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4. Next Chapter meeting is on June 15, 2017 at 6:00pm.

1. Bronx Chapter Meeting
May 18, 2017: The Bronx Chapter members discussed the following topics;
   • Discussion of Chapter Accreditation to AIA National requirements.
     a) Satisfying requests
     b) Expanding participation
   • Bronx Real Estate Trends

   • Accreditation of Bronx AIA Component.
     a) In April of this year, National AIA notified the Bronx Chapter that of the required items that the Chapter must satisfy for accreditation, five were incomplete. In order to resubmit, the Chapter had to appeal the decision by May 12, 2017. The Chapter
President, on behalf of the Chapter, appealed in April, which was accepted by National AIA. The Chapter will file the required documents as follows:

1. **Continuing Education** – The Chapter will sign a MOU with the Westchester County AIA Chapter to provide Continuing Education services, to supplement the Bronx Chapters occasional seminars.

2. **Public Engagement** – The Chapter created an online Facebook Page, “AIA Bronx” to allow Bronx Architects, Community Organizations and the public, to directly communicate and participate in Chapter activities.

3. **D&O as well as General Liability Insurance** - The Chapter has secured the required D&O and General Liability insurance conforming to the National AIA standards.

4. **Newsletter** - The newsletter was acceptable with a condition that new members should be announced and AIA recruitment information shall be included. Newsletters each month will now include all new professionals and AIA National recruitment information releases, as they occur. This month has item 3 above which outlines the AIA Woman’s Leadership Summit 2017 in September.

5. **Bronx Chapter’s Incorporation Expired** - The Chapter activated its Tax ID number, filed a 990-EZ Tax form and refiled Incorporation papers certifying the Chapter’s original 1945 Incorporation.

The above documentation will be submitted to National AIA in early June for the National AIA’s review of Bronx Chapter’s accreditation.

- **Expanding Chapter Participation.**

  There was a full discussion concerning Chapter Member and Associate participation. The Chapter, at April’s meeting, approved a mix of day and nighttime meetings to encourage participation by adjusting meeting times for potential attendees, as well as, current Members and Associates to more conveniently attend. This June’s meeting will be held in the early evening at 6:00pm and will include an invitation to all Associates and Members. The agenda will include time for:

  1. Meet and Greet
  2. Participate in a Chapter Strategic Planning discussion
  3. A brief monthly Chapter meeting.

- **Bronx Real Estate Trends**

  Chapter Members discussed how citywide; over the last few years, developers and mortgage lenders have grown more conservative and more cautious, in starting new developments. However, Bronx Real Estate activity has grown with business and residential developments continuing to be implemented throughout the borough.

  The Bronx AIA Newsletter has in past issues outlined the absence of an effective tax exemption Program for real estate development in NYC. With the exception of high end condos, residential construction development has slowed. On the other hand, the Bronx has lower site costs and more receptive zoning, as well as, communities who encourage and allow all types of construction, to occur. This significant investment in
the recent past, has not happened in the Bronx. Recently, development in many neighborhoods throughout the borough, have been uniquely successful. There is construction in the South Bronx, Mount Haven, Melrose and the Yankee Stadium areas, as well as, commercial and housing development occurring in the West Bronx, Grand Concourse/Riverdale locations and in the North-East Bronx, Coop City areas. These developments have been fueled by the private factor seeing the opportunity to make an investment, build something where these constructions have time after time, become successful. The Bronx reputation for poverty and urban decay is “old news”. Many of these projects; both privately and public built, have been significant architecturally, such as the LEED affordable housing in Mott Haven, the NYPD 40th Precinct and the new Fordham Library. Some public officials noticing these changes in investment and construction activity, been the concerned about gentrification and the displacement of poor people. However, the reality in the Bronx neighborhoods seem to be that the gentrification has not displaced as many people as it has in other areas of the city, due to the fact that these developments have mostly been on vacant or undeveloped properties. The new investment and population has added to the neighborhood, rather than replaced the fabric and population of Bronx areas. Only time will tell if this trend will continue to be a positive for Bronx Architecture, Real Estate Development and the citizens of the borough.

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