

MINUTES - RMHUC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

June 11, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER. RMHUC President C. Horton called the meeting, which was held via Zoom, to order at 18:33 MDT.

II. MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE AND RECOGNITION OF QUORUM. The following members were present: Alicia Alvero Koski, Paul Chessin, Bill Horton, Charlotte Horton, Chris Miller, and Rick Walsh. Members Stacey Fiske and Sunhee Juhon Hodges previously expressed their regrets and were excused. Member Anna Jones was absent. Guest present was Fred Ris. President C. Horton determined that the meeting was duly called and noticed and that a quorum was present.

III. CONSENT AGENDA. Upon motion M/S/P, both the previously circulated agenda and May 2025 Steering Committee meeting minutes were approved, as revised.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS. P. Chessin stated that he attended his 50th Harvard College reunion and Alumni Day in Cambridge. A. Koski and C. Miller also were in attendance, the former at her 10th College reunion. B. Horton also was there as a member of the Committee for the Happy Observance of Commencement.

V. GOVERNANCE. C. Horton recommended that at some future date the Steering Committee conduct a training on conflicts of interest. Following a brief discussion of what constituted a conflict of interest, all concurred.

VI. MEMBERSHIP. C. Horton noted that there was nothing to report.

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A. Finance. Due to S. Fiske's excused absence, there was no finance report.

B. Schools. C. Horton reported that, other than a planned Summer Sendoff to occur at the end of July 2025, there was nothing to report.

C. Trustees.

1. Bylaws. C. Horton mentioned that the Trustees will be reviewing and revising, as appropriate, the RMHUC Bylaws. Trustee A. Koski will chair this effort. Although there was some uncertainty as to whether the Bylaws, as revised in 2021, were formally adopted, or whether the 2017 Bylaws version was the most recently adopted version, it was concluded that this uncertainty did not matter.

2. RMHUC Contribution to Presidential Priorities Fund. (Member A. Koski recused and left the meeting at 18:54 MDT for purposes of this agenda item.) C. Horton reported on the Trustee's recommendation that, in light of Harvard's present political situation concerning, among other things, the withholding of federal grant monies and canceling of international student visas, the RMHUC heed President Alan Garber's request for financial assistance. Upon motion M/S/P, the RMHUC will contribute \$1,000.00 to Harvard's Presidential Priorities Fund on behalf of the RMHUC in support of Harvard as our alma mater. There will follow an announcement of the contribution to the RMHUC email list. (A. Koski rejoined the meeting at 19:08 MDT.)

VIII. HAA UPDATE. C. Horton briefly reported on the recent HAA conference call.

IX. MARKETING & EVENTS

A. Perquisites for Event Organizers and Volunteers. C. Horton initiated a discussion, the subject of which C. Miller originally raised at last month's meeting in connection with his discussion of the Molly Brown House event, of whether, and if so, what types of, perquisites should be extended to RMHUC event organizers and volunteers who help out and staff the events. Examples of these perquisites included free or reduced price tickets to the events organized and staffed. Due to the complexity of the issues involved, discussion was postponed to a future meeting.

B. Review of Past Events

1. Molly Brown House. C. Miller referred to and summarized his previously circulated email detailing his review of this May 21, 2025, event.

2. All-Ivy Happy Hour. R. Walsh referred to and summarized his previously circulated email detail his review of this June 4, 2025, event. Mr. Walsh emphasized the positive feedback expressed concerning the Denver Press Club venue.

3. Happy Hour. A. Koski stated that this May 15, 2025, event at the Lowry Beer Garden went very well, the weather notwithstanding. There were about 35 attendees, and the event came in well under budget.

C. Upcoming/Proposed Events.

1. Denver Chamber Music Festival. In light of S. Hodge's excused absence, no update for this June 14, 2025, event was presented, other than B.

Horton advising that he will send out a newsletter shortly with the event's details.

2. Summer BBQ/Annual Meeting. A. Koski reported that she has reserved and paid for the Great Lawn Park in Lowry for August 3, 2025, for a combined Summer BBQ and Annual Meeting, per the Trustee's decision at their May 27, 2025, meeting. The meeting will be open to RMHUC members and non-members, but only members will be entitled to vote on formal matters that may be presented and requiring a vote. Proxies will go out in advance of the meeting for those members who cannot attend in person; proxies must be returned at least one week prior to the meeting in order to be counted. Upon motion M/S/P, tickets for the Summer BBQ will be priced at \$10.00 for members, \$15.00 for non-members, and children 10 and under will be free. Upon motion M/S/P, up to \$100.00 in excess of ticket revenue is allocated for the BBQ's food and beverages.

3. Prof. Emma Teng. R. Walsh announced this June 18, 2025, event at the CU Wolf Law Building, as detailed in his previously circulated email. The event, sponsored by the MIT Club of Colorado, is entitled "Student Exclusion and International Tension" and features Prof. Teng, a Harvard University alumna. Mr. Walsh stated that all ticket sales revenue will go to the MIT Club, and the event will be at no cost to the RMHUC. Upon motion M/S/P, the RMHUC will promote and support the event, with all revenue going to the MIT Club of Colorado.

4. Architecture Event. (At 20:04 MDT, president C. Horton stepped down as chair of the meeting, delegated member P. Chessin to assume chair duties, recused and left the meeting for purposes of this agenda item; Mr. Chessin assumed the chair). C. Miller referred to his previously circulated email describing the details of this June 26, 2025, event. In brief, the event, organized by and in collaboration with the Denver Art Museum and Continuum Partners, involves an exhibit, reception, and presentation by Prof. Alex Yueyan Li (March '21), an Assistant Professor of Architecture at CU Denver, on repurposing urban spaces. Mr. Miller proposed ticket pricing of \$10.00 for members, \$20.00 for non-members, and stated that the RMHUC will not have any financial exposure. Upon motion M/S/P, and so long as there is no financial exposure to the RMHUC, the RMHUC will promote and support the event, with tickets at \$10.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. (At 20:19 MDT, Ms. Horton rejoined the meeting, and Mr. Chessin relinquished the chair back to Ms. Horton).

X. NEXT MEETINGS. The next Steering Committee meetings are scheduled for July 9, August 13, and September 10, 2025, whether in person or virtual to be determined.

XI. ADJOURN. There being no other business, president C. Horton adjourned the meeting at 20:19 MDT.