

November 4th – Bronx Chapter and Bronx County Historical Society Tour

On Saturday November 4th at 10:00-12:00pm the Chapter with the Bronx County Historical Society will have its First Continuing Education Tour for 2-HW/LU Credits on the “Grand Concourse and the Art Deco Movement”. The tour will start at the Court House at 161th Street and Grand Concourse. Participants can contact besnard@dzco.com to reserve a place on the tour. It will cost \$20 for AIA Members and \$30 for non-members.

Tour: Grand Concourse/Art Deco Movement

Credits: 2-HW/LU Credits

Course Description:

The tour to be led by a Senior Educator of the Bronx County Historical Society and a Bronx AIA Architect, exploring the development of the premier Bronx street. This street, the Grand Concourse, was conceived in the “City Beautiful” movement when City Governments throughout the country in this instance in New York City, utilized Infrastructure and Transportation construction combined with Governmental Legislation and Zoning regulations to create the Grand Concourse. This history of the planning decisions created the Grand Concourse, in combination with private sector investments and the construction of semi fireproof residential buildings between the World Wars, will be reviewed. The changes in neighborhood demographics and land uses along the Grand Concourse, including the siting of public and private facilities i.e., a museum, community center, Yankee Stadium will be highlighted.

Learning Objective 1:

Describing the historical physical development of the Grand Concourse and its relationship to public legislation, zoning, and construction of the IRT and IND Subway Systems.

Learning Objective 2:

Discussing the private sector residential buildings construction activities in achieving a high density residential neighborhood with the appropriate light, air, and structurally safe apartments with two means of egress.

Learning Objective 3:

Discussing the impact of designing in the “Art Deco”, style to attract middle income people to the Grand Concourse in buildings with well-designed facades, lobbies, halls elevators and apartments.

Learning Objective 4:

The siting of public buildings and the displacement of existing uses, utilizing the governmental power of Urban Renewal to create new open spaces in a built up urban environment.

Time: 2 Hours – 10:00AM to 12:00PM

Cost:

\$20 AIA Members and Bronx County Historical Society Members

\$30 All others

Note: Wear comfortable walking shoes or sneakers.

Meet at Bronx County Court House @ 161 Street and the Grand Concourse – South West Corner

