



**Recap: May 30, 2018 Meeting
Charlotte Green Team Meeting
Charlotte, NC**

LEED certification...so important to so many people and organizations; some have it; others want it. That's what the last meeting of the Charlotte Green Team was all about: *"What is Involved in Getting LEED Certification."*

This was a panel presentation, and what a great panel it was. The speakers came at the topic from a number of different perspectives. The Charlotte Convention Center is under-going renovations and an expansion, and they're going after their LEED certification in planning and construction work. Doug Tober, the Director of Engineering & Capital Projects for CRVA is heading all this up. He also called on three other experts to join him in a panel presentation for the Green Team.

Monifa Hendrickson-Woodside, the Project Manager in the City of Charlotte Engineering and Project Management Department is overseeing this expansion project for the City and noted that the City is pursuing LEED certification in all of its new construction projects. Stefanie Young, the Vice President for Technical Solutions with the US Green Building Council talked about all of the different green certifications and standards the Council pursues, including LEED. And Summer Michew, the Managing Partner of (eco)impact Consulting talked about their specific expertise in LEED certification and how they have helped many projects during their design, construction and operating phases to get and keep their LEED certification. As she noted, LEED certification never really stops; it's an on-going approach to doing business.

The four different perspectives were very valuable and insightful. There was a lot of great dialog, and questions and answers with those in attendance. This is always a part of our Green Team meetings.

Steve Bagwell, the COO of CRVA and our "chair" of the Green Team also gave a quick update on an internet/email survey the Green Team and CRVA are conducting about the Green Team within a large regional audience. Some of the early findings he presented are that many people are not aware or knowledgeable about the Green Team (its purpose and mission), nor some of the topics and presentations that have been made in the last year or two. Respondents did say that quarterly meetings and late afternoon meetings were the best time and frequency.

Our third quarter meeting will be in September, so keep on the lookout for a "Save the Date" announcement.

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