



National Organization of Minority Architects Washington DC Chapter

P.O. Box # 77174
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Meeting Minutes

CHAPTER MEETING 25 AUG 2005

Attendees:

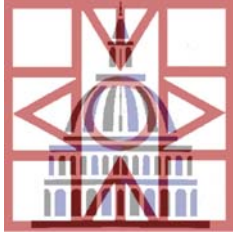
William Ngutter, Pres
Reuben Hameed, 2nd VP
Kathy Dixon "Acting Secretary"
Joseph Hannah
Larry Jones, Historian
Cheryl Amisial, Treasurer
Patrick Williams, 1st VP

Meshella Woods-Johnson
Eric Yabar
Andre Copeland
Jean Larionne
Ken Robinson
Michelle Chin, NE Student Liaison
LaShawn Hazel
Mike Hill

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm with introductions

Old Business

- **Freedman's Cemetery Update:** Congress has voted to set aside \$75,000 for the Freedmen's Cemetery. These funds have been specified for the design component only. There has not been a Formal Document drafted as of yet, but the notification should follow by October. DC NOMA will oversee the selection process for the competition. Funds are already earmarked and will be available in 2006. National NOMA will handle funds. Reference the "Save America's Treasures" Initiative
- **NEOCON / Focus on Design:** Paul Devroux & Marshall Purnell have agreed to speak at the FOD5/ Neocon Symposium in regard to the MLK Foundation Memorial Project, Wed Sept 14 at 1:30pm Tony Griffin will be moderator for "The Architect as Developer" Forum Thurs, Sept 15 at 9:30am. Still need to confirm other panelists (Jair Lynch, Dessa Sealy, Jim Cain, Thomas James, Ernie James).
 - Sponsors are needed for the Wed evening event.
 - Contact William or Meshella if you wish to volunteer at the event; people are needed as representatives at the booth
 - Phil Freelon and Gary Bowden will be honored; OBD founder will receive recognition; if DC NOMA wished to honor any members, please pass names onto Meshella mjohnson@northost.net
 - Register on website at www.focusondesign.org
 - Need design for 10' x 10' Showroom booth layout; a plasma screen will be included to display NOMA firm PowerPoint presentation; furniture will be donated by Teknion & HON
 - Vendors may have opportunity to do mini-talks at booth; 8,000 are expected for NEOCON
 - \$15 per day; CEU can be earned
 - Scholarships for students are available
 - Baltimore Mayor will sign a proclamation making September "Design Diversity Month"
 - Need input & contacts at local radio stations to promote the event (92.3 FM)
- **Julian Abele DC Tour:** Peter Cook has agreed to lead the Abele tour in DC. Belgian Embassy is open to our visiting, but facility will not be available to tour until Ambassador returns Sept 26th.



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Patrick & Larry will solidify itinerary for tour. Will be promoted via email & website when finalized.

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- **ARE Study Course:** Dates must be changed do to conflict with Howard Univ event. Proposed dates are November 18-20th. Cost is TBD. Interested parties contact Michelle Chin at panache20@hotmail.com
- **Architectural Copyright Protection Presentation** by Attorney Andres Quintana Ervin, Cohen & Jessup LLP in Beverly Hills, California. Chapter Meeting September 29th, 2005. Kathy is trying to secure the Howard Univ Sch of Arch Auditorium for the lection. A description of the presentation was distributed. Speaker has asked everyone to come with questions and examples.
- **NSBE AEDC Annual Cookout:** NSBE has asked us to promote their annual cookout to our members. September 18th, from 1pm - 6pm. The cookout will be held at Cameron Run Regional Park in Alexandria, VA. Cost is \$5. Miniature golf and water rides

General Discussion / Mentoring

- Ken suggested that Homes of Color magazine be contacted to do an article after Focus on Design event is over.
- Meshella is in need of photographers for the Focus on Design event. Contact mjohnson@northost.net
- Shaw EcoVillage Symposium on Green Building & Smart Growth on Sept 9th-10th at the Reformer Building at 12th & U St. Contact Mike Hill for more information sev.mikehill@verizon.net

Next Meeting date:

Architectural Copyright Presentation

Thursday, September 29, 2005

Location: TBD

Upcoming Events:

Julian Abele/Works of Black Architect in D.C. Tour (TBD)

NEOCON East / Focus on Design – Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD – Sept 14-15

www.neoconeast.com

NOMA Conference – Birmingham, Alabama – Oct 13-15 www.bnoma.net

ARE 3-day Seminar – Nov 18-20