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COTE Meeting Notes

March 3, 2020

4:00pm

COTE Committee Members:

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Meeting Notes

Sustainable Architecture Week (April 20th - April 24th)

- Film event on Monday, 4/20 from 4:00-7:00pm. The film we have decided on is *Time to Choose*. See the link below to watch the trailer:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qfnuS4c0wp4>
- 3 short films from the AIA Film Challenge will be presented as well. Food and beverage will be available.
- 4/21 Energy Storage Full-Day Program (8am - 3pm). Speakers include Maureen and Kai from Steven Winters, presenting health and wellness of the planet with energy futures and embodied carbon (possible panel discussion). We are hoping to have Lisa Cunningham to present Brookline, Mass's process of banning fossil fuel combustion in new construction and gut renovations. This is the first municipality on the East Coast to adopt such a measure. Holly is also reaching out to Bryan from Eversource to present on his energy storage project at Martha's Vineyard, and CT Green Bank to open the event. Breakfast and lunch will be included.

Sustainability Award 2020 (April 22nd)

- The award will be announced on Earth Day, April 22nd, during the Sustainable Architecture Week. We will hold a wine and cheese event at the Creative Arts Center.
- The Napkin Sketch component of this event includes participants sketching out their "dream" sustainable building or home and bringing it to the arts center. We will display them at the AIA office following the event. This event will not be members-only, as we will encourage the community to join us.
- Along with Trip Wyeth, AIA CT has decided that for sake of time we will not be circulating the write-up of the award to be revised by COTE. However, you will find the document attached to this email for you to look at. The design committee has taken Karl's notes into consideration and would be open to COTE's comments for 2021. If you have any pressing comments for this year's award please email Trip Wyeth (email listed on award doc). Thank you!

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- The Design Committee will be reaching out to COTE about any suggestions for Jury members for this award.

Passive House Collaboration (April 2nd)

- Registration is now open for the Passive House Collaboration: From Theory to Reality." It is two case studies, about 40-minutes each. Elizabeth DiSalvo from Trillium Architects will present a remodel of a historical building into a certified Passive House and Philippe will present a brand-new Passive House.

Passive House Tour in Old Lyme, CT (TBD - May)

- Ashley is going to coordinate a date for this tour with Philippe but it should be the first week of May. Stay tuned. Also, AIA has a disclaimer available for this event.
- Due to construction we should go later in the day, about 3:00pm. Plan to arrive no later than 3:30pm and we encourage carpooling.
- We will have to cap the attendees at 25 to offer the most efficient tour possible.

Materials Matter & Harvard HouseZero (May 28th)

- Melissa Kops along with Larry Jones and Adam Yarnell will present *Materials Matter* at this program. Aaron Dorf will also join them to present the *Harvard HouseZero Project*.
- Ashley is going to reach out to Microsol Resources to present their course on Sustainable Technology.
- We will need sponsors for this event and would like to include any additional speakers if COTE has anyone in mind.

COTE Leadership Summit (June 18th-19th)

- AIA CT and AIA Rhode Island are working on teaming up to bring some attendees to the Summit. Nick Koublanis of AIA RI will be in contact with Ashley and Gina in regards to collaboration. AIA CT has agreed to pay for 4 attendees to go to the Leadership Summit in Bar Harbour, Maine. So far, we have Paul, Randy and George. Please contact Ashley if you are interested in attending.
- Each chapter of the New England area will choose a topic to present community stories on at the event. Ashley will send out a poll for COTE members to rank the topics of their choosing.
- Randy has proposed Renewable Energy of the topics listed including Transportation & Mobility, Renewable Energy, Density & Land Use, Health, Safety and Welfare of Occupants, Affordable & Equitable Housing and Resiliency.
- Paul brought up a great idea: encourage other chapters to present their community stories here in CT. Gina and Ashley will bring this up in the call with AIA Maine about the summit.

Full Day Program Ideas (4th Quarter, Nov?)

- David brought forth a possible program topic: in East Rock, New Haven there are 100-year houses that have "great bones," but are missing insulation, windows, etc. These could be multi-family homes, but instead they are ignored and "energy hogs." We need to talk about this more

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- Randy suggested that we incorporate a talk on existing structures and electrification. Paul suggested we do a case study and analysis.
- Everyone agreed that it was a very interesting topic to build a program around.
- Holly added that in BPR we had groups discuss several case studies in Meriden and each group presented their take on the case study. People loved this concept and enjoyed the networking aspect. These were real examples of adaptive reuse projects.
- Philippe thought we could find someone similar to the architect who turned a factory in Hartford into a multi-use building. Maybe Craig Lapinski would be the guy to talk to or even Kathy Dorgan for multi-family structures.

Other

- Paul would like to include the Nature Conservancy project from Bridgeport in either Sustainable Architecture Week or CACX.

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 4:00pm.

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