

AGENDA

Resiliency + Climate Response Advocacy Committee Business

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

Attendees:

TRACKING ISSUES

- DEC (Design Excellence Conference)
 - Sessions scheduled (6, between all members) - coordinating continues pre-conf.
 - Lauren, Caroline, Oren, Jason - organizers and speakers - robust representation!
 - Notice of sessions to be posted and shared out; AIA has speaker templates to use
- Ideas for resilience integration for new Design Center
 - Mid year leadership retreat focused a lot on the Design Center progress
 - This committee collab with COTE to follow up with AIA staff on input possibilities
 - Small-scale, distributed demos; integration with facility itself; programing
 - Take a particular focus - rally point, spoke & hub concept - solutions for diff scales and densities

PRIORITY ITEMS

- Tour of PDC on-site water systems on 07/29 (collab with COTE) was well attended
 - Robert Stefani - Austin Water - much information
 - Explore potential follow up items
 - SF threshold for onsite water use mandates from 250K to 100K? Who are key stakeholders?
- Line up potential water-oriented events and tours for rest of 2026
 - Collaborate with COTE
 - Tour ideas: Hornsby Bend, UT, Apple HQ, Blue Hole Elementary, Headwaters of the Comal in New Braunfels, Central Library, River South, Austonian ...
 - Speaker events: ride coattails of Brad Lancaster's HCA summit keynote speaking visit in late Sept?

CROSS-ADVOCACY COLLABORATION

- General
 - Deconstruction survey from UT Digital Harvest Lab - [Survey on Building Material Reuse Practices and Industry Perspectives](#)
 - Is this still live?
 - There are many large items on the city plate right now
 - Travis (Mobility) has a laundry list
 - Is considering a Sept. Green Infrastructure Roundtable (mobility)

- ■ Austin Outside also tracking many of the same - Lauren sub committee Nature & Env
- Dogs Head Annex - controversial, moving quickly
 - Lauren requests Jason and/or Chris to give update on current activity
 - When timing is right, support engaging as active stakeholder in working groups
 - Oren recommended taking a particular focus like **flooding**
 - Idea: Apply our water focus to support a focus on development and flooding (this is fully in floodplain) and design opportunities like a central lake
 - Another idea for focus: **green infrastructure** - and not just at street ROW - again, the application of type, range, scale
 - Look at solutions for varying scales and densities
 - Eventually AIA can spearhead an organized effort once we can rally behind a set of aims
 - Keep in the realm of design/idea/charette
 - Seek out community participation
 - Facilitate key players like ASLA, COTE, APA, ULI, AEC, Watershed, environmental orgs, city, developer, etc.
- Add: (Mobility) - track E. 51st street bond-funded project design.. Andrew Clements is involved and has background.
 - Advocates for a road diet - current plan would move/take out established/heritage trees to make way for more ROW - avoid
 - Bike lanes are in plan, but if go to 2-way, could fit it all
 - AC advocates for a roundabout at Berkman
- Barton Springs Bridge
 - AIA letter supporting better design resolution - consult Ben Heimsath for this
- Streetscape & Green Infrastructure design standards (* tree shade)
 - Track GI, Great Streets & Urban Design Guidelines updates, I-35 frontage and cap/stitch
 - GIWG is a working group of TARP; Lauren on both

OTHER

- Housing Comm collab items?
 - Promote ACU to integrate small scale distributed retail/commercial
 - “Ten-minute Walkability”
- **Green space calc** - A new advocacy item we could explore and take up.

Oren: in the context of the all-powerful IC (impervious cover) indicator, maybe we break this down. Maybe we propose a different indicator type that encompasses open space or green space. Goal being to push beyond the debated IC percentage figures currently in code to another form of analysis oriented more towards space for allowable green growth.

Watershed has history with this (most recently, with Functional Green) and could set the context for possible framing or action on this.
- Sept. 9 event coming up to celebrate the **birthday/history of Mueller**, at Franklin BBQ event space on Anchor Ln - stay tuned
- Roots and Wings (Kulpana) - small grants for resilience
 - Streetscape ROW? Or private side?
 - Limited funds could be used for creative interpretive signage
 - Bird friendly design - design integrated functions (not just BFD); lighting

[PAST/ONGOING]

- 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
- 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
- Tracking items:
 - Bird Friendly Design - WPD leads may have to go back to the table to revise Recs; Working Group will try to push clarifications
 - 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