

2009 AIA Austin Design Voice Steering Team

Meeting Minutes

16 February 2009; 12:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Hurt Partners

Attendees:

Eva Schone (DV Chair)
Steve Oliver (AIA President) - writer
Paige Hill
Greg Esparza

Emily Perchlik
John Schwoeble
Stuart Sampley

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

0. Pre-Meeting Discussion – Contacted John Cary with 1% Solution and requested 50 brochures for Thursday AM – CHDO Roundtable (Eva to pick up Wednesday night)

AIA Austin will be an official sponsor of a 1% Solution Resolution at AIA National Convention in May.

John Cary stated DV could sign up as a receiver of hours on the 1% website so as to potentially better facilitate some Pro-Bono projects.

1. Mission Discussion

Design Voice enables the greater design community to connect and collaborate with organizations and individuals interested and engaged in housing advocacy, development and community building.

Resource Action

2. Discussed for clarity of mission in relation to potential goals:
 - What do we mean when we say enables? Motivate, Mobilize, Facilitate
 - Who is the greater design community?
 - How are we connecting and collaborating?
 - Who are the organizations and individuals?
3. Short Range Goals of Design Voice (More?)
 - Get both givers and receivers of volunteer time to sign up with Design Voice and 1% Solution.
 - Reach out to key players in the affordable housing community who may or may not be already in touch with Design Voice.
 - Develop database of DV group members + teams, key players in Austin, projects, best practices
 - Develop a Vocabulary of Affordable Housing

Long Range Goals (More?):

- Become a Credible and effective Resource in Austin

4. Recap of individual DV member goals from first meeting (2/11/09)

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Quality; Access to Resources; Connecting & Working Together; Engagement with the Community, Advocacy; Fun; Able to Contribute in a Hands on; Apply ideas – Green, Emergency Housing; Getting Involved; Better the Spaces in between Buildings; Listening to the Community; Finding Balance in our City – Health, Schools, Planning.

5. Began to address the issues of:
 - knowing how to connect groups/people
 - determining what are the best connections to try to make first
 - visualizing all they dynamics of the pro bono enabling process
6. Discussed the difference between “Hard and Soft Functions” of DV
 - Hard = strong collaborations usually utilizing the 1% Solution
 - Soft = plugging people in where needed
7. Emily to develop tagging categories of types of opportunities for people to contribute in DV so that there is an easy checklist when people register, rather than the “essay” form.
8. Discussed the Liaison model for distributing the enabling capacity for DV when Non-profits or individuals approach DV for assistance. Create a body of Liaisons who rotate to assist new requests.

Next Steering Team Meeting: Monday, February 23rd | HURT PARTNERS ARCHITECTS | 12:00pm