



Long Island Section of the
American Planning Association
New York Metro Chapter

Making Great Communities Happen

**Steering Committee
Monthly Meeting**

Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 4:00-5:00 PM-Suffolk County

Meeting Participants

Officers: Sean Sallie- Director, Kathy Eiseman-Treasurer, Denise Harrington Grattan-Professional Development Officer

By Phone: Ann Fangmann-Secretary,

Steering Committee: Aryeh Lemberger, David Berg, Sarah Lansdale, Alex Wallach, Rich Murdocco and Eric Zamft

By Phone: Wes Sternberg, Elissa Ward, Marwa Fawaz, Max Sokol, Ray Kenny and Julie Hargrave.

Invited Guests: Kevin McDonald and Carl Lobue of The Nature Conservancy

1. Director's Report

- 2015 Steering Committee meeting calendar
 - Sean Sallie will be sending out meeting notices with locations for future meetings.
- CM credit offering request protocol
 - Denise Harrington gave an update on protocols and needs to CM credits and emphasized sending in information at least six weeks before events when possible, as APA National needs it at least four weeks before. There was a discussion of the Section being a conduit for Long Island CM credits. It was encouraged for those in planning departments and organizations, including non-profits to be involved with the planning of events to better ensure CM credits. Departments and organizations should include the APA logo on all event materials moving forward.
- Metro Chapter Committee
 - Sean announced Max Sokol and the new Metro Chapter VP for Committees and Max gave an overview of his role and next steps. There are nine active committees in the Chapter and participation from the Section is encouraged. Committees may be willing partners for events on Long Island and there is a committee budget for the Chapter in good shape.

- Discussion with The Nature Conservancy (TNC)-“Disentangling the real and perceived linkages between wastewater management and density, development, and preservation of community character”
 - Kevin McDonald and Carl Lobue of TNC presented a summary of the “Disentangling....” draft white paper and discussed a few of the issues that have been brought forth regarding the real and/or perceived impacts of sewerage on community character.
 - There was a fluid discussion on this topic amongst TNC and the Section, especially around the issues of public perceptions and outreach. Sean Sallie concluded the discussion with a goal of discussing the topic further with the Steering Committee and determining a focus of concentration for the Section. It may be the legal nexus to land use and various regulatory and infrastructure management authorities, and/or an open house or workshops. Kathy Eiseman suggested reaching out to the Suffolk County Planning Department and exploring further resources. The Section will also have to determine the governance of an ongoing effort with TNC and the possible contribution of resources.
- Opportunities for partnership-Touro Land Use & Sustainable Development Law Institute
 - Touro Land Use has been working with the City of Long Beach and Sean Sallie has asked a couple members of the Steering Committee to accompany him on a meeting with Touro, FEMA and the EPA to discuss future opportunities for collaboration.

2. Treasurer’s Report

- Kathy Eiseman gave an update on available funds for the Section. The Section is in good shape financially and has the resources to offer 3-4 Arthur Kunz Scholarships this year, if found to be appropriate per the evaluation of candidates. There is approximately \$395 available through a grant that will be applied towards the scholarships. There was a discussion of possible uses for Section funding for the year and this discussion will be continued at the next Steering Committee meeting.

3. Arthur Kunz Scholarship Application Review Committee and Breakfast

- The Molloy Farmingdale location for the Breakfast has been confirmed with Neal Lewis. The date of the Breakfast is Friday, May 15th. A committee will be established to work on the Breakfast moving forward. The Section will be awarding at least two scholarships if not more, depending on applicants and funding. Sean Sallie will be organizing a save the date to be sent out and posted on the website. Sean encouraged the Steering Committee members to send in topics for a survey (Google Forms and Survey Monkey were discussed) to be posted on the website to better determine the best focus for the Breakfast. There was a discussion of evaluation and scoring of applicants, with alternative options to be potentially explored for next year’s scholarships.

The next meeting of the Section's Steering Committee is scheduled for March 4th from 4-5pm, location TBD.