



AIA Houston

Committee on the Environment

Meeting Notes

Date: January 23, 2006, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Location: AIA Houston Offices, 3000 Richmond, Suite 500

Attendees: Tom Hunter, Co-Chair
Terry Hebert
Amanda Tullos
Pat Norris
Mark Robinson
Mandy Loughman, Staff Liaison

Greg Roberts, Co-Chair
Lillian Hon
Bruce Heiberg
Brian Malarkey

The committee discussed and took action on the following topics.

1. Gulf Coast Green 2006
Discussion: Brian M. reported on the symposium planning, committee responsibilities, and preliminary events schedule.
Action: Chair to head student activities is needed. Next GCG Committee Meeting February 3, location and time to be announced.
2. Green Tool Box
Discussion: Amanda T. reported on past session, Porous Concrete by Vance Pool and called for topic and speaker suggestions. Proposed topics included Bayou Preservation by Kevin Slaney, SWA Group.

Sessions are normally scheduled on Tuesday or Thursday near end of month. Jill Hambrick, Continuing Education Staff Liaison will coordinate scheduling and post on website. Three week advance notice required for posting session announcement.
Action: Need to select subjects and speakers for coming months.
3. Mayor's Challenge
Discussion: Brian M. reported on presentation to Greater Houston Partnership, Quality of Life Action Committee held 17 January 2006. AIA COTE and USGBC members Rich Haut, Filo Castore, Brian Malarkey, Tim Murray and Kathleen English presented the case for green building implementation in Houston. A Built Environment Subcommittee was established, Tim Murray to Chair; next meeting 15 February 2006, 4:00 - 5:00.
4. Media and Public Outreach
Discussion: Need for tools to us in community outreach activities were discussed. Most useful tools are posters and PowerPoints.
Action: Brian M. to provide some PowerPoint examples; Tom H. and Mandy L. to work on assembling PowerPoint.
5. PVC Forum
Discussion: Amanda T. reported on the difficulties encountered on setting up and coordinating format and panelists for the forum.

Action: Amanda T. to continue with forum development.

6. Brigid's Place

Discussion: Amanda T. reported on her discussions and the issues involved in assisting in the construction of low-income salvage material homes in Houston for Bridgid's Place, a non-profit womens' support center.

Action: The Committee determined, due to the limited resources and demands of current activities and more particularly GCG, the Committee would not undertake this activity.

7. Greening the Sandcastle Competition

Discussion: Steve Stelzer has been leading this initiative.

Action: Greg R. to follow up with Steve on activity planning and progress.

8. Collaboration

Discussion: The Committee will collaborate with other local organizations on common events and activities.

Action: Brian M. will liaison with the Greater Houston Area Chapter of USGBC.

9. COTE Questionnaire

Discussion: Committee to develop and implement a survey of the membership to determine desired focus and activities.

Action: Follow up with Filo C. on draft of previous questionnaire.

10. Other Activities:

10.1 Blackwood Educational Land Institute: Shawn McFarland is organizing a tour of the Blackwood Educational Land Institute near Hempstead for April 22. Amanda to investigate possible conflict with the MS 150 bike race.

10.2 Movie Night: As an alternative to the Green Tool Box further planning will be implemented to develop a green film series.

10.3 Extreme Makeover: Tom H. is working with the shows producers on the rehabilitation (100 hr. duration) of a Hurricane Rita damaged community-building in east Texas. Committee involvement undetermined at this point.

11. Co-Chair Organization:

Discussion: Greg R. reported on meeting Tom H. and he had 20 January 2006 to plan and organize co-chair responsibilities. The committee's budget as developed by the Chapter Board was reviewed; 2006 COTE Budget \$55,000.

Co-Chair responsibilities were assigned as follows:

Tom Hunter: Chair Meetings, Meeting Notices, Member Roster Upkeep, Meeting Lunch & Venue Coordination

Greg Roberts: Meeting Minutes, Meeting Agenda

Mandy Loughman: Web Page Upkeep

12. Next Meeting: 12 noon, Monday, February 20, 2006 in Chapter Office.