

**Congress for the New Urbanism
Winter Board Meeting
Friday, March 11, 2011
Chicago, IL**

Attendees: Scott Bernstein, Stephanie Bothwell, Jack Davis, Ellen Dunham-Jones, Doug Farr, Norman Garrick, Laura Heery, Jennifer Hurley, Doug Kelbaugh, Mike Krusee, Steve Maun, John Norquist, Scott Polikov, Russ Preston, Sam Sherman, Dhiru Thadani, and Todd Zimmerman

Absent: Katharine Kelley and Connie Moran

Staff: Nora Beck, Abby Bouzan-Kaloustian, Mindy Martinez, Jeannette Mihalek, Sandrine Milanello, Ben Schulman and Heather Smith

Guests: Mike Busha, George Grasser, Mike Hathorne, Sarah Lewis, Susan Mudd, David Sattelberger, Bill Tuyn, Lori White, Sam Newberg and Carol Wyant

Board Chair Welcome & Agenda

Victor welcomed the board and reviewed the agenda. The board was directed to the notes from the Fall Board meeting. Stephanie requested the following edits be made to the notes:

- page 129 – add “Stephanie Bothwell joined via conference”
- page 130 – under the Treasurer’s Report the burn rate should be corrected to “\$75 – 80k”
- page 131 – under Staff Action Items the bullet should be clarified that it is Scott **B** who was being contacted
- page 133 – in Communications Report rephrase wording regarding Stephanie’s commentary
- page 137 – confirm which Scott (Bernstein or Polikov) in notes

The Board unanimously approved the Fall 2010 minutes with the requested amendments. Jennifer requested that a list of board action items be included with the minutes. **As confirmed during the Goal Setting Session, but highlighted here for emphasis, the Secretary will carry the To-Do list from one board meeting to the next to ensure clarity, continuity and accountability.**

President’s Report

John reported the Madison Congress planning is going well. Dhiru Thadani, Heather Smith and Jane Grabowski-Miller are working well together. The LHC is enthusiastically raising money and is close to reaching its goal. Confirmed speakers include Ed Glaeser and Will Allen.

On the policy front, John reported on his involvement in a series of meetings at HUD, most recently with David Stevens of FHA. CNU was invited to present a model for regulators including Dr. Raphael Bostic and Carol Galante. CNU can have an impact.

David Stevens informed John that CNU is the first and only group to approach him on the issue of FHA discrimination against mixed-use projects. Other meeting attendees included Joe Molinaro from the National Association of Realtors, Bill Tuyn from the Home Builders Association and Kevin Gillen. The Board discussed the opportunity to build a coalition with NTBA and expand it to include other SGA groups and ULI.

Goal Setting Session

Victor introduced Carol Wyant, moderator for the board's goals-setting session. Carol distributed a summarized list of 1-2 year goals for CNU that board members contributed to before the meeting.

Board discussion turned to suggestions for improving CNU offered by the Next Gen group. Russ explained that Next Gen would like to know *what is new urbanism doing* and *how can we measure the success*. Todd commented that these both are long-standing questions.

To better explain the point of view of Next Gen, Russ shared the document— Strategic Plan for New Urbanism Movement 1.1, with the board. The plan was created at a Next Gen meeting in New Orleans and includes 7 goals:

1. Expand outreach at a grassroots level and a level that connects with people's values
2. Influences
3. Build a research pipeline
4. Sharpen our practice: enliven public space
5. Promote tactical urbanism – low cost, quick implementation
6. Restructure annual Congress
7. Engage in ongoing strategic planning

While Next Gen claims not to be a rogue group, Jennifer and Russ said they are questioning CNU's relevance. *Dhiru suggested organizing a "board for a day" type event, with the specific proposal to invite 18 Next Gen representatives to the next board meeting and put them in place of board for one meeting while the board members watch.* Dhiru also turned the tables and asked Next Gen- what have you done and what are you willing to do?

Since the NOLA meeting, Russ said Next Gen has worked to:

1. Consolidate all listservs – so data is available to all
2. Compile low cost ways to implement
3. Organize a design competition in Madison
4. Draft a paper on CNU stance of design

At the prompting of Carol, board members contributed 1-2 short-term goals for CNU:

1. John N contact LaHood to get DOTs on board (Doug F)
2. Campaign for zombie sub divisions (Ellen D-J)
3. Lobby for green pruning (John N)

4. Set a membership growth goal (Victor D)
5. 30% of board member-elected (Victor D)
6. Member-voted content for CNU20 (Victor D)
7. Establish endowment campaign (Jennifer H)
8. Strategic use of John and Scott P- views to map out effectiveness, having the data and our presence = clout (Laura H)
9. Facilitate creation of a database enhancing the existing database to measure building performance (Todd)
10. Strategic plan (Scott B)
11. Continue to be self critical of work (Dhiru)
12. Focus on quality of building (Sarah)
13. Adoption of the CSS manual by all 50 DOTs as official criteria for design in urban planning (Scott P)
14. Adoption of CSS manual by engineering and planning schools as core academic component (Scott P)
15. Create and implement a development plan (Jennifer)
16. Create, implement and evaluate a transportation initiative process (Jennifer)
17. Assess board performance (Jennifer)
18. Define and agree upon goals and evaluate the annual Congress (Jennifer)
19. Improve the reporting mechanism to board (Jennifer)

John N pointed out that all these ideas take resources, staff time and volunteers. In order to accomplish these new priorities, CNU may have to let other things go. John suggested focusing on a manageable number of goals.

The group was instructed to send 2-3 actions to Jennifer, ranked in order of preference. Jennifer would tally the results and distribute them on Saturday when the discussion resumed during the Unfinished Business agenda item.

[EXHAUSTIVE NOTES FROM THIS GOAL SETTING SESSION CAN BE FOUND IN A SEPARATE DOCUMENT]

Buffalo Niagara Consortium for the New Urbanism – CNU 22 Bid Presentation

John introduced George Grasser, Bill Tuyn and Lori White from the BNCNU. Bill, George and Lori outlined the reasons CNU should consider holding CNU22 in Buffalo. Buffalo is the state's second largest city. Buffalo is a waterfront city with deep history and a potential for revitalization. Buffalo is an international location with airport accessibility. Buffalo will host the 2011 National Trust for Historic Preservation conference with a projected attendance of 2,000. George feels they would have no problem accommodating the Congress. BNCNU has a commitment from the Mayor of Buffalo and Mayor of Niagara Falls.

Suggested tours include Niagara on the Lake, Allentown, Olmsted Parks, Parkside neighborhood, Buffalo's Westside (a designated green development zone) and the Harbor Project tour.

Question & Answer Responses:

- BNCNU's goal is to make the Congress an international event.
- Conference facilities include 225 sq ft at the Hyatt Regency and 110,000 sq ft at the convention center. This space should allow for any configuration request CNU might have, including working sessions, lectures, and classroom style settings.
- The convention center is offering free space and set up. This includes the cost of all room styles and changes.
- Food prices are less than other cities.
- The convention center is 10 minutes from the airport.
- 4 hotels have submitted bids of interest for the Congress.
- The BNCNU committee has already engaged 3 foundations and is comfortable with the fundraising goals.

BNCNU then presented a 6-minute film of the City of Buffalo put together by John Paget.

Jennifer Hurley moved to accept the 2014 Congress be held in Buffalo, NY.

Todd Zimmerman seconded the motion.

Ellen Dunham-Jones asked that an amendment be included that the LHC develop connections with Canadians. All in favor, the motion was passed.

CNU 21 Presentation – Salt Lake City by Mike Hathorne

Representing the LHC, Mike Hathorne proposed a theme for CNU21- "The Living Community: From Heritage to Legacy". Heritage represents the past. Legacy represents the future.

Program session ideas include:

- Regional Planning/Envision Utah Model
- City of Zion
- DPZ Study of the Mormon block
- HUD Sustainable projects (Salt Lake City is the only city to receive \$5M grant from HUD)

Local tour ideas include:

- City Creek \$1.4B development of 2 ½ SLC blocks
- Transit (BRT, Trax, Trolley) – Light Rail to be completed by 2013
- Historic neighborhoods
- Neighborhoods scale

When asked about potential sponsors, Mike responded that there are several sponsorship ideas with lots of opportunity. The LHC welcomes ideas about how to pitch sponsorships- looking for guidance. SLC has a diverse group of LHC Committee membership to draw on and Peter Calthorpe has promised to help.

Scott P noted the opportunity to focus sessions on HUD sustainability grants related to discussions at the national board levels that could be tested.

Ellen commented she would prefer if theme mentioned new urbanism. Doug K thought it would be good to have someone on LHC from University of UT.

The decision to finalize the Congress theme was put on hold. Ellen agreed to work with Mike Hathorne on expanding the current proposal.

To Do:

1. Ellen D-J will help the LHC refine the current theme proposal.

CNU 19 – Madison Update

Program Report- Dhiru, Jane and Heather have been teleconferencing weekly and working with Eliza Harris from Next Gen. This year's program is more uniformly structured, with the same start time every day, plus uniform break times- a ½ hour between each session and 1 hour 45 minutes has been allocated for lunch. Plenaries are scheduled in the mornings and late afternoon. The program is organized by track and each track has 6 – 8 sessions, sequentially in terms of content. CNU19 will have a record number of 202 sessions (13), 4 sponsored by TBA. Last August key goals were identified and design has been brought back to the heart of the program. Heather directed board members to the website for continuing updates and extended a thank you to Jack Davis for his work on the Plenaries.

Registration & Partnership Report- Sandrine reported that online registration opened December 1st and a total of 92 individuals had registered. This is ahead of registration numbers in past. Of the \$204,000 in Partnerships pledges, \$138,000 has been received to date (93% of goal).

Miscellaneous Report- Sandrine also reported that a Tuesday night “thank-you” event for the LHC is being held in Madison.

Planned Events Report- Standing in for Jane Miller-Grabowski, Susan Mudd reported that there is a loosely organized bike ride every morning and the city is trying to get bike sharing in place before the Congress. There is a “Ride the Drive” event planned on Sunday, a Magical Mystery Tour, a separate tour of Milwaukee and a tour of Middleton Hills. There are also events being planned around Madison's Saturday Farmer's Market with expanded tours of the market and tours of the State Capitol. There will also be breakfast programs with two premier chefs in Madison. Finally, there is a design competition (called AuthenticCity) being coordinated by Russ Preston. Russ is working with the new Planning Director in Madison on this project and will offer a cash prize. Information regarding can be found at http://www.cnu.org/news_authenticity_design.

Jennifer reminded the group there would be another art auction this year. Board members should email her regarding donations for the auction.

CNU 20 – Florida Update by Mike Busha

Mike Busha reported the dates for CNU20 have been set for May 9 – 12, 2010 and the proposed theme is “The New World”. Mike presented examples of how the “new world” fits with CNU; such as open a “new world” of opportunities for the New Urbanism; a “new world” of ideas about development, sustainability, education, and coding.

Conference tracks developed around the “new world” theme could include:

- Implementation
- Architecture and Placemaking
- Transportation
- Sustainability
- International
- Historical Preservation

Suggested founder’s forum included “Celebration and Critique” and “How the CNU Exists in the New World”.

Mike also noted that the Palm Beach Council made a commitment to CNU 20 and Heather reported that Jack Davis has agreed to head the Plenary Committee. Dhuru Thadani, Russ Preston and Norman Garrick are serving as board advisors with the help of Sam Sherman and Sarah Lewis.

Ellen D-J moved to accept “The New World” as the theme for CNU 20. Doug K. seconded. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Communications Report

John introduced Sam Newberg; Sam served as the interim Communications Director while CNU conducted the search for Steve Filmanowicz’s replacement. John then introduced Ben Schulman, the new Communications Director.

Sam and Nora presented and reviewed the new CNU website and new communications brochure. The website’s front-page spotlights different photos with the messaging taglines developed from the work done by Robin Rather and the board over the last year. Nora reported there would be a limited print run on the new general brochure with the first rollout to the local chapters.

Discussion: CNU honoring the memory of architect Michael Barranco

Victor led the group in a discussion of how best to honor the memory of Michael Barranco. Michael was praised for his work after the Katrina hurricane. Suggestions included perhaps an award at Congress or naming a charter award after him; this would be emblematic of the work he did. John suggested having someone who knew him well write something and post on website.

John moved that he contact Steve Mouzon or Andres Duany to write an essay on Michael Barranco to be posted on CNU website and included in a later e-blast. Ellen seconded.

Stephanie requested this be amended to include “and show images focusing on Michael’s work at CNU 19. All in favor, none were opposed.

The staff was asked to leave for the Executive Session.

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Guests: Sarah Lewis and Emily Talen

Unfinished Business

The board returned to the goals setting discussion from Friday.

Discussion of possible board retreat/additional meetings: Sunday after Congress was proposed. Discussion of events taking place after Congress that might interfere such as the "Ride the Drive" bike ride. Board members might not want to stay. *Option of sending a doodle poll to board was raised. No decision or motion was made.*

Jennifer distributed a list of action items organized into categories from the board submissions on Friday. The board began going through each item on the list (not all items were covered in discussion). A copy of this list is attached.

1. Translate Charter into Chinese, Arabic, etc.
 - a. Zach B claimed responsibility for Chinese translation
 - b. Stephanie B claimed responsibility for Arabic translation
 - c. Dhiru T claimed responsibility for the Hindi translation.
2. Adoption of CSS manual by 50 DOTs
 - a. Russ noted this work already underway in Rhode Island
 - b. Russ P, Sarah L, Doug F, Scott P, Mike K and John N all volunteered
3. Endowment Campaign
 - a. Zach B, Stephanie B, Mike K and Laura H volunteered
 - b. Goal to report to board by October 2011 board meeting
4. DC Presence
 - a. Tabled to be discussed by the Government Affairs Committee in June
5. Membership Growth Goal (1,000 annually; 3,000 by the end of 2011)

DC Presence Discussion

Todd made a motion was made to authorize the board to make a decision on whether part of CNU's mission is to influence Policy. Dhiru seconded.

Ellen felt CNU would be better off letting allies do lobbying and focusing our efforts on developing content design strategies.

John commented that the government affairs committee is already influencing policy but that Ellen makes a good point.

Victor rephrased the motion: Authorize the Executive Committee, working with staff, to bring a concrete proposal (with costs) for possible DC presence to further goals to June board meeting. Jennifer requested it included a working group of board members who sit on both sides (Exec Committee and Board)

Todd withdrew original motion. More discussion ensued.

Revised Motion: Establish a government affairs group to identify options for how we would establish a DC presence and analyze pros and cons and bring back to the June 1st board meeting. Some disagreement.

Final Motion: Authorize the Government Affairs Committee, with the help of other resources, to produce a concrete business plan including options, case and timeline to enhance organization and affect a change through ongoing DC presence. Russ seconded the motion.

After more discussion it was agreed that the Government Affairs committee would have a conference call to talk about strategy opportunities, potential partners and achievable outcomes.

The motion was voted on- 18 for, 1 abstention- the motion was passed.

Membership Growth Discussion

Victor motioned to adopt a membership growth goal of 1,000 members per year starting in 2011 at 3,000. Russ seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Charter Awards Update

Nora Beck reported that the 2011 Charter Awards Jury met in Pasadena in February. Liz Moule served as jury chair. 9 projects were selected for awards and 9 for honorable mentions. There was a problem with publication submissions and the jury decided there was not adequate time to review the submissions based on the criteria at hand. The jury requested specific criteria or a separate program be created for publications. The submissions are being returned along with the registration fees.

The group discussed submission fees. **Todd proposed the fees be raised but keep the student fees the same. The board unanimously agreed.**

Heather reported that she is working with Dhuru and Sandrine on salons to showcase the winning projects.

Nora reported that the Executive Committee recommended Doug Kelbaugh to serve as the Jury Chair for the 2012. Doug is enthusiastic about serving as jury chair.

Ellen motioned to confirm Doug K. as the 2012 Charter Awards Jury Chair. Stephanie seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion was passed.

Chapter Update

Nora reported:

- CNU welcomed their 15th local chapter Cascadia, which represents Washington, Oregon and British Columbia
- Chapter dues for 1st quarter were \$9,7 00
- 72% of membership has a chapter in the region (need to target remaining 28%)

Nora asked that expectations be established regarding prospect lists from the chapters.

Nominations & Governance

Victor opened discussion by reporting that the Executive Committee met on Thursday and discussed the slate for the new Committee beginning in June 2011. The Secretary and Treasurer's positions need to be filled after Todd Zimmerman and Stephanie end their board terms. Victor also reported after discussion, Ellen agreed to accept the position of Chair-Elect. The Executive Committee presented the following slate for approval:

- John Norquist – President (no change)
- Victor Dover – Chair (no change)
- Ellen Dunham-Jones – Vice Chair/Chair-Elect
- Jennifer Hurley – Treasurer
- Russ Preston – Secretary

Todd Zimmerman moved to confirm the slate as proposed by the Executive Committee. Zach Borders and Laura Heery seconded. All were in favor, none opposed.

Before handing the discussion off to Zach, Victor also revisited his suggestion from Friday that the board strive to reach a point where 1/3 or 30% of the board membership was comprised of member-elected representatives.

The board unanimously approved a motion that a proposed revision to the bylaws implementing a member-election process should be prepared by the Chair and legal counsel, and placed on the agenda for consideration by the Board at its June meeting.

As Chair of the Nominations & Governance Committee, Zach presented a 3-person slate and alternatives to fill the upcoming vacancies on the board. Members of the committee include Liz Plater-Zyberk representing the Emeritus members, Russ Preston representing Chapters, and Zach.

Jennifer asked that the entire list of nominees be circulated in the future. Zach explained the proposed list of 40 nominees was narrowed down to 12. The short list was derived based on the criteria requested by the board. The long list could be carried forward to future nominations committees.

Three names were proposed to fill the vacant slots- John Torti, Marcy McInelly and Russ Preston. As part of the Executive Committee nominations vote, Russ was approved to fill one of the vacancies, leaving two to be filled.

A series of discussions followed as the board considered extending the terms of the three departing board members; temporarily expanding the number of members on the board; the possible member-election process; and the proposed board nominees submitted by the Nominations & Governance Committee.

Several motions were put forth during this discussion.

Motion 1- *Dhiru proposed that the terms of Stephanie Bothwell, Todd Zimmerman and Zach Borders be extended for 1 year and that the slate of new members be tabled. This will allow for a transition period and proper honoring of these board members at CNU20. No vote taken.*

Motion 2- *Ellen motioned that in the interest of the organization and the continued need for new faces, that Connie M vacate her seat as board member to someone who can give their time/energy. Motion later withdrawn.*

Motion 3- *Doug K motioned that Stephanie, Zach and Todd become ex-officio/non-voting board members for 1 year. Norman seconded. Motion later withdrawn.*

Motion 4- *Dhiru refined his motion to extend the terms of the 3 members for 1 year; to expand the board membership by 1 member, for 1 year; and to elect 2 members in 2012 (restoring the board to its normal total). This assumes Russ is taking Connie's slot and Marcy is the new member. No vote taken.*

Motion 5- *Jennifer motioned to fill the 2 currently vacant slots with 2 of the proposed nominees and discuss the questionable slot in June when more information is available. No vote taken.*

Motion 6- *Russ proposed terming off all 3 individuals, celebrating them at CNU20, and asking these 3 to become the founders of The Founders Forum. Laura added that The Forum could send a representative to each board meeting. Doug K seconded. No vote taken.*

Motion 7- *Dhiru motioned to extend terms for 1 year; invite Marcy to join the board (amend bylaws for 1 year- 22 board members); and elect 2 board members in 2012. Laura H originally seconded- withdrew. Jennifer H seconded. Vote resulted in 4 yes, 9 no, and Russ P abstained.*

Final Motion- Russ motioned that, in lieu of staying, the terms of Todd, Stephanie and Zach end, and these three individuals phase into leadership of The Founders Forum and the board recognize them at CNU20 with the formal launch of The Founders Forum. Jennifer H seconded. 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained. Motion approved.

Final Motion- Doug F moved to nominate Marcy M to one of the open slots. Dhiru T seconded. All approved.

Motion 8- Doug F moved to leave the second seat open for 2012 member elections. Doug K seconded. 3 yes, 13 no, John N abstained.

Final Motion- Jennifer moved to nominate Dan Slone to the remaining open board position. Dhiru T seconded. Board then voted on Dan Slone Proposal. 16 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstained.

Zach B pointed out that the position of Nomination and Governance Committee Chair was now vacant. **Victor emphasized the need to identify a new chair within the next few weeks.**

Doug F asked how to consider opening seats for 2012. No response noted.

Fundraising Update

Jeannette Mihalek reported to reach 1,000 new members CNU will need to continue expanding benefits. Jeannette feels the corporate membership program is stagnant right now and CNU needs to enhance membership and increase visibility. The membership fundraising goal is \$385K this year - \$345K from individual memberships and the remaining \$40K from corporate memberships. Jeannette commented that the overall pool of prospects and funders is small and we keep going to them for the same items. Jeannette also reported email fundraising appeals will be an ongoing part of the plan. Fundraising appeals will be tied to specific initiatives, such as Fannie/Freddie reform and highway teardowns.

The group began a discussion of membership benefits. Highlights included:

- Dhiru asked what is the difference between members & non-members? Member only content.
- When asked, Jeannette reported the return rate of the membership drive was 7.5%
- Jennifer: Architecture firms want more access to Congress.
- Scott B.: A stronger link to program is a member benefit and helps boost membership.
- Can we leverage current corporate members to help secure other corporate memberships?

Scott P. entered a motion that a requirement of board membership be that each board member must agree to a fundraising interview with the Development

Director to help achieve their fundraising commitment. Russ Preston seconded. All were in favor; the motion was passed.

Doug F. suggested part of membership be a gift of a 1 or 2 gig thumb drive with member only content such as videos/movies – the best stuff from the Congress. Every year the content could be updated. The drive could be imprinted with CNU logo. The group approved of this idea.

Ellen proposed that a document with information to help educate board members about how money is spent and talking points for fundraising be developed.

TO-DO:

1. Jeannette to create a “talking points” document to help board members
2. Staff to research Doug’s idea of thumb drive
3. Staff to create a document explaining the relationship between income and expenses

Treasurer’s Report

Stephanie directed board members to page 23 (the Treasurer’s report narrative) of their board packet. In the Fall 2010, the board voted to approve a \$77K shortfall budget. The goal is still a net-zero balance for the 2011 budget. The final CNU 18 totals show a profit of \$400K, this may be the highest to date. Stephanie reported that although CNU has \$200K cash in bank, we must still be cautious. The Congress is further out this year and that has a good and bad side to it. Sponsorship dollars are coming in earlier this year but CNU is also spending the money. There is still a long year ahead. 2010 actuals are under final review and there will be an audit in April. The Finance Committee has been meeting monthly via teleconference. Jack Davis and Katharine Kelley are also on committee.

Scott B. moved to accept the Treasurer’s report. Laura Heery seconded. All were in favor; the motion was passed.

Government Affairs Committee

Sam and John reported that the Committee has been very active, focusing their efforts on HUD leadership regarding the Fannie/Freddie reform. The Committee expanded and coalition partners now include NAHB, NTBA and the National Association of Realtors. To-date the Committee has met with Dr. Raphael Bostic (HUD Policy and Research) and Asst. Secy. David Stevens at FHA. David Stevens has invited CNU and coalition to draft a proposal to reform FHA regulations. The next meeting with other leadership from HUD will include Carol Gallante, Deputy Asst. Sec. for Multi-Family Housing.

The Committee would like to purchase data to support its position on GSE reform. The total cost of data is \$10,000; the Committee is asking the Board to approve CNU funding of \$5,000 towards this purchase with the balance being raised from other sources.

Todd asked if EConsult could do this data? John responded that Kevin Gillen has already developed the data and that the committee would like to have this information readily available when they meet in May with the Commissioner and others from HUD.

Scott B. motioned to approve the release of \$5,000 to purchase the data developed for the Philadelphia region. Todd Zimmerman seconded. All were in favor; none opposed. The motion was passed

Sam began a discussion of federal spending and the House Republicans proposed cuts to HUD Sustainability program. The wasteful spending and the war in Afghanistan are “leeching money” from the US economy and undermining needed investments such as transportation and affordable housing. Sam asked if CNU would take a formal position in favor of withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Sam motioned for CNU to draft a letter to endorse withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan by end of 2012. Ellen seconded. 3 for, all others opposed; the motion failed.

Housing Research Report – Emily Talen

Victor introduced Emily Talen from Arizona State University. Emily gave an overview of her research and published articles. The article: “Affordability in New Urbanist Development: Principle, Practice and Strategy” was published in The Journal of Urban Affairs and examines social diversity by assessing affordability in new urbanist developments. Emily also reported on her research/survey funded by the Oram Foundation titled “Prospects for Walkable, Affordable Neighborhoods”. After reporting some of the survey highlights the group went into a lengthy discussion of these findings. Highlights of survey included:

- 71% of respondents claimed they encountered barriers to financing.
- 2/3rd of respondents agreed that reforms of Fannie/Freddie and FHA would help increase affordability

To-Do:

Mindy will email abstract and articles by Emily Talen

The meeting was adjourned