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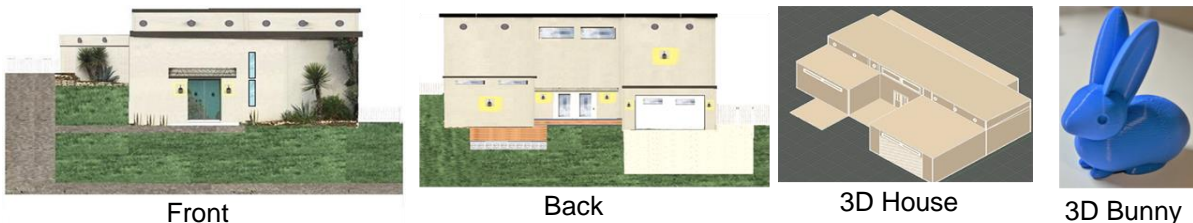
Summer
2023

Dear Team Members, Supporters and Friends of SO LArMAR,

I hope your summer is going well and you had a great 4th of July celebration!

SO LArMAR is alive and well post-COVID. The SO LArMAR Advisory Team met live in January and May with another live meeting planned for August. We have added another stakeholder function called the Mighty Good Collaboration (MGC) to help advance the financial/investor planning for SO LArMAR. MGC members will be strategic thinkers/organizations and philanthropists who want to see positive cultural change in Austin.

Work on an affordable house designed to fit in the Austin core continued. Texas A&M student Aitong Xu returned to SO LArMAR as an intern for the summer. He is joined by UT Austin intern Eric Bai, and they continued work on a ~1600 sq. ft. solar-powered single-family home. SO LArMAR now has a 3D printer that they are using to print models of the home. The design has been updated and is shown below along with the first bunny print off the 3D printer.



Work continued on arts/culture architecture development with several concepts provided by Alfred Brice of [Brice Group Architects](#) who is on the Advisory Team. The arts/culture architect concepts are being added to the original urban space concept provided by Stuart Alderman of [SBK ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN](#). Stuart is also on the Advisory Team.

SO LArMAR STARS

The volunteering arm of SO LArMAR has been renamed from Advocates to SO LArMAR STARS. We are working with [Foundation Communities](#) to provide “supper club” service at the new Zilker Studios affordable housing apartments on S. Lamar in Austin. Volunteer opportunities helping people with special needs are also available at [Joshua’s Stage](#) directed by Joshua Levy. Joshua is also a member of the Advisory Team. Another outreach we support is the [Harvest Blessings Food Pantry](#) directed by Brian Rawson of the Austin Blessings Co-op. Brian is a long-time member of the Advisory Team.



We also have John Blackman (realtor) from [Keller Williams](#) and Mark Piening (strategy) from [CNG Consulting LLC](#) on the Advisory Team.

If you are interested in joining any of the prototyping phase teams, or if you know of anyone that might be interested, just send us a message via the [CONTACT](#) tab on the SO LArMAR website or reply to this email. Participation on teams is pro bono. We need help in many areas including:

- Architecture – Continue development of the Cultural Art Center urban space design
- Arts/Culture – Continue development of art gallery and sculpture garden design
- Business Planning/MGC – Continue development of the investor package
- Financial Innovation – Develop financial training and options
- Housing Innovation – Continue development of affordable housing options
- Marketing – Develop marketing language
- Social Media – Continue development of social media including IOS app design
- Social Good – Identify new social good opportunities such as volunteering

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