board which will track every dollar expended and analyze expenditures for impact; Colorado is one of 16 state selected for special federal oversight of its program.
- The State's objective is to use the \$140 million investment to link state economic development, job retention and creation, and energy savings, while spending funds within short federal deadlines and accounting for every dollar, planning well, and leaving a legacy of lasting partnerships and financing.

- The Colorado Capital is the first LEED-certified state capital in the nation; already six state buildings in Denver have been certified; the state is incorporating environmental criteria in its purchasing processes and localities can participate in the state procurement programs.
- The State must submit its application to the Department of Energy for the State Energy Program by May 12th, with approvals expected in July; There are requirements for half the funds to be obligated by September 2010 and all funds spent by April 2012.
- Additional state programs focus on access to capital (revolving loan fund, partnering with banks for debt financing); access to services (job training, provider database); and weatherization.
- GreenPrint Denver partners with the Governor's Energy Office for its technical expertise and as the entity working on the state policy framework needed to facilitate local efforts.