

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

**DATE:** Tuesday, 26 September 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
- Rich Rosen and Geoffrey Roesch, Principals at Perkins Eastman, will be presenting [Avandell Dementia Village](#) which was recently featured in a [NYT article](#).

## 2. IDEAS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS + DISCUSSION TOPICS

- **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. Looking for specific project to study.
  - o Additional resources related to aging:
    - [NYAM's Global Roadmap for Healthy Longevity](#).
    - [Centre for Ageing Better](#)
  - o Potential discussion topics for future meetings:
    - [KS Handbook for Age Friendly Communities](#)
    - [WHO Housing and Health Design Guidelines](#)
    - [Giesserei Multi-Generational House](#)
- **Connecting with more school programs focused on design for aging**
  - o Parsons: Michele Kahane (Prof. Professional Practice in Management and Social Innovation): Kami has reached out but no response
  - o Parsons: Jeffrey Rosenfeld (Gerontologist): Coordinating potential exhibit at CFA of students work on Alzheimer's Gardens.
  - o NY School of Interior Design: Student presentation event will be held on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm.
- **Aging 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.
  - o Group discussed fashion design as another area where design for aging could be relevant (ie. Tommy Hilffiger).
  - o Reach out to New Practices and Emerging Architects committees

- **Advocacy for Alzheimer's gardens to be incorporated in NYC Parks.**

### **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-**

Chia-Yi / Kami / Brian are coordinating with WIA committee to have event Q1, 2024. Working on panelist list.

Chia-Yi has put together a brief of the presentation:

*"Like many professions in the United States, female architects and designers have been growing in numbers across the board, from technical designers, project managers, project architects, to business owners. How does this growth in female design professionals reflect in senior living and care environments? What are their strengths and secrets of their success? These women architects will share how they transform their life experiences and challenges into design strategies as well as firm management, to build better homes for their clients and better working environment for themselves.*

*Join us to learn these leading professionals' stories and various methods of incorporating universal design and inclusive design practices in their work and daily lives. Young women architects, newcomers will discover their own strengths to positively impact Design for Aging. All attendees are encouraged to find opportunities in making New York City a better city for aging in place."*

Potential Speakers: [Taylor Plosser Davis, AIA](#), [Leah Alissa Bayer, AIA](#), [Dominique Haggerty, AIA](#), [Gail Ressler](#), [Latisha Millard-Bethea](#)

#### **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**

- **Marisa Jahn and Rafi Segal:** [Carehaus](#). DATE: TBD
- **HPD:** New Design Guidelines. DATE: TBD
- **Kathy Kline:** [17 sustainable goals for cities](#) DATE: December Meeting
- **NYCHA RAD developers:** NYCHA Campus Renovation DATE: TBD

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

**2023 DFA Dates: October 25? (Adjusted date b/c of Annual Bond Gala taking place on 10/26), November 23, December?**