

**Energy & Resilience Task Force 2019 Q1 Meeting
NOTES**

February 8, 2019

Action/Next Steps

- Share list of upcoming meetings which include proposed site visits to; Red Sox, ICA, and Boston Public Library
 - Collect feedback on board communication tools and who on the board should be targeted
 - Consider funding sources for guide production
 - Advance Beginner's Guide
 - Add "Market Forces" to outline/structure
 - Circulate a draft before May meeting
 - Determine the best way to be responsive to member needs/get feedback
 - Advance Resilience Planning Guide
 - Circulate the A Better City (ABC) guide planned for retrofit
 - Add "Equity and Inclusion" into outline/structure and research what this means to this group
 - Identify a good consultant to work with us on this
 - Identify existing groups already doing this work—please send ideas
 - Mitigation Guide
 - Produce an outline before May meeting
 - Collect relevant comps or examples
 - Consider collections assessment piece—share feedback
 - NEXT MEETING FOCUS: Beginner's Guide and Collections Care/Mitigation
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Survey Review

- Potential for very big impact to staff and audiences based on annual visitation numbers
- Lots of no/developing/underway efforts which means there is a lot of room for efforts
- Energy efficiency is a productive area
- Vulnerability of assets is a big area of concentration--need support and funding
- Resources and funding are generally a big issue
- Four of the five areas of concentration/priority have to do with resilience
- MOS can help support other's efforts around energy consumption, carbon reduction, etc.
- Want to encourage members to share information amongst themselves--existing projects as useful models
- A third of members filled out the survey and this is reflective of institutions who have the staff and know-how to actually fill the survey out--need to balance out the size of our various members and what they are able to do

Beginners Guide

- Boards, staff, donors as targets for use--PP guide that could be easily shared
 - Understanding the Science
 - Legal and Regulatory
 - Climate Adaptation/Resilience Basics

- Climate Mitigation
 - Developing and Implementing Institutional Strategy
 - Connecting with Peers
 - Connecting with Audiences
- GRC will begin to develop materials and share them back to the group--have a draft for May meeting
- General feedback is that members would find this useful--want to move forward
- Start to share with board members concerned with buildings & grounds; but the whole board is important--is the audit committee important for quantifying the cost?
- BSO would be focused on audit, risk, and compliance committee
- Finance committee and Collections Committee are also of importance
- #8: Market Forces - Insurance and other impact forces
- Question for group--go forth and sort out who on board should address/think through

Resilience Planning Guide

- A Better City has already developed a guide that can be adapted
- Very focused on individual buildings (not larger governance) so we would need to add this to our version
- ABC is leader of Commercial Real Estate group--sustainability focus
 - Made the guide as a response to constituents
- A how-to practical guide to assess vulnerabilities and work through solutions (third party vendors who can help you) as well as resources
- Build on existing material and adapt for Cultural Institutions
- Specific concern for historic buildings and how to work with them
- Doesn't exist anywhere else as far as we know--perhaps it is useful to other institutions across the country (would need to check on this)
- Can probably use 80% of existing guide but need to think it through
- Value in review and buy-in for this Boston community
- May want to add small case studies or examples to the guide to make more relatable
- California cultural groups (The Getty, etc.) have been working on this; fires, etc.
- What are the other national groups we can tie into? Please send ideas as you have them to Annie/Amy
- Off site collections storage is also important--look at local vendors (Artex, etc.)
- ICA is looking at different options for collections--interesting to consider
- What about equity and inclusion? Where does this play into the larger conversation?
- GRC's work is richly connected to equity but how does this issue get embedded into the early guides
- Consider the Green New Deal legislature language

Mitigation Guide

- Don't have a good template for this
- Does anyone have one of these already?
- Greenhouse gas reduction is the primary concentration--reduce carbon footprint
- BU plan might be a good place to start looking (other local universities)
- How do we address the needs of collections and reduce energy?
- Involving conservation and collections staff
- Maybe plan a workshop/conversation about conservation/collections/facilities to talk through what is possible

- Image permanence materials--Jessica will circulate materials