

AIA Houston

URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes (please see accompanying slides for reference)

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Introductions

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Previous Year

- Previous year meetings and talks (for example Joey Sanchez's talk from Houston Exponential, and Tanya McWashinton's presentation on MetroNext) were very informative in terms of synthesizing information and learning about the multiple urban initiatives that are underway in Houston, including but not limited to:
 - Midtown Innovation District
 - Downtown (e.e. Bagby, City Hall)
 - MetroNext initiative
 - Houston 2020 Visions will frame some of this and beyond

Looking Forward

- This year continue to share what we know as case studies and speak about the issues and opportunities we see in Houston and in other cities
- Topics/Initiatives to keep on top of (in addition to the ones listed on slide 6)
 - FEMA Funding for flooding
 - Laws with satellite cities
 - METRONext Referendum
 - Port of Houston
 - Plug into AIA National Level Advocacy

Conversation Series (Scale and Impact)

- UD committee can offer smaller conversation series that occur more often throughout the year (similar to Rogers Partners' Reade Street Talks - slide 10).
 - Many exciting opportunities to
 - Partner with organizations while considering sponsorship (i.e. Kinder Institute)
 - Partner with multiple AIA committees i.e:
 - COTE
 - Historic Resources
 - YAF
 - Approach speakers from outside Houston who will be part of upcoming conferences in Houston

- 10x Water Summit
- APA Planning Conference
- Gulf Coast Green
- Others ?

Initial Conversation Event - mid March

- Approach Marissa Aho and Kim Nicholsan to give a talk/update in Mid-March prior to APA conference
- Update on Climate Action Plan and other exciting planning initiatives in Houston
- Committee will start looking into spaces of design offices (i.e Headquarters in East End)
- Committee will start approaching sponsors and get in touch with COTE to collaborate