

**National Organization of Minority Architects
Washington DC Chapter**

P.O. Box # 77174
Washington, DC 20013-7174

Meeting Minutes

24 JUN 04 Meeting

Attendees:

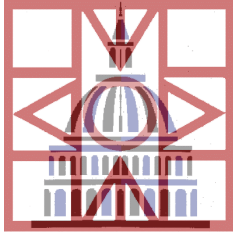
Cheryl Amisial, Treas
Annette Carter
Kathy Dixon, Sec
David Field
Virgil Green, Past Pres
Jeffrey Harris
LaShawn Hazel
Lakeisha Henderson, Pres

Larry Jones
Rodney Nesbitt
William Ngutter, 1st VP
Krishna A. Rainey
Amber Wiley

Meeting commenced at approximately 6:45 pm with introductions

Old Business

- **NEOCON / Focus on Design update:** October 6 - 9th, 2004 - Focus on Design website will be up this coming weekend; speakers are still needed for the seminars on **"Defining Black Architecture"** and **"Diversity of Architects: Why are the Percentages still so Low"** please contact president@dcnoma.org with suggested speakers.
- **DC NOMA website** to move servers this weekend. Redesigned site will be up shortly thereafter. Comments & Suggestions for new site are welcome at secretary@dcnoma.org or mjohnson@northost.net
- **DC NOMA Chapter Brochure** is under development; tentative completion date is Aug chapter meeting. Contact vicepresident1@dcnoma.org if you wish to help.
- **HGTV / National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) Restore America Gala** was attended by DC NOMA members William Ngutter and Meshella Woods-Johnson courtesy of NTHP. NTHP wants to focus on community-based groups & volunteer preservation projects for next year. Would like to further develop a relationship with NOMA both locally and nationally.
- **NOMA Conference – New York, NY October 28-30th** – Pre-register at <http://www.nynoma.org> Sponsor packages are available, please distribute to companies & universities.



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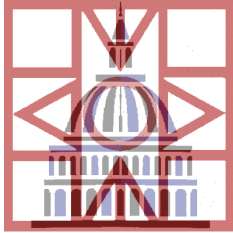
- **Historian position:** Larry Jones is currently sole nominee for this position. Any interested parties please contact president@dcnoma.org; vote will take place at Aug meeting

New Business

- **Daytrip to Philadelphia to view Julian Abele works:** planning committee includes Virgil Green, Larry Jones, Patrick Williams, Annette Carte, and Peter Cook; need tentative date, cost (if any), and mode of transportation (carpool? van rental?). Coordinate with Philadelphia NOMA chapter president, Joel Avery, president@philanoma.org. Notify students at Duke, UVA, and local DC schools. Committee to report details at Aug meeting. Possible sites include
 - The Philadelphia Museum of Art
 - The Free Library of Philadelphia
 - The Widener Building (1331 – 1337 Chestnut Street)
 - Irvine Auditorium (UPenn Campus)
 - 718 South Twenty-first Street, 1911 Fitzwater Street and 1515 Christian Street in South Philly
- **DC 1st Greenroof Exposition** – attended by Reuben Hameed (not present)
- **“Homes of Color” Initiative** – DC NOMA will participate in **Congressional Black Caucus event Sept 9 thru 11th, 2004 at Washington Convention Center**. We need volunteers to sit at NOMA booth. A liaison between DC NOMA and Homes of Color is needed. Interested parties please contact vicepresident1@dcnoma.org

General discussion/Mentoring

- **Alexander Hamilton estate** in Harlem is in need of rehabilitation. Dr. Delois Blakely (owner) is looking to NOMA to support this effort. Brownstone is located at 477 142nd Street, NY, NY. David Field indicated that possible funding could be applied for via Preservation Service Fund grants. Hamilton was an abolitionist of mixed ancestry. If you'd like to help in this effort, please contact vicepresident1@dcnoma.org
- LaShawn Hazel reported his attendance at the **AIA Conference** in Chicago. Stated that it was well organized, very informative, and an enjoyable event.
- Larry Jones suggested that DC NOMA plan to **have a large delegation to attend the NOMA conference in NY**. Relatively close distance to NY should be encouragement for members to attend. LaKeisha stated that Regional breakout sessions are typically held at conference and we should have a large presence.



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- Larry Jones suggested that it is **time to hold another social event** similar to the event held earlier this year. Should contact OBD about having a joint event possibly in August. This topic will be included on the Board meeting agenda for July.
- Virgil Green stated if the day trip to Philadelphia is successful, then a **trip to Duke University** to view the campus designed by Julian Abele would be a good follow-up event.
- David Field distributed brochures for the **NTHP Conference to be held Sept 28-Oct 3rd in Louisville, Kentucky**. He encourages NOMA members to attend. Jeffrey Harris will host two seminars at the conference. David suggested the NTHP could distribute conference information to NOMA's mailing list if provided. The NTHP fellowship will be renewed for next year more information will be provided.
- LaKeisha indicated that NOMA is considering the feasibility of having a **Baltimore chapter**. Would like to reach out to architecture schools and students in Baltimore as well as local architects.
- Today's New York Times article distributed by Amber Wiley discussed African-American architects and cultural museums. (article is attached)

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:50 p.m.

Next General Body Meeting date:

One Judiciary Square – Rm 940
441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington DC

August, 26 2004 - 6:30 pm

Judiciary Square Metro Station (Redline)

An interim Officers meeting will be held

July 22, 2004 at 6:30pm
Location TBD