

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

P.O. Box # 77174
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Meeting Minutes

24 MAR 05 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Kathy Dixon, Sec
David Field
Patrick Williams, 1st VP
Wilton Scott, JR
Michael Marshall
Meshella Johnson
Craig Dean
Jill Nicholson
Steven Lewis

Joseph Hannah
Veronica Jackson
Dreck Wilson
Bernard Suber
Keena R. Simon
Desmond Grimball
Lakeisha Henderson, Past Pres
William Ngutter, Pres
Jeffrey Harris

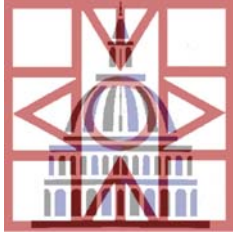
Meeting commenced at approximately 6:45 pm with introductions

Old Business

- **Membership:** William encouraged everyone to pay their dues as soon as possible. 2005 dues was due in January although invoices were not sent out by national NOMA. (Treasurer's report was submitted after the meeting)
- **NEOCON seminar;** Submitted topic of "The Architect as Real Estate Develop" to NEOCON committee. Guest speakers anticipated to be Toni Griffin who has been influential in the Anacostia Waterfront project. Currently working AAREP to solidify speakers; OBD needs volunteers for planning & during conference. Meshella explained that this year's Focus On Design will target issues promoting social responsibility. She handed out brochures from previous events. NEOCON will be held Sept 14-15 at the Baltimore Convention Center
- **Freedman's Cemetery Design Competition Update:** William updated group on status of competition...The response to the grant request is expecting in May. If funding comes through the next phase should be development of a competition committee. The Competition is targeting for 2006. Discussion focused on whether the competition should be international or not (potentially could involve SOBA-Society of Black Architects in Britain); could also approach the Wilson Bridge project about obtaining funding; David suggested contacting Joe Pettiford (NTHP) for advice because he once worked for the City of Alexandria.
- **Student Internships Update:** GSA and Leo Daly are offering position for student internships. Interested students should contact president@dcnoma.org; Also L'Oreal has expressed an interest to fold architecture students into the design of their storefronts.

New Business

- **HON** has an employment position available for someone with design and CADD experience. Please contact Craig Dean at HON deanc@honcompany.com
- Presentation was given by Dreck Wilson, ALSA, NOMA regarding the "**Benefit to Restore the Home of Carter G. Woodson**". Goal is to raise \$100,000 to restore, renovate and furnish the



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Woodson home. Dreck distributed information on the planned events and expressed a need for volunteers from NOMA/DC NOMA. More information is available on the DC NOMA website at www.dcnoma.org/woodson_benefit.pdf ; Dreck also presented DC NOMA with an opportunity to acquire the exhibitions created for the benefit after the event is over. The exhibits could be used as a source of revenue for the chapter. The chapter would need to consider if it could provide the insurance, shipping, storage and protection needed for the exhibition. Existing exhibitions of a similar nature range from \$550 to \$2500 for rental/display (not including shipping/transportation).

General discussion/Mentoring

- Meshella announced that the **OBD Portfolio Review** will be held at the Gannet Building in Tyson's Corner on April 2nd. Students are encouraged to attend. For more information please contact president@obd-dc.org
- Bernard announce that the annual **Julian Abele Awards** will be held by PhilaNOMA chapter on May 6th at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Tickets are \$40.00 DC NOMA members are encouraged to attend and show support. Please contact Bernard for more information bsuber@kling.us; Salvador Dali exhibit is also at the museum for a limited time.
- Jeffrey Harris announced that the **Association of African-American Museums Conference** will be held in Washington D.C. from July 27-30. Please contact Jeffrey for more information free_harris@nthp.org
- Steve discussed his continued efforts to develop an exhibit of **Design Excellence including works by African-American architects**. The Nat'l Building Museum has offered to host the exhibition when completed.
- William has been asked to speak at Kansas State University regarding his research on African Architecture. The **Kansas State Diversity Forum** will take place the first week of April.
- David discussed the upcoming symposium on April 15th regarding the restoration and **rehabilitation of the Mary Church Terrell house**. He also announce that student internships are available at NTHP. David also distributed cards for signing up for the NTHP's monthly e-newsletter. Michael Marshall won the door prize (a book on the African American Historic Places Initiative)
- Meshella thanked David and the NTHP for their support for OBD events and for hosting our chapter meeting.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:20 pm

Next General Body Meeting date:

April 21, 2005 – 6:30 p.m.

Joint Meeting w/ OBD hosted by Standard Business Furniture
Standard Showroom