

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 8AM. Approximately 50 people were in attendance.

Attendees

Bill Becker, Julie Beckman, Ariel Ben-Amos, Liz Blazeovich, Kiki Bolender, Ed Bronstein, David Brownlee, Danielle Capozzi, Tina Chang, John Cruice, Susan Davis, Danielle DiLeo Kim, Joshua Evans, David Feldman, Regine Gevskewski, Alan Greenberger, Greta Greenberger, Doug Heller, Greg Heller, Paul Horning, Gersil Kay, Dan Kelley, Tim Kerner, Rob Kettel, Bennur Koksuz, Gregory Krykewycz, Sam Little, Brad Maule, Detlef Mertins, Jeannine Missacoi, Marsha Moss, Kathryn O' Rourke, Patti Peiffer, John Randolph, Barbara Ruth, David Schaaf, Craig Schelter, Christy Schneider, Laura Spina, Emily Stromberg, Curtis Swope, Erika Tapp, James Templeton, Paul Thompson, Sara Thorp, Nikki Thorpe, Richard Tyler, Elise Vider, Fon Wang

Open Discussion

- Dick Reed, expert on stone cutting, at Carpenter' s Company October 11, 6:30PM
- Recommendation for Wytold Rybczynski' s book, '*The Last Harvest*' – story of major residential development in Chester County by Arcadia Development.
- Question on status of Managing Director' s RFP for Street Furniture: premise is to have private company provide in return for advertising space. Montreal noted as good example of street furniture planning/management.
- Question on status of RFP for major residential development in Logan neighborhood: possible DAG invite to present at a later date
- Greg Heller introduced his father, Doug Heller, who is running for political office in Springfield Township.

Reports

- DAG lining up possible fall speakers: casinos, CCRA plan developed by Kise Straw Kolodner, Michael Sklaroff (real estate attorney and Chair of Historical Commission)

- David Brownlee has prepared draft of request for funding to William Penn Foundation. Submittal is awaiting approval by Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition who are proposed administrative partner to DAG. Formal request to WPF should be submitted by end of September.
- Request for funds will be to provide enhanced web support, on-call graphic support for select advocacy campaigns, planning for DAG growth, and two projects: campaign to create a public space advocate within the city bureaucracy, and campaign to identify/map all planning initiatives currently under way in the city.
- Penn Praxis Waterfront Plan entering last months before release of draft final report. Harris will be invited to DAG for presentation at the appropriate time.

Presentation

Detlef Mertins, Chair of the Department of Architecture at the University of Pennsylvania, presented his observations on trends in architectural education at Penn, its relationship to practice and to Philadelphia.

Next Meeting

Thursday, October 6, 2007 at Temple Center City

Speakers: John Claypool, Executive Director AIA Philadelphia, on a new Center for Architecture; and a presentation TBA.