

January 21, 2022

APA RI Board Meeting

In attendance: Stacy Wasserman, Jeff Davis, Jane Weidman, Ashley Sweet, Glenn Modica, Michael DeLuca, Roberta Groch, Kellie King, Jillian Finkle, Annette Bourne

Meeting called to order at 4:05 PM

Motion to approve November minutes by Jeff, seconded by Roberta. No discussion. Mike, Glenn and Jane abstain. All approved.

Next meeting February 18, 2022

Discussion of meeting date, time and format. Discussion around if APA RI should purchase a zoom membership. Zoom Pro is \$150/year. Ashley used the President's discretion to approve purchase of an account. Glenn will coordinate.

Treasurer's Update - \$47,000 in account. Still need to split up SNEAPA revenue and cut checks to MA and CT. And will need to pay Crown Trophy for the award plaques. Glenn is still working on getting access to the accounts.

Work Plans - If there are specific items board members want included that were not discussed in November, send to Ashley, Jeff and Roberta by February 11th. Aim to have this completed by February or March.

Programs and Events - Book club rescheduled to January 28th at noon, virtually. Awards event tentatively moved to April 8th.

Per Jeff, OER would like to have lunch and learn on energy storage facilities. When he has more information he will connect Jillian.

Annette discussed possibility of black history walking tour of Providence end of February. Based on similar walking tour in Newport. Annette and Jillian will connect.

Burrillville request - Letter of support for infrastructure bank funding. Town reached out asking if we would write a letter of support for funding for climate change resilience projects. Jeff motioned to write letter of support for Burrillville's application to Infrastructure Bank. Annette seconded. Roberta and Glenn abstained. Approved.

Discussion around policy on support letters. Item being supported needs to be aligned with our principles, and not necessarily provide feedback on the project, but support the planning concept. Should typically be boilerplate letter that is sent. Jeff to draft this letter.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion - First meeting of 2022 this morning. Want to ensure planning officials have appropriate education around equity and inclusion issues; including wider group of

students beyond Charrette High School; April Fair Housing month - discussed possibly getting a facilitated conversation around fair housing amongst planning professionals to better understand market forces versus historical planning that prevents more integration. June - possible event for Pride month.

Membership - Still waiting for an updated Dec/January membership list from National. Stacy and Kellie to connect on a process to streamline updating members in Mailchimp. A number of planning board memberships will expire soon. Ashley suggested reaching out to the planners in each community, letting them know the membership is expiring and send invoice to renew, and then send a letter to planning boards that are not members yet.

Legislative Committee - Starting to see familiar bills. One prohibiting single family zoning in communities with population over 20,000 - mandates what each community has to do with residential density. Discussion around engaging the sponsors of the bill to discuss implications of the bill and alternative ways to work towards that goal; Quorum bills; Training bill (being heard on Tuesday).

Land use commission is meeting regularly. Will closely follow, and any letters of opposition we send in for land use related bills will also be sent to the Commission. Joint meeting of low mod commission and land use commission on February 15. Discussion around the structure and challenges of the Commission. Important to keep a personal relationship with legislators.

The Legislative Committee will begin meeting regularly.

SNEAPA - new to review work program and get chairs for eight committees. Will discuss further at February meeting.

Jeff motioned to adjourned, Jillian seconded. Adjourned at 5:21 PM.