

CCAPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting – February 6, 2009
Shipman & Goodwin – 9:30 A.M

Summary Meeting Minutes

Members Present: John Pagini, Marcia Banach, Patrice Carson, Chris Wood, Al Weiner, Mark Pellegrini, Chris Smith, Emily Moos, Don Poland, Mary F. Savage

Chapter President Don Poland called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

I. Adoption of Minutes – December 5, 2008. After some discussion regarding proposed modification of minutes, Mr. Weiner made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes as modified with Miss Banach seconding the motion. All those present voted in favor with the exception of Miss Moos who abstained.

II. New Business

- a. Two new Executive Committee members were appointed as follows: Emily Moos, CRCOG; Neil Pade, Canton. Mr. Pellegrini made the motion in support of the appointment, Miss Banach seconded the motion and all those present voted in favor.
- b. Member Directory – Mr. Weiner reports the process of the development of a member directory is slow. Mr. Weiner reported that he provided feedback to Mr. Shaw and hadn't heard back yet regarding his comments or the status of the directory. The Executive Committee acknowledged a need to update the existing data on the webpage. Mr. Poland agreed and said he would meet with Mr. Vincent and check with Steve regarding this matter.
- c. Town of Plymouth Request – Court Case – Mr. Smith stated that he would form an ad hoc amicus committee to draft a policy on handling requests for briefs and when drafted, would provide the policy to the Executive Committee for review.

Mr. Smith also stated that the Plymouth case doesn't rise to the Champion level and reminded the EC that an amicus brief must be filed within 10 days of the filing of a brief. The request to CCAPA came in much later than this time frame.

- d. New Orleans Program Proposal – Mr. Poland presented a proposal for a presentation showcasing New Orleans before hurricanes Katrina and Rita and then after the storm events to the current day recovery status. Mr. Poland stated that he has been doing consulting work in the area and that

there is still a great deal of work to be done with regards to recovery in the storm affected areas. He suggested that he would donate his time to make the presentation and suggested that once the chapter's costs for the event were covered that the remainder of the money could be donated back to aid in the relief effort. The EC was supportive of the idea and a discussion of logistics relating to the program ensued.

Mr. Poland stated that the idea was to do the presentation in Connecticut and then present the proceeds to New Orleans. One member of the EC asked if this event would be open to the public as there may be a much greater draw than simply the membership of CCAPA. At the end of the discussion the EC agreed that Mr. Poland would work with the Program Committee to coordinate and schedule the event.

- e. CCAPA Policy Paper Discussion – Mr. Pellegrini stated that a subset of CCAPA had been working on drafting policy papers on Housing, Regionalism, and Smart Growth policies. At this point in time, Mr. Pellegrini stated that it was time to get these working drafts to the membership for them to review and respond to. He also stated that the format of the papers should be the same. Mr. Wood stated that the EC should be ready with position statements on the Chapter's prospective with regard to Smart Growth, Housing and Regionalism. The question was asked if CCAPA should use the national APA Smart Growth definition and the EC had a brief discussion regarding that. Mr. Smith agreed that these policy statements should be provided to the membership for comments sooner rather than later. Mr. Poland stated that these papers must look the same even though they are draft documents. It was noted by the EC that this task is another example of how the website could be more helpful to the organization.

III. Reports

- A. Government Relations – Mr. Wood stated that he was waiting to see the Smart Growth legislation and the resulting draft bills. He stated that the working groups realize that the Chapter would like to comment when the time comes. He also stated that the Government Relations Committee is actively monitoring developments on an ongoing basis and that clear policy statements from CCAPA will be useful moving forward.

Mr. Smith reported that he met with the Bar Association of Planning and Zoning to discuss the proposed land use court. The focus is on having an administrative judge in each district assigned the land use docket and have court's appoint judges experienced in land use cases to hear those particular cases.

Mr. Wood announced that there will be a cocktail reception at the Capitol which the Government Relations Committee and the EC are welcome to attend. The reception is May 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. If there are any volunteers to attend, please let Mr. Wood know. Mr. Pellegrini stated that national APA may have some informational boards that would be helpful to display and Mr. Smith added that the boards from the Awards Ceremony would be good to have on display as well.

- B. Professional Development Officer – had a number of items to report as follows:
 - A. Mr. Poland, Miss Banach and Mr. Pagini had a meeting with the School of Engineering in Hartford. The discussion was around a program covering topics including access management and corridor development, low impact development and traffic calming/complete streets. Ms. Carson stated she will help with this event.
 - B. CBI is doing some innovative planning related programs including one on low impact development and one on green power/green planning which will likely be a panel conversation.
 - C. There have been some webinars offered online; however, it was noted that they book quickly. Mr. Pagini stated that there is a free 2 hour webinar for those seeking AICP certification this year. There are some new AICP certified members and there are 7 candidates for the May exam.
- C. Program Committee– Ms. Carson stated that there will be 4 lunch programs offered on Thursdays in the upcoming year. The topics will be as follows:
 - a. Site plan review/basics;
 - b. Wind energy;
 - c. Energy improvement districts;
 - d. Demographic trends.

The EC also had a conversation regarding having a panel conversation about “ten things planners do that frustrate developers”. The EC found that these types of interactive sessions can be very useful to the membership and were supportive of the idea.

Miss Carson announced that there will be a new location for these lunch programs. They will be at the Colonnade in Glastonbury.

- D. Member Services Committee – No report.

- E. Treasurer Report – The Treasurer stated that revenue is behind at this point in the year and that a CD account was opened in the amount of \$15,000.

Mr. Poland stated the next meeting would be April 3, 2009 and with that as there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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