

## **APA NYM Urban Design/Arts & Culture Committee**

### Monthly Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: 4/24/2017, 6:30 p.m. @ WSP (1 Penn Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York NY)

Attendees: Cristina Ungureanu, Co-Chair  
Chris Rhie, Co-Chair  
Victoria Hallas, Communications Lead & Secretary  
Sreoshy Banerjea  
Alice Shay  
Naomi Ringskog  
Renee Schoonbeek

### **Agenda:**

1. Introduction
  - a. New committee members – Alice Shay and Sreoshy Banerjea
  - b. Introduce all existing committee members
2. Approve Meeting Notes from March
3. Updates
  - a. Report on Freshkills Park event
  - b. New committee member applications
4. Committee Goals and Objectives Exercise
5. Policy / Public Review
6. Social Media Strategy
  - a. Determining new name for the committee's LinkedIn group
  - b. APA Metro Chapter newsletter
7. Upcoming Events
  - a. National Conference / Los Sures walking tour
  - b. National Planning Conference Local Reception
8. Potential Programming
  - a. DCP/EDC/HPD Commissioners event (mid-late May)
  - b. Industry happy hour
  - c. NYC Facilities Explorer demo and discussion
9. Interact / Engage with other professional organizations
10. Next steps / Action items

### **Meeting notes:**

1. Introductions
  - New members, Alice (Bloomberg Associates) and Sreoshy (NYCEDC) introduced themselves to the committee
  - Existing committee members in attendance provided introductions
2. March 2017 meeting minutes **approved**.
  - Naomi proposed posting quarterly updates on social media pointing people to where meeting minutes are located on the APA NYM Chapter website
3. Updates
  - *Freshkills Park: Cultivating Arts into an Organization's Framework* event took place on April 17<sup>th</sup> – Naomi provided update on event
    - a. Dylan Gauthier filled in at the event for Mariel Villere
    - b. 20 people RSVPed and 16 came
    - c. Event highlighted what it has taken to implement the Freshkills project and key hurdles. Discussion on what they can and can't do in terms of outreach and programming.
    - d. Good turnout from the NYC Parks Department
    - e. Naomi proposed posting a follow-up document on the event on the APA NYM Chapter website
    - f. Next Freshkills Discover Day – June 4<sup>th</sup>
    - g. Arts & Culture subcommittee created the tete-a-tete event approach in order to host casual conversations between an artist and a planner
    - h. Let Naomi know if you have an artist you are interested in or a location you would be able to offer for future tete-a-tete's
4. Discussion on new member applications and future organizational structure of the committee
  - Committee agreed to keep committee structure as is – 2 co-chairs, 1 secretary, 1 communications lead.
  - Proposal to create a committee expectations worksheet to share with new committee members. Chris to create a Google document for committee members to edit that will include vision, goals, and committee expectations.
  - Openness for growth of the UD committee if all new members agree to and adhere to goals/responsibilities document.
  - Committee to review outstanding applications and roles/responsibilities document at next session.
5. Discussion of committee goals and objectives for upcoming year
  - Cristina to set up a google poll to gather ideas from committee members
  - Ideas suggested: Spaces of Arrival, Spaces of Protest, International Precedents/Dialogues, Planning in Opposition
6. Cristina to share event invitation for The Cost of Social Injustice in Communities of Color / Spaces and Places of Protest events on May 8
  - Event published in APA NYM Chapter newsletter on May 3<sup>rd</sup>
7. Renee discussed Los Sures Mobile Workshop (part of the APA National Conference)

- To take place Monday from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. (50 people have RSVPed)
  - Caroline and James helping with logistics
  - Renee is looking for additional volunteers to help with the walking tour
  - Tour starts at Marcy Avenue Subway Station
  - Different speakers and community organizers who will be addressing the group
  - Renee is working on a handout for the event
  - Renee will send out an e-mail detailing event
8. APA roundtable event with new EDC/HPD/DCP commissioners
    - Invitations went out
    - Chapter is waiting on times that all commissioners are available
  9. Facilities explorer event – Chris to talk to Danny Fuchs in a few weeks
  10. Next APA Urban Design Committee scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at BuroHappold Engineering