



AIA Houston

Committee on the Environment

Meeting Notes

Date: February 19, 2007, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Location: AIA Houston Offices, 315 Capitol, Bayou Place II

Attendees: Tom Hunter, Co-Chair
Kristopher McGraw
Amanda Thomas
Bob Liu
Greg Roberts, Co-Chair
Kenny Ripkowski
John Beilne

The committee discussed and took action on the following topics.

1. Meeting Notes of 1/17/2007 were distributed and reviewed without comment.
2. Green Tool Box:
 - a. March 15, 2007: Construction Waste Management. Speakers: Brian Yeoman and Greg Roberts.
 - b. Other program topics to be developed: Water shed management and low-impact development.
3. Gulf Coast Green 2008:
 - a. Weekly planning session conference calls held each Wednesday at 9:00 am.
 - b. Attendees were encouraged to participate and chair subcommittees for the event.
 - c. Decision on venue and date is pending.
4. Media and Public Outreach
 - a. Architecture/Interiors Product Sample Recycling was successful. See attached recap for details.
 - b. A&E agreed to provide in-office pick up of recycled materials from their customers by their drivers for the next scheduled collection. The next collections will be planned for spring and fall dates.
 - c. Kenny will collaborate with Mandy on updating the COTE website.
5. 2007 AIA Convention – San Antonio
 - a. Convention is May 3-5, 2007 at the San Antonio Convention Center. This year's theme is "Growing Beyond Green".
6. Institute COTE
 - a. Web Cast at ArCH, Feb. 20: "The Global Imperative" <http://www.2010imperative.org/>
7. COTE Membership
 - a. Kris McGraw, chair of the Interns and Associates Committee to encourage interns and young architects to join COTE and participate in planning of GCG08.
8. Next Meeting: 12 noon, Monday, March 19, 2007 at Houston AIA Chapter Office, 315 Capitol downtown in Bayou Place II.

Corrections:

Any attendee who wishes to provide additional information or corrections to this record shall provide written comments to Greg Roberts, AIA at groberts@whrarchitects.com within one week of receipt of this record.

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Architectural / Interiors Product Sample Recycling

On January 16th and 23rd of this year the AIA Houston COTE and Houston IIDA held a product sample recycling collection. Samples were dropped off at the Houston AIA office and at McCoy Workplace Solutions by twelve architectural firms and four product vendors.

The efforts of these firms resulted in diverting from landfills approximately **200 Cubic Feet** and **2,000 Pounds** of product samples, providing free art materials for local public school students in the Houston area while helping the environment.

These materials were picked up and distributed by Region 4 Education Services Center to art directors from various public school districts in our area.

We wish to thank the AIA and McCoy for the use of their facilities as collection points, Anchor Box Company for their donation of collection boxes, Region 4 for their assistance with the distribution of materials, and our local firms and vendors for braving bad weather to drop off their samples.

Our next recycling event will be in April and collections will run for the entire week of April 17-20. Start saving those samples.

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