September 17, 2021 APA RI board meeting
In attendance: Jeff Davis, Stacy Wasserman, Krista Moravec, Mike DeLuca, Jim Riordan, Josh O’Neil, Maria Mack, Patrick McKenna, Sarah Ingle, Nate Kelly, Jay Parker

- Jim Riordan gave an update on the land use white paper. Mike DeLuca noted that while we want to submit the paper soon, it should not be considered the end of our commentary but as the start of a conversation. Any feedback must be sent to Jim and Mike by next Thursday. If you do not send along feedback or comments, that will imply no concerns or feedback. When the paper is sent to the commission it should also be sent to all APA-RI members.

- Treasurer’s report:
  - Savings - $3843.16
  - Checking - $16858.65
  - Total - $20701.81
  - Some expenses since the last meeting -- $980.28, bulk was $700 payment for annual tax filing; $65 for work on SNEAPA website; $105 for East Greenwich gathering; plaque for Kevin Nelson’s retirement
  - Should have enough to help with various SNEAPA expenses

- Awards/Holiday Party:
  - Open, website has been updated with details. Nominations open until November 1st.
  - Have streamlined nomination process
  - Party -- Sarah looking at venues with indoor/outdoor options - Industrious Spirits, WaterFire and Whalers. Goal to have location or something to come to consensus on by October meeting.

- SNEAPA:
  - In-person event: Looking into Charrette High students leading a walking tour of downtown on late afternoon Wednesday. Everyone can head down to WaterFire after, but will not be a formal event.
  - Friday: Walking tour of Farm Fresh facilities, then will head across the street to a happy hour event at Industrious Spirits. Have a reservation for 30 people and Sarah will be figuring out options around drink tickets, food, etc. After next week will have a better sense of cost which will help in asking for sponsors.
  - Call for sessions extended to September 24. Need additional submissions.
  - If interested in volunteering, let Jim and Jay know.
  - EDI Committee has proposed session in partnership with United Way RI Live United 2025 Campaign, as well as with MA group and Grow Smart RI

- EDI Committee:
  - Annette Bourne and Patrick McKenna have volunteered to be the co-chairs.
  - Matter of Truth report event - nearly 30 attendees; great event and would be a great SNEAPA addition.

- Programs and Events:
  - Book Club - *Main Street’s Comeback* chosen as the next book, but next meeting date still needs to be finalized.
Legislative Committee:

- Really good end of session debrief last Thursday. Jordan from League of Cities and Towns helped brainstormed the best way to engage with legislature next year. Maria Mack helping to organize zoom meet and greet in the next few weeks with 4-5 legislators who are interested in land use.
- League planning to host series of legislators breakfasts in different regions of the state - would like to ensure planning is at the table as part of the conversation. League is also planning a bigger event -- mayors, town managers, clerks, etc - need to make sure planning is at the table.
- Submitted chapter's president grant for making two videos -- one focus on leg priorities and principles for General Assembly, and one on why planning matters for general public.

Josh mentioned to adjourn, Jim seconded, all in favor, adjourned 5:14PM