Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM by Tharani Krishnakumar

Tharani Krishnakumar

Michael Howell

Marke Preistner

Matthew Donahue

Vashil Fernandez

Caleb Mittanck

Bryan McBride

Keith Beason

Introductions were made by all present.

Tharani covered the goals including, sharing information and networking between Planning professionals.

Mark Preistner shared that Shane Pace Economic Development Director for the City of Jacksonville, TX wants to get involved with the group as well.

Three unelected positions are available.

Communications Coordinator

Professional Development Officer

Emerging Planning Leader

Keith Beason brought up an idea to reach out to local higher education institutions

East Texas Website has not been updated in a while. Tharani has spoken with Kyle with Texas APA about getting it updated with bios of the team. Tharani requested additional suggestions for our website.

Mark Priestner asked if we may be able to include a directory of members for networking purposes.

Tharani Krishnakumar said that she will work on the directory.

John Waltz with MHS Planning and Design joined the meeting at 3:20 PM

Caleb shared the link to the East Texas Section of the Texas APA website.

Vashil suggested adding a job posting section to the website.

In person meeting/workshop/lunch or dinner for section members was mentioned to help teach the platform

Kyle Kingma joined the meeting at 3:27 PM

Mark mentioned that multifamily and lot sizes regarding rental property as a potential topic of discussion.

First event will be held in Tyler after the new year for an early dinner event.

The By-Laws require that the team meets every three months, Tharani asked that everyone share ideas for future meetings.

December 2nd is deadline for “Great Places in Texas” on Texas APA Website

John Waltz asked if there was a directory of partner organizations. Kyle shared some of those, and John said that he would reach out to everyone for more information.

2023 National Planning Conference in Philadelphia, PA on April 1st-4th.

Tharani adjourned the meeting at 3:45.