



**June 17, 2022**  
**Rhode Island APA Board Meeting**

In attendance: Annette Bourne, Jeff Davis, Jillian Finkle, Roberta Groch, Ashley Sweet, Glenn Modica, Jay Parker, Jane Wideman

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM.

Roberta Groch made a motion to approve the May 2022 board meeting minutes. Jeff Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The group decided to skip the July meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2022.

**SNEAPA:**

The Guest Speaker committee is making headway on a keynote speaker but we don't yet know who it will be. Mike is making progress on the rooms at the Convention Center and the Marriott. The Food/Beverage committee decided to offer lunch on both days. We might offer more swag to allow for sponsorship opportunities despite us not printing a program with ads this year (there will be an electronic program that can be viewed on a phone with a QR code, posters with the schedule and outside of meeting rooms, and a 1-page paper handout with the schedule and sponsors.) We will be seeking sponsorships for the special programs: keynote, lunches, breakfasts, mobile workshops, etc. and sponsors will be listed next to the event in the schedule. It looks like Skyline Waterplace Park is the preferred venue for the reception, which the group agreed was a good option.

**Treasurer report:**

The balance in our bank account has decreased from \$45,000 to \$28,000 after paying out expenses for the National conference, E-Ply, and the payment to APA-MA for last year's SNEAPA. After APA-CT cashes their check our balance will be approximately \$19,000. The group discussed whether the \$4400 expense for the E-Ply software should be in a single year or split among the 3 years that it covers. The Board will need to keep track of this through the budget.

Workplan – The Workplan was shared with the membership and the vote to approve it closed today, passing with 13 votes in favor.

Summer Social – The Summer Social will occur at Lincoln Woods on June 26. It is a potluck and all are encouraged to attend.

**Programs/Events:**

The next book club meeting will occur Thursday, August 4 at 5:30 PM at the Narragansett brewery at India Point. The book is "Survival of the City" by Ed Glaeser.

**Sponsorships:**

There has been no movement on this item since the last meeting. Roberta will be working on the website, we can add the call for sponsors to the weekly emails, and send out individual emails like we did last time (though we will wait until after SNEAPA so as not to confuse/compete.)

## EDI

The second Fair Housing Month virtual discussion event was held today. The first one had higher attendance but less discussion than this one. The third event is scheduled for Thursday, July 28 at noon and everyone is encouraged to attend. Edgar Adams spoke at the most recent EDI committee meeting about his missing middle housing work and will be speaking at the Grow Smart RI Power of Place Summit on June 21. The EDI committee is working on a session proposal for SNEAPA that would include MA and CT and the Black History Month walking tour of Providence that was presented virtually earlier this year will occur in person as a mobile workshop.

## Membership:

- Kellie and Stacy have cleaned up the Mail Chimp mailing list.

## Legislative Update

- Next week is the last week of the legislative session. A great deal of energy went into advocacy this year and there are a few decent outcomes. Most of the attention was directed toward marijuana and gun legislation.
- It doesn't look like the package of housing bills will pass, with the exception of the ADU bill despite that one having the most issues. The League of Cities and Towns is working on suggesting revisions for the Senate version of the bill that would retain some local control.
- The continuing education for board and commissions bill should pass and be signed by the Governor in about a week.
- The recommendations that were made for the quorum bill were not included but overall it is acceptable
- The atmosphere at the state house was intense with vocal protesters (especially those who oppose gun control)
- There is much to be done to prepare for the next session, including meeting this summer to discuss single family zoning. The League will do a wrap-up by Zoom in July and there might be a way for us to participate or add on to that event. Nancy from Statewide Planning will provide a summary by August.
- Jane is planning to come up with a plan for APA to be more proactive vs. reactive next year. Things are likely to change after the election.
- The status of the Land Use Commission is unknown. The chair might be writing an article with an update for the Statewide Planning newsletter, and if he does the Legislative Committee will be prepared to respond.

ADJOURN

- Jeff Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- The motion was seconded by Glenn Modica and the meeting adjourned at 4:41 PM.

*Submitted by:*

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