



American Planning Association
Texas Chapter | Midwest Section
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Minutes of the TX APA Midwest Section

May 15, 2018

11:30 a.m.

I. Meeting opened at 11:30 am via conference call.

Present: Tamara Cook, Director
Abra Nusser, Director Elect
Travis Liska, Treasurer
Jenifer Reiner, Secretary
Eleana Tuley, Communications Coordinator
Jenny Crosby, PDO - Professional Development Officer
Danielle Stellrecht, EPL - Emerging Planning Leaders Representative

II. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Director Elect, Abra Nusser, to approve April 9, 2018 minutes.
Second by Treasurer, Travis Liska. Unanimously approved.

III. Future Events:

A. 4th Annual Spring TRWD Trash Bash – May 19

Eleana stated that there are 4 participants.

<http://www.trwd.com/water-supply/environmental/cleanups/trinity-trash-bash/spring/>

B. Lattes and Leadership – June 1 (see newsletter)

C. Resilient Series – June, July and September

Tamara Cook reached out to previous President of TFMA to find subjects and speakers as follows:

i. Floods and Regional Emergency Planning Efforts (NCTCOG) -
June 13, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm (1.5 AICP credit):

Ben with Halff Associates and TFMA to discuss *what floodplain managers want planners to know*; also Matt Bucchin Chair of APA Sustainable Development

ii. Tornado and Scenario Planning - July 25; 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Kimberly Miller with Allen Engineering will speak about *Post-Disaster Management*

- iii. Urban Wildfires – September 19 (tentative) Secretary to coordinate with Director and reach out to Texas A&M Forest Service

Tamara asked for questions or ideas from Board members to help guide speakers.

- D. Driving our Cities to the Green (Top Golf) Scholarship Fundraiser – June 28 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Fort Worth Top Golf.

Director shared information about fundraising event for student scholarships. Registration is open with 3 options – golfer, nongolfer, and children. Sponsorships available.

- 1. Sponsors: Director asked Board to commit to calling potential sponsors asap and deadline for sponsorship by June 7. Director will send e-mail to all firms in membership and to past sponsors. Director Elect suggested sending flyer to Board members to share. Send sponsorship information (name and amount) to Director via email.
- 2. Silent auction will be incorporated into program for the first time.
Texas Ranger tickets valued at \$150
Messina Hof for 4 people
State APA basket with \$50 from APA TX chapter
Director asked for Board members to help get items for silent auction by June 7.
- 3. Advertising: Director posted on Facebook pages; placed on DFW Architecture and Planning calendar. Communications Coordinator shared event information with TX APA and sent out a special newsletter. Director Elect will share on LinkedIn. If have an idea for additional advertising venue, please contact Director.

- E. Commissioners and Elected Officials Training – August 8/9

Director Elect briefed Board about DFW Airport Headquarters as event venue. Communications Coordinator will create a *Save the Date*.

- F. Multi-Disciplinary Event – August 28

Networking and tour event. Monte Anderson speaking.

Director stated not in budget because very recent event idea. ASLA, ULI, APA, AIA and CNU will get together to hold an event at the Tyler Street Station in Oak Cliff. Section will partner and contribute \$300 for event. Volunteers needed. More coordination in near future.

- G. Upcoming Administrative Events:

1. Big 6 Conference – Director stated still uncertain about event. Potential event facility in Fort Worth. Possible November 16 date. More information to follow.
2. Board of Directors Meetings – June 1 in Waco

IV. Officer Reports

A. Director – See item G above

B. Director-Elect:

Focus North Texas (FNT) - joint NCT and MW Sections effort; date set for February 8, 2019.

Awards Banquet: still joint event with FNT.

C. Secretary – No additional report

D. Treasurer – Account balance is \$5,201.33

E. Communications Coordinator – No additional report.

F. EPL – No additional report.

G. PDO – No additional report.

H. Programs Chair (volunteer) – Vacant

I. Immediate Past Director - absent

V. Next Board Meeting: To Be Determined

VI. Adjourned at 12:37 pm.