



American Planning Association
Kansas Chapter

Making Great Communities Happen

KS APA Executive Committee conference call, November 19, 2009 at 8:30 am

Minutes:

Attendance -Annie, Bart, Chad, Eldon, Greg, Lisa, Nick, Sara, Steve, Thomas

Absent - Adam, James, Jessica

- A. **Conference De-Brief/Results of Conference Survey** (Sara and Lisa):
1. What went well? Survey results were overall very positive, high marks for Greensburg trip, location for hotel and conference center, small set-up for conference center worked well for our smaller group, poker tournament was given high marks- forced people to socialize, good student assistance
 2. What could we improve on next year? Ad Astra nominees, more mobile workshops and tours, orientation tours, more time between sessions/start later, cap on speakers for each session, offer only 14 CM credits, pre-conference schedule in newsletter, not having quite as many student volunteers
 3. Manhattan 2010- Conference space (Holiday Inn at the Campus)- Biggest issue with this space is a time crunch on Thursday afternoon due to another pre-planned event. Committee decided to work around this by trying to work with the Manhattan staff to plan several off-site workshops (possibly Ft. Riley expansion?) on Thursday afternoon.
 4. Graham Billingsly gave very high marks to Chapter members- all very friendly and outgoing, as compared to other Chapters.
 5. Locations of upcoming conferences are an item to be discussed more- Move around to other sites in state rather than just rotating between Kansas City, Wichita, and Manhattan. This issues needs to be discussed further, as there were a lot of comments about locations in the conference survey.
- B. **By-Laws Amendments** (Sara)- **Motion made by Thomas:** Recommend By-Laws to Chapter membership as presented at conference with a change to Section 10 Chapter Positions to add the following sentence before last sentence in this paragraph, "Adoption of a formal Chapter position shall be publicized in the next official Chapter publication." Eldon seconded the motion. **(Vote: 10-0-0 all in favor, none against)**
- Prior to vote some discussion commenced on whether to amend Section 5.f referring to meetings and quorum requirements for Executive Committee by changing this to majority vote of a quorum rather than the majority of the members present at the meeting. Discussion ended with no formal action being taken on changing this provision and the quorum requirement for the Executive Committee will remain as stated.
- C. **Planning Commission Training-** (Annie)- Work with David Yearout (Junction City/Geary Co.) and the KS Association of County Planning and Zoning Officials to organize a training on the Friday after the KACZPO meeting in April in Junction City- Friday, the 30th.
- D. **Legislative Issue- Blanket Easements** (Sara)- Brought forth by John Smith (City of Liberal) at the conference:
1. This issue concerns two current State bills in the Legislature- HB2124 and SB144 and whether the Executive Committee wants to take a formal policy stance on this issue.
 2. Committee to review handouts given to Sara by John Smith and copies of the two bills and discuss at next conference call in December and whether to take a stance or just inform membership of these issues.

3. Discussion commenced on what action the Chapter should take on legislative policy issues since we have a very broad membership. Is it our role to take stance or just be more educational regarding upcoming items in the Legislature? Do we want to name someone as a contact to KS League of Municipalities and KS League of Counties?
 4. Items will be on agenda in December to discuss.
- E. **Spring Symposium** (Thomas)- Plan a day event centered around the Freedom Frontier National Heritage Areas. Idea is to begin in Lawrence with classroom sessions and then have a bus tour to see various sites within Heritage Area. Judy Billings at the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce is the contact on this.
- F. **Other** (Steve)- At December conference call Steve will present a line item list of expenses/revenues for conference. So far, it appears we are to break even or come in a little over/under.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:47 am

