



Executive Committee Meeting 4/8/13

Location: Offices of AKRF Inc. – 7th Floor, 440 Park Avenue South, New York, NY

I. Procedural Duties

Call to order at 6:05 PM

II. REPORTS

A. President

- Rockaway CPAT Discussion (with Thomas Bassett [TB] and Felicia Braunstein [FB] via phone)
 - i. TB and FB discussed the costs of the program and stressed that were flexible and could be reduced through fundraising, potluck meals, etc
 - ii. TB and FB outlined what they need from the Chapter, including logistical support, financial support, communications, and info for a briefing book
 - iii. TB discussed how the arrangement with the Chapter would be different than a typical CPAT effort, which partners with a community's government after their request. In this case, the Chapter would assume the role that the local government normally plays.
 - iv. TB clarified that this would be the first time CPAT partners with a Chapter
 - v. T. Lund asked what the advantages of CPAT would be, compared to other ongoing efforts. TB responded that the community would benefit from professional planning expertise.
 - vi. FB asked whether the Chapter supported the Rockaways CPAT idea. J. Rausse agreed that the Rockaways are a good place for a CPAT but that there were potential problems with lack of community buy in and lack of support from the City of NY.
 - vii. There was discussion about what deliverable a CPAT would produce. FB noted that this is flexible and would be decided after visiting and observing the facts on the ground.
 - viii. J. Rausse thanked TB and FB for their time, and the left the call so the Executive Committee could discuss further. There was discussion about the need for local buy in and finding local partners.
 - ix. A motion to authorize spending up to \$1200 for a preliminary CPAT visit was unanimously approved (moved by J. Rausse, seconded by P. Lozito).
- Planning in a Post-Sandy World Update
 - i. J. Rausse reported on the series of panels and discussions that were held and noted that the quality of discussion was excellent while turnout could have been better.

- Breezy Point
 - i. J. Rausse reported that a dialogue has been established with the community, which is considered a major victory.
- AIA Post-Sandy Document
 - i. The Chapter's endorsement and comments were made via email prior to the meeting.
- New Penn Station Alliance
 - i. A discussion about the letter led some to question whether a new Penn Station was worth the resources if done for aesthetic reasons, rather than improving transportation capacity and efficiency.
 - ii. It was also agreed that it was reasonable to ask for a time limit on MSG's permit rather than granting it in perpetuity
 - iii. R. Harris moved to draft a statement of conditional support, which was seconded by T. Lund and approved by all. R. Harris' statement will be considered at the next meeting.

B. Secretary

- 3/4/13 meeting minutes were approved by all.

C. VP Programs

- K. Saxena was absent but J. Rausse noted that everyone should start thinking about sponsorships.

D. VP Committees

- S. Yackel will send out an email seeking recruits for the new Diversity Committee, chaired by Nicolas Ronderos

E. VP Professional Development

- T. Lund reported on AICP exam preparations and noted that there were a lot of rejections this year. J. Rausse asked for a summary of the case of a woman who was rejected this year but had been approved in a prior year.
- T. Lund is developing review sessions for the AICP review exam in May
- NYU Wagner has applied to start offering CM credit programs
- T. Lund will attend the AICP review session at the Chicago National Conference

F. VP Intergovernmental Affairs

- M. Levine reported on the National Conference in Chicago. Himself, R. Rausse, P. Lozito, and Donald Burns were the Chapter's delegates
- Topics at the Conference included Agenda 21, Hazards Mitigation, and Planning for an Aging Population.

G. Treasurer

- R. Harris reported that the HSBC account is now closed.
- Current account balance is \$102,624, plus about \$24,000 in PayPal.
- The account balance includes \$35,000 that was meant for a scholarship program, although the origin and specifics are unclear. This money will go into an investment account.
- Bylaw Committee: there are currently no bylaws regarding financial management, which R. Harris is working to address

H. School Relations

- P. Lozito reported that Columbia University students will be conducting free neighborhood tours in Chicago

- A professional development event is planned for May
- Student studio presentations will be at the Pratt Institute on May 3.
- P. Lozito mentioned a discussion on professional planning tiers in New Jersey (no date set yet).

I. Young Planners Group

- K. D'Erizans was not in attendance but provided the following report via email:
 - i. We're nearing the end of our 2012-2013 Youth in Planning program with just 4 sessions left as well as a fun end of the year activity. We capped this year's Corona Plaza project off with a community visioning session at the plaza on March 16 where the students built model furnishings for the plaza such as a stage, seating, and an information booth, and spoke with our community partners (as well as interested passersby) about their thoughts on the arrangements. They will spend the remaining sessions in April and May working in the computer lab on our final presentation and report on our recommendations.
 - ii. We'd love to invite the Metro Chapter leadership, and perhaps Committee Chairs, to join us for an end of the year presentation on the students' work as we've done in years past. We are considering have the hour-long presentation at 2 or 3pm on either Saturday May 18th, or Saturday June 1st. If you any interest in attending , please let me know your availability for these dates.
 - iii. For the National Conference session on Wednesday, Hilary and Nathan have prepared a great 20-30 minute presentation on the background and development of the program, as well as some discussion questions we'll give to the audience about sharing experiences with working with youth, and brainstorming ways to help improve our program, and develop a model for establishing youth planning programs in other locations. They will have a draft powerpoint later this week if anyone would like to see it.
 - iv. They want to confirm if we have permission to share the CPC Report and Program Evaluation with our session attendees? Anyone see any issues with that?

J. Long Island Section

- No report.

K. New York City Section

- M. Sokol started a discussion regarding the planned Scavenger Hunt event for May 18, and the scavenger hunt event that Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT) had planned for a similar timeframe. It was agreed that we should try to collaborate if they could be flexible on the date and definition of "transportation."
- A tour of the WTC site is planned for June or July, which could accommodate approx.. 25-30 participants.

L. Hudson Valley East Section

- No report.

M. Hudson Valley West Section

- No report.

III. ADJOURNMENT [8:21 pm, motion: M. Sokol; seconded: P. Lozito]

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