Maryland Chapter of the American Planning Association Executive Committee
10:00 am to 12:00 pm   February 16, 2007   Meeting Minutes
Morgan State University, Student Union, Baltimore, MD

Officers Attending:
Rich Hall, President
Jenny Plummer-Welker, President-elect
  Jason Burdette, Eastern Shore
Helen Spinelli, Treasurer
Alan Feinberg, Western MD

Others in attendance:
Dominique Pumphry, Morgan State student
Ann Ford, Morgan State student

Meeting Called to Order – President Rich Hall

Action on Proposed Agenda – None

Legislative Update – Rich, Jenny
  ➢ Several legislative items we should be aware of (Rich will distribute a list of key bills):
    • “Green Fund” bill, linking impervious surface tax to Bay restoration with $ going to local technical assistance (would tax impervious surface 4x the rate if outside the PFA)
    • Eminent Domain Bill (to be proposed by Sen. Frosh), APA would likely support
    • Water/PFA bills
  ➢ Diane Shaw (advocate):
    • Rich spoke with her this morning. She’ll work with us again, though fees have increased to $90/hour. Should have Executive Committee link to Diane (Rich, Jenny, Dirk?)
  ➢ Should put link to Maryland General Assembly on the web page
  ➢ Communication with Governor O’Malley. Jenny has not seen any of the transition team reports yet.

Communications Update – Jason, Jenny
  ➢ Received an email from Jeff Goodman of Association Magnet (an association web management company). Jason will follow up with him.
  ➢ Jenny reported no access to old newsletters on web. Jason will follow up.
Digital Newsletter group will meet soon to discuss evolution without losing members who might not be electronically connected.

March 5 deadline for April 1 newsletter (articles: ESLC TDR report, nomination committee slate of officers, president’s report)

Chapter Activities

Should we host a joint reception at National APA in Philadelphia with National Chapter, College Park, Morgan State, on Monday, April 16? Motion from Jenny to approve $500 to give to Alex Chen to contribute to joint reception. Helen 2nd. All in favor.

Maryland Delegates to National APA. In 2005, the Chapter paid $300. In 2006, the Chapter paid the full registration cost. (Jason, Helen, Dirk, Helen, and Joyce Ann have all expressed interest). The meeting would be on Saturday, April 14th, 1:30 to 5 pm. Helen stated that last year we spent $800 of the allotted $4000 on conferences. Joyce-Ann nominated Jason to go. All accepted. Jason nominated Helen to go. All accepted. Joyce-Ann and Alan will be the alternates. Motion from Joyce-Ann for the Chapter to reimburse the full registration price to conference delegates. Alan 2nd. All in favor. Jenny will distribute necessary literature to delegates.

Chapter Workshops:

• Jenny talked to Art Chambers re: Roy Hanson and Samuel Parker panel discussion
• Helen: Horn Point mobile workshop almost finalized. She’ll send out a blurb by Feb. 23 on the list serv. Don Bosch will speak on lessons learned from Katrina, someone else (?) will speak on climate change and land use planning. Possible panel discussion and tour of oyster recovery/fisheries. It was agreed NOT to provide a bus, but to encourage carpooling in the list serv announcement. Jenny made a motion of $200 to spend on refreshments for workshop reception. Alan 2nd. All in favor.

Awards/Conferences: Do we want to do every other year? It was suggested that we attempt to organize one per year (i.e. Awards 2007, Conference 2008, Awards 2009).

By-Laws Update—Jenny

Jenny discussed changes to the bylaws and asked for feedback (to be sent to Jim, Jenny, or Helen). Would like to edit and present to the membership at the Annual Meeting in June. Comments should be received by March 9th.

Professional Development Update

We need to get the word out for the next AICP workshop. Professional Development Officer Sharon Suarez recommended that the Chapter should again consider subsidizing the registration fee for Maryland participants. Total amount would be no more than $360. For the record, the Chapter voted via email on February 1, 2007, to approve a subsidy for Maryland participants so that their registration fee would be reduced to $80 per MD APA Chapter member (motion by Jenny, second by Chris, and all 7 members responding voted yes.)
Coordination with National Capital Area Chapter
- NCAC is interested in holding a joint Board meeting, possibly in May 2007.
- Diane Shaw (advocate):

Vacancies
- Previously discussed Brigetta Fessenden is not an APA member. Former Board member Chuck Kines expressed interest in organizing joint conference & being a liaison with National Capital Area Chapter. Rich suggested that we wait until the new election cycle this summer before making any decisions.

Nomination Committee—No report

Upcoming Meetings/Activities Schedule
- March 16 –Conference Call, Jenny will set up
- April 20 –Conference Call, Jenny will set up
- May 18 –Potential joint meeting with National Capital
- June ? –Annual Meeting, location TBD

Treasurer’s Report—Helen
- Added last year’s funds from National APA (@ $11,000)
- Current Balance: $37,149.75 (Quarterly deposits from APA @ $3,000)
- Need to adopt budget at Next Meeting
- Goal is to propose a 2-year budget in June, 2007

Other Info for the Good of the Chapter
- Possible book drive for UMD and Morgan St. (Morgan St. would also like an LCD)
- Joyce Ann mentioned the continued search for an assistant professor position at Morgan

Adjourned Meeting: 12:02 pm.