

Community Engagement Memo

This memo summarizes community engagement and outreach touchpoints Utilities has accomplished to date supporting Building Performance Standards (BPS) policy recommendation development.

Introduction:

A significant number of Community Contributors helped define the recommendations that staff bring around BPS, beginning with an internal Task Force of City and Platte River Power Authority staff. In March 2023, staff convened an external Task Force of individuals who are part of industries that would be significantly impacted by a potential BPS policy. That Task Force worked together for most of 2023 to provide high level policy recommendations. The Task Force was supported by a Technical Committee which is continuing to meet as of April 2024. The Technical Committee is comprised of a consultant who has experience doing this work in other jurisdictions and another body of volunteer experts; these with deep expertise in building science who can balance the raw data with boots on the ground experience in local buildings, allowing for a more holistic approach to data review.

Equity engagement began in the spring of 2023 when community-based organizations shared insights and recommendations. Staff have additionally benefitted from the partnership of local subsidized affordable housing providers, who have had their own insights to share, and another body of volunteer experts, the Climate Equity Committee, who was tasked with reviewing the proposed policy both during development and throughout potential implementation and can raise a red flag and provide recommendations if negative repercussions are seen. Additional work is planned for 2024 to help identify under resourced commercial buildings and their barriers to efficiency.

The policy development process also benefited significantly from the expertise of other jurisdictions including those here in Colorado and beyond, who have been able to share lessons learned and best practices. Nonprofit and federal groups including the Institute for Market Transformation, U.S. Department of Energy, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have been invaluable sources of support and resources.

Community voices have contributed to policy recommendations as well, including business groups, environmental groups, and local boards.

Internal Task Force:

Clay Frickey; Cyril Vidergar; John Phelan (retired); Claudia Menendez; Brian Tholl; Adelle McDaniel; David Suckling; Sue Beck-Ferkiss; Meaghan Overton; Brad Smith; Stu Reeve; David Pritchett; Ashley Kailburn; Stephanie Crecca; Kellie Gorman; Honora Thompson; Max Duggan; Pete Iengo; Heather Young; Madelene Shehan; Alaina Hawley (Platte River Power Authority)

Task Force (Industry Experts):

- Affordable housing: Steve Kuehneman (CARE Housing)

- Multi-family housing: Jean Robbins (Ram's Village)
- Small business & building owner: Kim Mary (Vintage Marketplace)
- Service provider/contractor: Michelle McLaughlin (Mac Electric)
- Commercial real estate: Tom Hall (Waypoint Real Estate, on behalf of Joshua Guernsey) & Huston Hoffman (RPT Realty)
- Sustainable Living Association: Kellie Falbo
- Downtown Development Authority: Derek Getto
- North Fort Collins Business Association: Michael Bello
- Commercial building inspection: Gary Higgins (National Inspection Services)
- City (David Suckling, Energy Services; Stu Reeve, Energy Manager)

Technical Committee:

- Steven Winters Associates (consultant)
- Platte River Power Authority: Alex Pray
- City: David Suckling, Energy Services; Brad Smith, Energy Code; Damien Wilson, Building Inspector; Pete Iengo, Community Engagement
- EMU Passive: Mariana Pickering
- Farnsworth: Julie Sass, Corey Chinn
- CSU School of Construction Management: Svetlana Olbina, Rodolfo Valdes Vasquez
- CSU Energy Management: Stacey Baumgarn, Carol Dollard
- Institute for the Built Environment: Josie Plaut
- Saunders Heath: Maral Jalili
- Adolfson and Peterson Construction: Adam Sass
- National Inspection: Gary Higgins
- Integrated Mechanical: Thomas Segelhorst
- Architecture West: Steven Steinbicker

Climate Equity Committee:

Comprised of members of the community working to develop recommendations for City staff to guide OCF implementation (more information available at fcgov.com/climateaction/cec).

Community-Based Organizations:

Met with representatives from La Familia, Fuerza Latina, Alianza NORCO, Colorado Poverty Law Project, BIPOC Alliance, Neighbor to Neighbor, Care Housing, Housing Catalyst

Environmental Groups:

- 350
- Northern Colorado Renewable Energy Society (NCRES)
- Climate Reality Project
- Fort Collins Sustainability Group
- Citizens' Climate Lobby

Business Groups:

- Downtown Development Authority
- Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce – Local Legislative Affairs Committee (LLAC)
- Northern Colorado Commercial Association of Realtors (NCCAR)
- Northern Colorado Rental Housing Association (NoCoRHA)
- Fort Collins Utilities Commercial Accounts Meeting
- CBRE

Federal and Non-Profits:

- Guidehouse
- Cadmus
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U. S. Department of Energy
- Institute for Market Transformation
- Local affordable housing groups (monthly meeting)

City Boards:

- Energy Board
- Air Quality Advisory Board
- Economic Advisory Board
- Natural Resources Advisory Board

Local Jurisdictions:

- Denver
- Aspen
- Boulder

- Colorado Energy Office