

# DESIGN FOR AGING COMMITTEE - AIA New York Chapter MEETING AGENDA

**DATE:** Thursday, 22 June 2023

**TIME:** 5:00 – 6:30 PM EDT

**LOCATION:** In Person at the Silman Room & with a Video Conference Link.

## I. OPENING PRESENTATION/ DISCUSSION

- Introductions by Kami Altman and Brian Pape, co-chairs
- Claire Dickey and colleagues from DFA National Advisory Group will be joining our meeting to discuss initiatives on the national level.
- Julie Chou who co-authored of [The Need for Public Bathroom in NYC](#), and is currently leading a working group which includes several community boards, will present her work related to advancing the NYC public bathroom system. As a group discussion topic, anyone interested can review [this map](#) (created by the working group) for NYC public bathrooms to help identify where a public bathroom would be helpful and why. Presentation/ Discussion will take place during the SS+A Committee meeting on Friday 6/23 at 8 am (in person at the Center or online).

## 2. IDEAS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- **2024 National AIA Convention Panel Event**
  - o Early fall 2023 is the deadline for submitting proposals. Convention will be held in DC.
  - o Can discuss with DFA National Advisory Group ideas for programs. What are some of the active DFA committees' initiatives around the country? What are some initiatives the National DFA Advisory Committee leads?
- **Global examples of architecture (or planning) that respond to the needs of older persons.**
  - o Looking for examples that are specifically responding to the needs of older persons in the face of climate change. [Fitwel](#) which is a building certification system which promotes occupant health is an example.
  - o Kathy has been in contact with Christophe Lalande (Head of Housing at UN habitat) who noted work his organization is doing related to housing and sustainable design but not necessarily related to older persons.
  - o [The Clarion Group](#) (London, UK) is an example of a company that supports new community housing including housing for older persons.
  - o Brian is in touch with real estate developers working on NYCHA capital improvement projects. Committee is interested in hearing more on NYCHA's initiatives related to design for aging.
  - o Additional resources related to aging:
    - [NYAM's Global Roadmap for Healthy Longevity](#).
    - [Centre for Ageing Better](#)
- **Connecting with more school programs focused on design for aging**
  - o Parsons
    - Jeffrey Rosenfeld (Environmental Gerontologist)
    - Michele Kahane (Prof. Professional Practice in Management and Social Innovation)
  - o NJIT
  - o Columbia (Kami to reach out to Brian Loughlin)
  - o NY School of Interior Design (Christine will reach out to contact)
  - o Kent State University
- **Ageing in Place Guide**
  - o Group discussed sharing the guide with AARP New York to have them promote it on their website and newsletter. Guide was shared with Stephanie Firestone and hard copies with cover letter are regularly distributed to local council offices and senior centers.
  - o Discuss with DFA National Advisory Group on how to promote guide nationally.
- **How are Young Firms preparing for the Clients of the Future?**
  - o Are young firms designing for this? How is accessible design being incorporated into their design. Common space becoming more accessible. Creative accessible design solutions that promote that

- promote intergenerational use. Group discussed reaching out to emerging professionals for potential event around topic of designing for aging.
- Group discussed fashion design as another area where design for aging could be relevant (ie. Tommy Hillfiger).
- Reach out to New Practices and Emerging Architects committees

### **3. EVENTS IN FORMATION FOR TAFEL HALL PANELS 2023**

#### **Panel Topic A: Aging Populations and Climate Change- ON HOLD**

DFA and DFRR (Design for Risk and Reconstruction), and are planning a joint event (Donna Walcavage and Gretchen Bank). ESTHER GREENHOUSE would be a great moderator for this panel, and we made initial contact.

**Panel Topic B: How smaller architecture firms are addressing the needs of an aging NYC population-** Perhaps a Panel in conjunction with the Emerging Architects Committee?

#### **Panel Topic C: Women led architecture firms and design for aging-**

Potential collaboration with WIA committee. Chia-Yi / Kami are in contact with WIA committee co-chairs to discuss potential panel topics. Discussion might include:

- Issues related to balancing professional work and the care of older family members.
- Do women-led architecture firms have different policies related to caregiving for older persons like more time off for employees that maybe caregivers?
- Are there examples of women architects whose practice has been influenced by lived experiences caregiving for older family members as well as young children?

#### **Panel Topic D: Public Toilets – Where to they work and where do they not, and why?**

Potential collaboration with Social Science & Architecture committee to put panel together of advocates from difference cities (US and abroad?) of more public toilets to discuss how the concept works in their cities and why.

#### **Panel Topic E: ADU's (Accessory Dwelling Units)**

Potential collaboration with Housing Committee for event regarding ADU's in light of success on West coast.

### **4. FUTURE OPENING PRESENTATIONS @ MONTHLY MEETINGS**

- **Prof. Jeffrey Rosenfeld, Parsons:** Seminar on Aging – how students approach aging. DATE: TBD
- **Marisa Jahn and Rafi Segal:** [Carehaus](#). DATE: TBD
- **HPD:** New Design Guidelines. DATE: TBD

### **5. OTHER/ NEW BUSINESS**

#### **August Meeting?**

**2023 DFA Dates: June 22, July 27.**