



AIA Gainesville

Board of Directors Meeting Notes June 8th, 2020 5:30 PM Your Home Office

Members Present: Adam Gayle, Bill Warinner, Matthew Vetterick, Cydney McGlothlin, James Blythe, Josh Shatkin, Mick Richmond, Mark Humbert, Viviana Ramon-Cardona
Members Absent: Sarit Sela
Guest: Mira Abdalla

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Board adopted agenda.
3. **Reading & Approval of the Minutes:** Board adopted minutes from May meeting
5. **Officer's Reports:**
 - A. **Treasurer Report:** New mailbox moved from midtown location to downtown location; reviewed travelers insurance for the year; Checking account update \$19,821; James to give the check to reimburse Josh
 - B. **Secretary Report:** No report.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Continuing Education:** Wednesday with Rockfon; June 18th with Schuler Systems; insurance company with risk management; see how comfortable membership/hosts are with tours and what accommodations or protocols to be followed; Limit number of people and require masks
 - B. **Sponsorship:** No updates
 - C. **Membership Committee:** No updates
 - Florida Foundation / Architecture in schools:** The board hasn't met
 - D. **Government Affairs Committee:** Emergency Board meeting tomorrow at 4pm; National AIA put out a letter, as did Florida AIA president; Conference was cancelled
 - E. **FAPAC:** No updates
 - F. **Associate Chapter Director:** No updates
7. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Hippodrome Film Series** – No updates; Mick to follow up; Rivers and Tides film
 - B. **Ask an Architect:** In person at planning department on hold
 - C. **AIA Gainesville Website:** Mick has reached out to Bradley, has not heard back, will contact again to get control of website turned over. Others will also reach out.
 - D. **AIAS Joint Programs:** AIAS Ask an architect is going well; its summer so there is less attendance; sending out a once a month email signup; 3pm may be a better time for those on

the west coast to join, keeping on a Friday. Attendance between 5-10 people but growing, working with others at other schools.

E. Holiday Party: Still closed; waiting to follow up

F. Golf Tournament: July 17th, \$1000 sponsorship from the board

G. Added Member Value

Tours: On Hold

AIA Gainesville Zoom subscription for membership: Potentially a Board account, but may be too complicated to give access to full membership

Online Lunch and Learns: Send options of Live Lunch and Learns to membership; Mick to forward to Mark

H. Board Insurance: Paid and insured

I. Josh VP Update: Haven't set how the elections will be done, since the cancelled conference; 4 people are running for 2 positions; Rhonda Hammond has been a good listener in Adam's experience with her at JLI

8. New Business:

A. AIA Board Statement on Systemic Racial Injustice: AIA National put out a strongly worded statement called out all members that we have not done enough to combat systematic racial injustice; there has been some blowback for various reasons; tremendous amount of activity at the AIA presidents levels; AIA Florida put out a statement; Adam has emailed a statement; Society of American Registered Architects (SARA); Not getting into specifics of names and killings, but to include the desire of inclusiveness and diversity and addressing racial injustice; 1 response to Adam's email that while they agree with the statement, they thought it came close to a political view which our bylaws do not allow. Going forward, is there thought on how we can follow our statements with our actions. Architecture in Education program in a low income school, and a program to hold meetings in black neighborhood to provide a free session to provide resources to the residents. Can we reallocate money we aren't using for other programs to work towards grants? What goals in neighborhoods would we look at to work with? Helping existing homeowners with resilience, such as storm mitigation. Fix houses with students from day to day survival rather than just hurricane preparedness. Team with Builders Association or USGBC or others. City of Gainesville program for housing and renters for rehab of buildings. Dedicated separate meeting to be set up by Mick.

B. Architecture in Education: AIA Tampa has been putting together short videos, building block series, to get grant funding to team up with a university to teach others and to make more videos; and potentially a scholarship to the student with the best video, through an AIA National grant

C. JLI Program Update: Gone through all the monthly sessions online, last session here in Gainesville; soon starting to reach out to get names for next year

D. Facebook Page Updates: We have not posted in a while; do we want to be a message board for our members; Post Adam's statement from the board on the Facebook Page with all the links. Voted and approved by the Board. It was proposed by Josh to remove the discussion of the Killings; The board approved to post this as the statement was previously sent in email.

E. 2020 People's Choice Awards: currently open for voting, started as Historic Hotels, and widened up to other hotels

- F. Chapter Dues:** It's time to decide if we need to raise dues, in the current climate we are not looking to raise the dues. Move to keep chapter dues where they are, was approved.
- G. 2020 Annual Meeting:** Time to reach out normally for the annual meeting location, but we are not sure if this will have an opening. There are options such as farms and breweries outside or large spaces. Hybrid in person and virtual.
- H. Rickman's got their reimbursement check**

Adjournment 6:57 PM

Next Board Meeting: July 6th, 2020 at 5:30PM

Location: Your home office

Submitted by Matthew Vetterick