APA RI Board Meeting
January 15, 2021
In attendance: Stacy Wasserman, Michael Deluca, Krista Moravec, Jeff Davis, Josh O’Neill, Ashley Sweet, Jim O’Neill, Caroline Wells, Fabiola Alikpokou, Roberta Groch, Sarah Ingle

- Minutes approved; Jim motioned, Mike seconded. Approved
- Certification of Workplan approved; Motion to enter Certification of Workplan made by Josh; Ashley seconded.
- Treasurer’s report:
  - $4893.53 - checking
  - 3841.89 - savings
  - 8735.42 - total
  - Recent expenses
    - $700 for 2020 taxes
    - Three month SNEAPA website maintenance invoice - $165
    - $360 for annual APA awards plaques
  - Nate - can we do some sponsorships through website and weekly eblast
    - Use SNEAPA sponsorship list to start
    - What would offer? How much are we asking for?
- SNEAPA
  - Expecting to be paid out by end of January
  - Should be receiving $16,500
  - Conversations with convention center
    - Still holding reservation for Oct13-15 for next fall - allowing flexibility around whether we decide to go virtual or not. Capacity would be 125 people. If we go virtual, our deposit will carry over to 2022.
    - Could hold one session during each timeslot in ballroom -- allow for distancing.
- EDI Committee
  - Held recent meeting
  - Some future ideas:
    - Building upon Color of Law event in the fall
    - Webinars
    - Want to see APA RI taking a bigger stand on projects we support or do not support. Goal to keep track of projects - committee will keep list of projects we should have on our radar. Want to connect with more planners in the suburbs
    - RI League of Cities and Towns - working on session
- Programs and events
  - Virtual awards ceremony on January 15 - raised $270 for RI Food Bank
  - Land use training collaborative -- statewide planning is no longer funding the collaborative. Statewide planning will continue with 101 trainings, etc. Growsmart looking to pivot and find other sources of funding to do
additional training related to smart growth -
transit/walkability/environmental, ETC to supplement what statement
planning is doing.

- Urban Forestry - Jeff will circle back with RI League of Cities and Towns
- Book Club - February - Warmth of Other Suns

○ Legislative Committee
  - Tuesday January 19th at 9am
  - Pulling together list of priorities to present to Speaker Shekarchi
  - Open Meetings Act - some concerns around this. How to handle when pandemis over? Should certain items sunset? Concern that board members will misuse the virtual settings. Lots of conversations around this. Unclear how McKee will feel about this. May be concern from people who after the pandemic is over still feel uncomfortable attending in person meetings - may need to accommodate for a while.

○ Strategic Planning
  - Invite members interested in February to have discussion around core values and mission statement - bigger picture, 5 years out, what do we want to do to achieve these values.
  - Discussion around mission statement. Reviewed ones that Jeff pulled together from other chapters. Should include vision and aspirational - balance between aspiration and action.
  - Interest in more of a narrative statement, versus bullets.
  - Jeff to draft up 3 options; will provide those to members to review.
  - Draft core values
    - Like to see more action component
      - Jeff noted that there could be action items associated with each core value
  - Would like to do small groups - have board members serve as small group facilitators for conversations around the value.
    - Are we missing concepts?
    - Discuss actions under each item
    - Objective - hear back from members. Do some lunch time meetings - get feedback. Focus on a few core values at each meeting, and give people an opportunity to share ideas, etc.

- Meeting adjourned - 5:25PM