

## CHAPTER MEETING

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### PARTICIPANTS:

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The July meeting of COTEdc began with a tour of the Friends Committee on National Legislation's green building at 245 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE at about 6:30 PM on July 17<sup>th</sup> led by informative tour guide Kathy Guthrie of FCNL. At the time the 2 civil war era buildings were acquired by the Friends Committee in the '50's, two mom and pop stores had replaced what later reconstruction revealed were probably originally a Fire Station or Blacksmith Shop and a house. Using the architecture firm Burt Hill Kosar Rittleman the Friends Committee turned the original structures into the first green building on the Hill. In seeking a LEED certification, a number of green building strategies were implemented by the architect. Under the Friend's guiding principle of being as gentle on the earth as possible the architects combined the two original buildings into one while using insulated glazing, all recycled or recyclable materials throughout the building, up-light fluorescent ceiling fixtures with motion detectors as on/off controls, a light scoop, bamboo flooring, recycled carpet, and a vegetative roof using relatively carefree sedum. The building is heated and cooled primarily with ten 350' deep geothermal wells which deliver 55 degree environmentally benign heat exchange fluid to the building as a source of heat in cold weather or as a heat sink in warm weather. In addition to these strategies for energy conservation and sustainability the building is totally ADA compliant.

Please click on link below to find out more about the building.

[http://www.aia.org/aiarchitect/thisweek07/0615/0615d\\_fcnl.cfm%20](http://www.aia.org/aiarchitect/thisweek07/0615/0615d_fcnl.cfm%20)

Following the tour during a brief meeting in the Friend's meeting room COTEdc members agreed on the success of last month's Summer Solstice, reviewed the budget, and upcoming events: the Green Festival in September and Festival of the Building Arts (FOBA) and the Solar Decathlon both in October. Debate about the cost of a booth at the Green Festival ensued as well as the understanding of the need to plan for FOBA. As it stands COTEdc is still homeless and will be exploring possible sites for holding future meetings. The tour and meeting ended at a 7:30 PM.

