

USGBC-GHAC
Board Meeting

December 19, 2007
Minutes

Attendees: Tim Murray, Kathleen English, Gayle Smith, Charles Browne, Steve Stelzer, Keith Reihl, Jim Broughton, Gordon Shepperd, Reid Middlebrooks, Lora-Marie Bernard, Mary Nurre, Jeff Chapman, Jody Henry, Mary Le Johnson, Paul Rhodes, Carrie Shoemake, Jim Brunson

Guest: Rich Haut, David Batts

Regrets: Rives Taylor, Jeff Arnim, Julie Hendricks, Brian Malarkey, Aaron Tuley

- 1. Next meeting date, January 12th, Board Retreat at Armand Bayou Nature Center,. 8AM to 5PM*
2. Meeting called to order by Tim Murray at 6PM. Tim welcomed the new Board members.
3. The Board meeting minutes from November 19th were approved. Steve will have the minutes added to the website.
4. Charles Browne advised that we have a cash position of \$101,000.
5. We had a brief presentation by our guest David Batts. David and others have formed a new organization named Houston Land/Water Sustainability Forum, a collaborative effort to inform and educate. David asked that USGBC support this new organization by presenting an Introduction to LEED for their April, 2008 forum. The motion to support was introduced, seconded and received a positive vote by the Board. Steve Stelzer will continue work with the group.
6. We also had a presentation by Rich Haut with an explanation of why we should reconsider supporting the website that HARC began under the direction of Brian Yeoman. Steve will find out what the minimum annual fee will be. We will address the idea again after we determine exactly what the annual cash required will be.
7. Executive Director Report: Lora Marie updated us on her work with Wine & Food week. She also told us about the request by Urban Harvest for our support. Urban Harvest has an organic food market Wednesday and Saturday. They need more traffic Wednesday evenings. We decided to have a March 5th network meeting at the Urban Harvest location on Eastside.

8. Lora-Marie arranged for Mike Fulton of Tri Coast Photography to take pictures of the 2008 board.
9. South Central Regional Council was discussed. Aaron Tuley is completing his 2 year term as our representative. We need one Board Member and one non-board member. Gordon Shepperd has volunteered to represent our Board.
10. Gulf Coast Green. During the public event, USGBC-GHAC will have a booth and we would like to focus that event on LEED for HOMES. Lora Marie will send out a volunteer sign up sheet.
11. Update of Space: Lora-Marie and Keith Reihl are in discussion with a real estate firm regarding the use of office space. They are working on the financial agreement. We will be able to use the offices for LEED workshops, Board meetings, as well as office space for Lora-Marie and one additional employee.
12. New Business: Carrie Shoemake said that the Mothers for Clean Air will have a fun run on earth day and we might be able to have a booth.
13. Jim Broughton: They are working on a February program with Horizon Wind Energy. We have our first Green Schools Symposium in conjunction with the Houston Galveston Area Council, January 17th.
14. Steve Stelzer discussed our website and the plan to further develop it so that we can more easily manage it ourselves and so that we can have an event registration and payment system, among other capabilities. The Board has decided that we need to do further research before deciding what to do. This is a very important step for us and we need to be sure we get it right.
15. Mary Nurre and Jim Brunson gave us the very exciting news that Jim had delivered the \$25,000 donation from Satterfield and Pontikes.
16. Jody still needs donations for the party that USGBC-GHAC is sponsoring at Gulf Coast Green.
17. Meeting concluded at 8:20 PM.

