

AGENDA

Resiliency + Climate Response Advocacy Committee Business

Lauren Stanley + Caroline Dunn, meets 3rd Thursday of the month, 10:30 am

TRACKING ISSUES

- Short report topics:
 - AIA Resilience Design Toolkit summary (Lauren lead; members familiarize in advance)
 - group discussion: *Which parts of the toolkit do we practice? How to integrate frameworks for resilience into our practice?*

PRIORITY ITEMS

- Bird Friendly Design
 - Collaboration with Travis Audubon:
 - Sign Bird Friendly Design Ordinance petition [here](#)
 - Dark Sky Week Proclamation, CM Duchen's office:
 - We sent the following blurb to Audubon detailing why AIA is in support of Dark Sky: [The AIA Austin Resiliency Advocacy Committee supports dark sky initiatives in Austin to reduce light pollution, protect ecological systems, and preserve access to natural night skies as a shared cultural and environmental resource. These efforts also align with AIA priorities around energy efficiency, human health, and responsible design that minimizes unnecessary artificial lighting in the built environment.](#)
 - Bird Friendly Design Ordinance - long term, waiting for movement from staff
- **AEGB Input Cycle opens May 01-June 01** [link here](#)
 - Need to put together a short-term working group for this
- Specific & current Water related items to support
 - Request guidance on steps to take from Watershed (Matt Hollon)
 - Detailed Flood Depth Information
 - Unstable Slope Requirements
 - Greenfield Standard for Drainage for Redevelopment Projects

ROUND TABLES

- 04/27 - Water RT #1
 - (working title) *Water Resilience: Models and Lessons - UT Water Hub & Austin programs*
 - Speakers: Jim Walker, Daryl Slusher, Sharlene Leurig

CROSS-ADVOCACY COLLABORATION

- Housing
 - Promote ACU to integrate small scale distributed retail/commercial
 - “Ten-minute Walkability”
 - Green Social Housing resolution being considered (CM Siegel)
- Mobility
 - Barton Springs Rd. Bridge resolution
 - Street shade (trees) at I-35 cap and stitch and corridors

ONGOING

- Identify Water Forward / One Water items to support
 - Water Forward cycle begins end of 2027, aligns with state water plan cycle
 - Dual plumbing, purple pipe
 - Incentivize GSI: swales and berms for infiltration
 - Propose funding mechanisms for affordable projects
 - Model on passive house affordable incentive program in 2025
 - San Marcos best practices: low cost natural infrastructure, solidified into procurement policy
- Mini conference: Water + AEC
 - Push needle on issue education, prioritization, and action
 - How to use the allocated AIA budget - bring in speakers etc.
 - Target: Fall/Winter
 - Task group: Caroline, Lauren, others
- Tracking items:
 - Green Infrastructure in ROW - draft support letter (Lauren)
 - Resilience stations / programming
 - Outreach to projects with resilience program element
 - Foundation Communities, maybe others
 - Look for opportunities to collaborate on resilience station points
 - ARN partnership and collab (Natalie Lyell)
- Continuing interests
 - Cool pavement (San Antonio program)
 - Independent power centers (district or small scale) & microgrids
 - Conservation as a resilience measure (energy)
 - Moratorium on New Construction (Caroline)
 - Deconstruction ordinance, with Resource Recovery
 - Explore what’s happening in San Antonio, establish connections and a cross-exchange platform to learn about programs and strategies
 - Low carbon materials
 - Standard tree details
 - Consult City Arborist on best approach since there are pending updates following the recent green infrastructure report / roadmap
 - Ask Naomi Retromel about how these details are faring out in the world

- Glass reflectivity (downtown overlay)
 - needs to be overlaid with BFD
- Low impact foundations
- Resilient by Design competition
- WUI recovery/design guide
- Design Austin input + collab