



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

Making Great Communities Happen

Steering Committee Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 4:00-5:00 PM-Sustainable Long Island

Meeting Participants

Officers: Sean Sallie- Director, Kathy Eiseman-Treasurer, Ann Fangmann-Secretary

By Phone: Denise Harrington Grattan

Steering Committee: David Viana, Alex Wallach, Eric Zamft, Tom Isles, David Genaway

By Phone: Wes Sternberg, Max Sokol, Julie Hargrave, David Berg

1. Director's Report

- Updates from Metro Chapter
 - Sean Sallie gave update on recent Metro Chapter conference call including the Chapter's October 30th conference, which will have an Innovation theme and held at Learner Hall, Columbia University. The Chapter will be calling for sessions starting this week and mobile workshops (including those organized by the Sections) will be organized for each weekend of October leading up to the conference.
 - Sean also gave an update on the 2017 APA National Planning Conference to be held in NYC with major involvement from the Metro Chapter and support from the Sections. It is going to be held at the Javits Center with a goal of 8,000 participants. Current plans include a 10-12 local host session track and the Chapter is being asked to assist with finding more hotels (besides the booked Marriott Marquis at \$300 a night) within 20-25 minutes of the Javits Center for a range of budgets.
 - The Metro Chapter is hosting its 3rd collaborative APA/ASLA/AIA conference centered on the role of community input into the design process. It is being hosted by the Pratt Institute on June 12th and will include an afternoon tour of the Queensway project. CM credits have been submitted and details have been released by the Metro Chapter. The Section agreed to include information in email blasts. Max Sokol is the contact for any questions.
 - Max encouraged Section members to get involved with Metro committees and that an upcoming email blast from the Chapter will have more information. Contact information for committee chairs are on the Chapter's website.

- 2015 Arthur Kunz Memorial Scholarship Breakfast
 - Final preparations and logistics are underway for the Breakfast, volunteers are to arrive at the venue at 7:30am.
 - Sarah Lansdale will be giving introduction to new Suffolk County Water Management Plan and moderating the panel discussion. Tom Isles will introduce Arthur Kunz and help pick out LI specific gifts for the panelists and moderator. Sean will organize informal dinner or call with speakers prior to the Breakfast.
 - Sponsorships continue to come in and Ann Fangmann will incorporate into sponsorship PowerPoint.
 - Invitations have gone out to municipal planners with some villages included. 65 people are signed up so far, including speakers.
 - Kathy Eiseman and Pat Aiken to go food shopping the night before and Marwa Fawaz will pick up coffee.
- 2015 East End Conference
 - There was a discussion of moving the conference to the fall for logistical reasons, with a save the date to go out in late summer. The Steering Committee agreed to this plan and a subcommittee will be formed over the summer to organize the conference.
 - Kathy contacted the LI Aquarium and it is more expensive this year. Other options for venue include the Stony Brook University Marine Sciences Center in Southampton, the Culinary Institute in Riverhead or one of the vineyards (Martha Clara, Bedell).
- Valley Stream Walking Tour, May 29th: The tour will start at 4pm in the Village's downtown with David Sabatino, the Mayor and Village downtown development staff to join. Sean will look at APA PAS reports for gift ideas for the Village.
- Form Based Code Training: The Section is interested with continuing to organize courses to be held on LI and it was suggested that a subcommittee be formed to take this on. There was a discussion of adding this option to an existing Nassau County event, such as Hofstra University's training for municipal planners typically held in the fall. Other potential venues for workshops include VHB and the Nature Conservancy facility in Cold Spring Harbor.

2. Treasurer's Report

Kathy gave brief update.

3. Professional Development Officer's Report:

Denise gave brief update and Sean mentioned that a list of recently approved CM credits is upon the website.

4. Secretary's Report:

Ann gave brief update.

5. New Business:

- Sean mentioned that there is a push to encourage Metro Chapter members to attend the upcoming APA Northeast Conference to be held in Saratoga, NY and the Section agreed to help promote.
- There was a discussion of venues for the next walking tour with Wyandanch Village as the best option for late spring/early summer. The Steering Committee discussed coordinating with other organizations planning walking tours, such as Vision LI.
- Dave Genaway mentioned a new GIS degree to be offered by SUNY Farmingdale and ways to help build the program. Ann mentioned that an Environmental Studies degree is being explored by SUNY Old Westbury.
- Bagels with the Boards is continuing to be held the last Friday of every month and the Section will continue to promote through the website and email blasts.

The next meeting of the Section's Steering Committee is scheduled for June 9th from 4-5pm, at the Town of Smithtown.