Annual Chapter Meeting
Meeting Minutes: Friday, June 18, 2010 10:00 am

Executive Committee Members:

Jim Potter   Sidney Wong   Helen Spinelli
Keisha Ransome  Jacqui Rouse
Steve Allan   Parag Agrawal
Alan Feinberg  Stacie West

1) Welcome - Jim Potter convened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

2) Action on Proposed Agenda

a) Review minutes of previous meeting – Jim recommended to suspend review of the minutes. 2nd by Jacqui.

3) Reports

a) Treasurer’s Report – Jim reports that there is $3,009 in the Chapter’s savings account. There are outstanding bills that still need to be submitted to close out the FY 2010 budget. Sidney reported that there is a delay Morgan State University’s (MSU) submission for the $500. Helen requested that Stacie follow up with Alex for University of Maryland’s submittal.

b) Professional Development

i) Southern Maryland Training Seminar – One Day Conference at St Mary’s College will be held on Wednesday July 14, 2010 in St Mary’s City. Notification about the event is complete; however the APA’s listserv is unavailable because of the an APA office move.

ii) 2010 Regional Planning Conference: Dover, Delaware – Jim reported that approximately 240 people attended the conference. The financial reconciliation is not complete; however Jim believe the MD APA Chapter profited and generated $8,000 in sponsorship.

iii) Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO) – Alan reported that over $11,000 was received from for public outreach and dispute management training. Jim recommends that we consider Ron Thomas to facilitate the training. And he proposes a one-day seminar w/ topic experts and apply it with a community planning project around October/ November 2010. Helen thinks that we should offer recommended tools to deal with conflict.

iv) 2011 Regional Planning Conference: Cumberland, Maryland – Jim met with Dave Umbling, and reps from the West Virginia and Pennsylvania APA Chapters to discuss the 2011 conference. He reported that a one-day should be held in Cumberland during the National
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Road Celebration. The City of Cumberland donated the land for the monument and money is being raised for creation of the monument.

c) National APA Conference in New Orleans – Jim reported that he attended a leadership meeting. Ideas were shared on how to promote professional development. He stated that there was a 10 percent National attendance decrease at the conference and a 12 percent decrease from Maryland members. And information for specialty AICP certification is available.

4) Outreach to Members
   a) Newsletter – Parag reports that the Summer issue will come out in July 2010. A new section will be added for planners seeking employment.

   b) Website – No report.

5) Outreach to Other Organizations
   a) Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) - Steve reports that a Planning Commissioners Training Course will be held on June 27, 2010 in Ocean City, Maryland. It is sponsored by MDP and it is free. Sixty-two people have signed up. In Maryland 300 of 1400 required people have completed the training. The deadline for completion is July 1, 2010. Steve also reports that MDP completed its last Plan MD public meeting in Chestertown. A Plan MD plan is expected to be produced this fall.

   b) Maryland Planning Commissioners Association – No report.

   c) Maryland Planning Programs
      i) University of Maryland College Park –
         (1) Careers in Planning - The University of Maryland Career Panel was held on April 19, 2010. Jim, Jenny and Sean were on the panel.

         (2)
      ii) Morgan State University – Sidney reported that the Planning Accreditation Board is coming to the school in September 2010. An analysis of past students was complete and it showed that 95 percent of the planning program student worked full-time.

   d) Maryland Recreation and Parks - No report.
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6) **New Business and Other Information for the Good of the Chapter**
   a) Jim reports that the Google listserv is currently discussing the conflict between environmental regulations on effluents in the Bay and Smart Growth. Idea presented that the Chapter sponsor a summit to discuss this topic. Helen states that it must occur soon because new legislation is coming out.

7) **EBDI Tour** - Baltimore City staff presented information on the East Baltimore Development Inc (EBDI) redevelopment project. (Please see attached.)

8) **Johns Hopkins Live Near Your Work** – Sandy Jenkins from Johns Hopkins conducted a presentation on the Live Near Your Work, Employer Assisted Home Ownership Program. (Please see attached.)

9) **Upcoming Executive Committee Meeting**: July 23, 2010 at 10:00am (Conference Call)

10) **Adjourn Meeting**

Respectfully Submitted

Keisha Ransome
Secretary