

## **October 21, 2022**

### APA RI Board Meeting

In attendance: Ashley Sweet, Roberta Groch, Glenn Modica, Jay Parker, Jane Weidman, Jillian Finkle, Kellie King, Stacy Wasserman, Herb Durfee, Annette Bourne

September meeting minutes were approved.

#### SNEAPA meeting recap:

- Post conference meeting held earlier this week. Discussed what could be done better (such as signage, tickets, closing of registration when everyone registers last minute). Will share with next year's chair. It will be held in New Haven next year. Around the \$25,000 range for revenue. 91% turnout. A few outstanding sponsorship payments, but then should be ready for chapter disbursement.

#### Treasurer's Report:

- Went through historic balances - generally been around \$8,000 in checking account. Will be around those amounts after SNEAPA income and expenses are reconciled. Down to \$3,800 in our savings account; likely need to figure out a way to bump up and replenish this account.
- Next year's budget was approved at the chapter meeting at SNEAPA.
- Brave River is around \$2200/year. Roberta, Ashley and Jeff to talk about moving forward in a different way.
- Glenn to look into free checking accounts
- Kellie looked into chapter only fees and dues - we are least expensive out of the chapters she looked at. Ashley has asked if Kellie can put together a table of other chapter dues, to be discussed at next month's meeting. We can also review the 6 planning boards that have memberships and discuss engaging additional planning boards.

#### Programs and events:

- Book club will regroup in December to read Happy City by Charles Montgomery. Date TBD.
- Ethics and Pizza - Jillian to talk to Roberta about bringing this back
- Statewide Planning may bring back Friday morning virtual "coffee hours" with different topics each week.

#### Request from Coventry to support RIIB MRP Application

- Herb Durfee attended the meeting. Coventry updating sewers; using ARPA funds to get wastewater upgrades going. Requesting letter of support for RIIB application. Ashley to use template to put together a letter of support.

#### Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- Putting together a summary of 3 fair housing conversations that were held. Annette to send to committee membership. Goal is for members to narrow items down to 3-5 goals, to start narrowing down into action items for 2023.
- Meeting attendance has dropped the last few months, so Annette may be looking at different times to meet.

#### Membership Update

- Have 221 members; 75 are members only.

#### Legislative Update

- Committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month.
- Four working groups set up through Land Use Commission: zoning; subdivision; comprehensive plans; housing group. These do not appear to be open to the public; meetings are not posted. Maria is monitoring these groups. Invited 4 planners to present municipal point of views to this group. Unclear what legislation may come out of this commission.
- Planning outreach to municipal planners to see how they are handling that.

Annette motioned to adjourn, Glenn seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.