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The President's Corner

By Helen LaValley

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The chapter continues to focus on providing interesting and beneficial programs and events for our members.

We ended last year with our annual meeting and awards gala. This edition of the newsletter highlights the award winners. Congratulations to the 2016 winners!

This year, the Board is busy planning several programs and events. Upcoming events include the May luncheon program - Right Plant/Right Place. Our featured speaker will present Florida Power and Lights program. Then start your summer vacation in Naples, Florida. The State Conference is June 7th through the 9th at the Ritz Carlton Golf Resort. There is still time to register and reserve your room. The award nomination deadline is May 5th, so you still have time to nominate that outstanding project, study, or planner!

The chapter will raffle two conference registrations at the May luncheon program. Register now to enter into the raffle.

A few upcoming events being planned include our July and August luncheon programs, the annual community service project, and a membership appreciation event. Look for details soon.

We have added a new section to the newsletter - *Member Accomplishments and Awards*. This section gives us the opportunity to highlight our members and their accomplishments. If you know of a member that has been honored with an award or has had a recent accomplishment please let us know.

I would like to thank our members for their continued support and participation in the Surfcoast Chapter.

Enjoy your summer,

Helen LaValley

Chapter President



Upcoming Events

Luncheon Program

May 19, 2017
Right Plant, Right Place
DeLand City Hall
See details on page 8

2017 State Conference

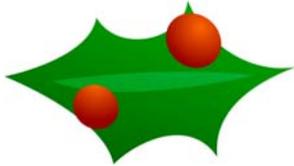
June 7-9
Ritz Carlton Golf Resort
Naples, FL
See details on pages 9-11

2016 Surfcoast Chapter DECEMBER AWARDS GALA PROGRAM

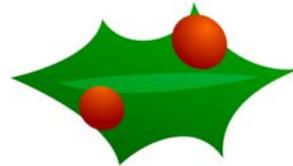


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Focus Award Winner:

**Tom Laputka, Mayor
City of Orange City**



Member of the Year Award:
Mr. Jay Young
**Volusia County Planning and
Land Development Regulations
Commission Member**



**Outstanding Planning
Initiative Award Winner:**
**Zoning Code Update,
Town of Pierson and Zev
Cohen & Associates, Inc.**
**Pictured: Mark Karet and
Jake Stehr, Zev Cohen &
Associates.**



2016 Surfcoast Chapter DECEMBER AWARDS GALA PROGRAM



Sustainability Award: Marshall & Vera Rinker Welcome Center—Stetson University.
Pictured: Matt Adair, Al Allen, Kate Pearce and Dave Rigsby, along with ROJO Architects, Andreas Miller and Swapnali Salunkhe.



Outstanding Public/Private Partnership Award Winner:
Sweetheart Trail, City of Daytona Beach and Planning Solutions Corp.

Pictured: Reed Berger, City of Daytona Beach and Beth Lemke Planning Solutions Corp.



Outstanding Innovation & Design Award Winners: The John Mica Engineering and Aerospace Innovation Complex

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Accepting the award and pictured here with his wife: Mr. Chris Hardesty of Embry Riddle University.

2016 Events

Chapter Member Appreciation Night - September

The Surfcoast Chapter hosted the annual Member Appreciation Night September 16, 2016, on the outside deck of Three Toed Pete's located along the Tomoka River in Ormond Beach. It was a fun evening of socializing and networking with fellow area planners and other development field professionals.

"Sustainability" Luncheon Event - October

The Surfcoast Chapter hosted a luncheon program about "Sustainability" on October 21, 2016, at Stetson University in DeLand. The event was attended by 15 professionals. The event's presenter, Clay Henderson whom is the executive director of the new Stetson Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience at Stetson University provided an overview of recent judicial rulings.

"Playing Games" - November

The November event was hosted by the Daytona Beach Kennel Club. The topic covered the 2015 Seminole Compact which gave exclusive rights to the tribe to offer banked card games such as Black-jack. Various administrative rulings had rendered the designated player game a violation of the gambling laws of Florida. The featured speaker Mr. Fred Guzman discussed the rulings and its impact on the local card rooms. The Kennel Club card dealers also provided demonstrations showing the differences between banked and designated player card games.



Community Service Project - November



Members of the Surfcoast Board of Directors participated in the 2016 Community Service Project at K. T. Chung Park in Oak Hill. The event included cleaning and painting of the well-used gazebo structure at the park. The participants were warmly welcomed by the right Honorable Mayor of Oak Hill Douglas A. Gibson, whom we wish to thank for the opportunity to volunteer for their community.

2017 Events

Historic Preservation - February

On February 17, 2017 the Chapter hosted a Historic Preservation program. It was held at the Wilbur Boat House with approximately 30 attendees. The featured speakers were Julie Schofield, Volusia County Historic Preservation officer, Steve Burley, DeLand Economic Development Director and Jerry Mills, Historic Preservation Architect. The presentations provided more of an understanding why historic preservation is important to the community, assistance in identifying what you should preserve, and how it can be beneficial to economic development.

Road Safety - March

The March luncheon program was hosted by Volusia County's River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization in Daytona Beach. The topic of making Florida roadways safer for pedestrians and bicyclists has become an important issue of concern in transportation planning and management. The attendees were treated to a very informative discussion on road safety in Volusia County. Our featured speakers, Ms. Lois Bollenback, Executive Director and Mr. Stephan Harris, Project Manager centered on the statistics of traffic events, including statistics for each city in Volusia County.



Upcoming Chapter Events:

May 19, 2017 - *Right Plant/Right Place* - Florida Power and Light (FPL) DeLand City Hall is hosting the event.

June 7th-9th, 2017 - *FPZA State Conference* - Naples, FL.

See details in newsletter or contact Chapter Board Members for more information on these future events.

Recent Planning and Zoning Articles

Zoning at 100

New York City celebrates a century of zoning — and gets ready for the next one.

By Lisa Chamberlain

(excerpt from January 2017 Issue of *Planning*)

The 1916 Zoning Resolution of New York established limits to building massing so tall structures would not block light and air below. Tiered art deco skyscrapers, like the New York Daily News Building (1929), were a direct result of the resolution.

2016 marked the hundredth anniversary of New York City's comprehensive zoning law, considered by most academics and urban planners to be the first of its kind. There were, of course, precursors to zoning that go as far back as the first walled city. The wall created a zone determining who was allowed in and who was not, as opposed to determining what is permitted to happen where, as planners generally think of zoning today. But 100 years (well, 101) after New York's original zoning law, the city has for the first time put the emphasis on who rather than what and where.

In 2016 Mayor Bill de Blasio succeeded in passing the most comprehensive rezoning since 1961. Called MIH and ZQA, short for Mandatory Inclusionary Housing and Zoning for Quality and Affordability, the new codes for the first time put affordable housing, rather than building height or land use, at the center of new zoning regulations.

In the simplest terms, MIH requires that any new housing in designated areas include affordable units where a comprehensive rezoning has taken place. It also applies throughout the city when a developer seeks city action (such as a density bonus). ZQA addresses a number of issues that make affordable and senior housing more costly to build, such as outdated parking requirements.

Goodbye, Golf?

With courses closing faster than they're opening, repurposing acreage is at the fore.

By Debbie Sullivan Reslock

(excerpt from November 2016 Issue of *Planning*)

It was once thought that the demand for golf would require building a course a day to keep up. The forecast was wrong. In fact, in the last 10 years there have been more closings than openings. According to Steve Mona, CEO of the World Golf Foundation, there were an estimated 15,200 courses at the end of 2015, resulting in a net reduction of about 1,000 courses since the numbers hit their peak.

Surfcoast Chapter Member Accomplishments



Colleen Miles pictured (second from right) with the other WIT-NEST award winners.

Ms. Colleen Miles—On September 10, 2016 she received an award recognizing her passion, commitment, and dedicated service to **WIT-NEST**, better known as **Women In Transition Now Establishing Support for Themselves**. Ms. Miles

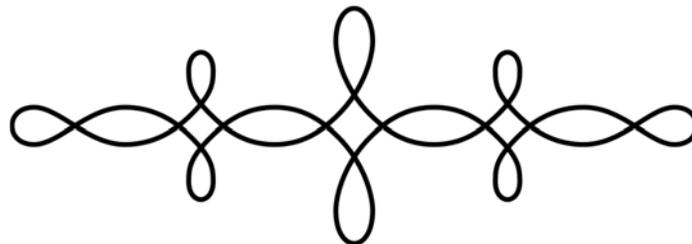
worked with WIT NEST representatives in the selection process of finding suitable properties for the organization with the appropriate zoning classification in order for to provide shelter for the women.

Mr. Dave Castagnacci - Dave retired after 30 years of service with the Volusia Citizen's Associated for Responsible Development. Dave served as the associations Executive Director and was active in the Volusia and Flagler County area. We miss him but also wish him a long relaxing retirement!



Dave Castagnacci with his retirement gift. Also pictured: VCARD Chair Shailesh Patel and Chapter members Colleen Miles and John Thomson

If you have or know of someone that has an accomplishments or won an award please let us know, the Chapter would like to acknowledge it and share the news, please send us the information to include in a future edition.



Right Plant Right Place

Friday May 19, 2017

12pm- Registration

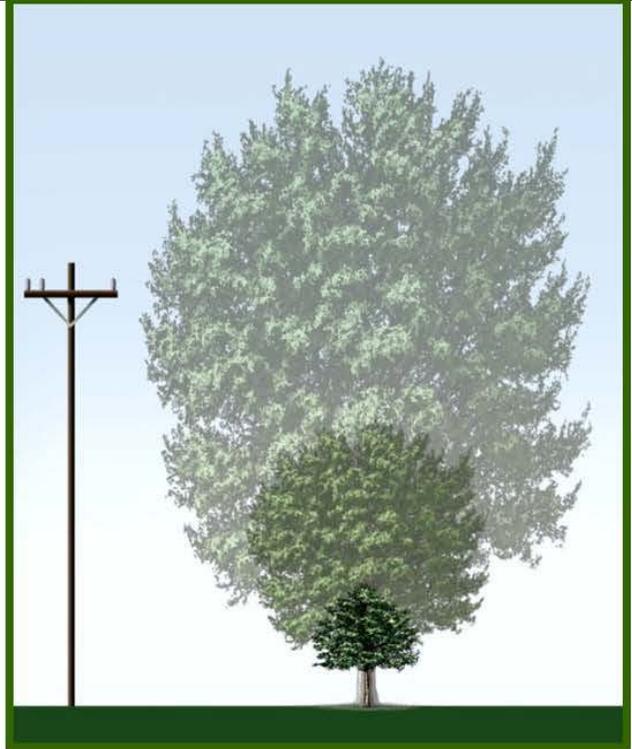
12:15pm- Lunch

12:30pm- Presentation

1:30pm- Questions

Trees come in all shapes and sizes, and can change dramatically over their lifetimes. Before selecting a tree, you should know how tall, wide and deep it will be at maturity. By selecting the right tree and planting it in the right place, you can help reduce power outages and flickers, as well as, energy costs. This program will provide valuable information regarding tree selection, planting location, reducing energy costs, and safety tips.

Our featured speaker, Ms. Sharon Bruce, ISA Certified Arborist with Florida Power and Light will share her knowledge and provide useful information on FP&L's Right Tree Right Place program.



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DeLand, FL 32720

\$15 – FPZA Members

\$20 – Non-Members

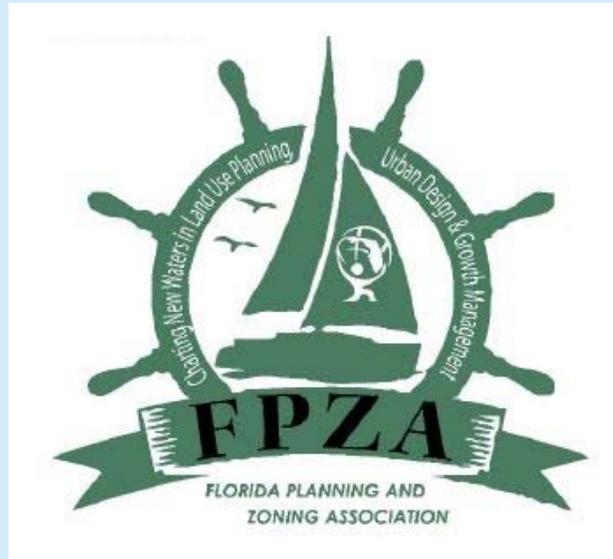
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2017 FPZA Annual Conference

Setting Sail: Charting New Waters in Land Use Planning,

Urban Design & Growth Management

**June 7-9 ~ Ritz Carlton Golf Resort
Naples, Florida**

This year's annual state conference provides the unique opportunity to experience two incredible resorts in one destination – The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort and the beachfront Ritz-Carlton Naples.

While conference activities and functions occur at the golf resort, conference attendees and their guests can access the beach property via free shuttle throughout their stay, and experience unparalleled luxury with a variety of recreational amenities. From on-site pools, golf, gym & spa to wonderful dining options and cocktail spots, the Ritz properties truly have it all!

Limited rooms are available at the \$139 nightly rate if reserved by May 15th!
Don't delay and book today!

Visit the FPZA website at www.fpza.org for more details including conference schedule, hotel and conference registration, and sponsorship opportunities.



2017 PLANNING AWARDS

DEADLINE: May 5, 2017

It's time again for the Florida Planning and Zoning Awards! The FPZA Awards recognize outstanding land development and public/private sector planning statewide. For several decades, the awards program has been the centerpiece of FPZA's acknowledgment and promotion of best practices in planning throughout Florida.

FPZA encourages members to submit award applications. Projects must have been approved or completed during the last calendar year (2016). The categories are as follows:

1. **Outstanding Development:** Newly planned, designed, or built "brick and mortar" projects.
2. **Outstanding Redevelopment:** Reuse of a site, facility or structure.
3. **Outstanding Study/Plan:** Reports, studies, plans, documents, planning analysis, etc.
4. **Infrastructure:** Plans or projects that skillfully blend facilities or services into the community.
5. **Design Excellence:** Development which exhibits superior form and function.
6. **Innovation:** Project or development that is unusual or ahead of its time.
7. **Education:** Plans or efforts that effectively promote planning and zoning best practices.
8. **Grassroots/Non-Profit Initiative:** Recognizes a nonprofit or neighborhood organization that has furthered the quality of life through the planning process within its community, such as: new or redevelopment, infrastructure, outreach, cultural events, education, health, festivals, tourism, and environmental.
9. **Sustainability:** Plans or projects that improve on and harmonize with the natural environment and reduce energy costs.
10. **Outstanding Elected Official:** Local, state or federal elected official who champions sound planning practices and accomplishes positive gains in areas of smart growth, environmental preservation, sustainable development, or equity planning.
11. **Outstanding Journalist:** Journalist who effectively and accurately puts forth information about planning and zoning issues to the public.
12. **Outstanding FPZA Chapter:** The chapter that increases or maintains their membership, achieves FPZA goals, and provides quality programs for its chapter members.
13. **George W. Simons, Jr. Award:** Candidate must be a current member of FPZA; evaluation is based upon the person's work and efforts over time, rather than just for the past year; and evaluation will also be based upon work directed towards the stated purposes, mission and goals of FPZA.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each award entry must state how the development, study, project, design, innovation, chapter or person meets one or more of the following purposes of FPZA:

- To promote cooperation among official planning and zoning boards and commissions, civic bodies, citizens, technicians and students interested in planning and zoning in Florida.
- To cultivate and stimulate interest in planning and zoning in the State of Florida.
- To encourage the observance of sound planning and zoning practices.
- To furnish information, advice and assistance to its members and provide a medium to exchange information, advice and assistance among them.
- To engage in research and issue publications on planning and zoning and related matters.
- To promote education concerning matters related to planning and zoning.



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In addition, each award entry will be judged based upon the following criteria:

Background: History or context within which the project is significant; indication of expenditure of time, type of personnel, budget, population and size of jurisdiction.

Innovativeness: Use of an original concept or refinement of an existing technique or procedure.

Effectiveness: Project/strategy impact on the subject matter.

Implementation: Project/Strategy method or application to the subject matter; adaptability to changing conditions; and consideration of and solution to practical constraints.

Comprehensiveness: Scope and consideration of project/strategy in relationship to all aspects of the subject matter.

Clarity: Clearness of the award entry application.

SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES

- A cover letter that states the name of the nomination, the award that is sought, the name of the recipient(s), and the name, phone number, address and email of the applicant.
- A brief summary to be used for ceremony purposes, if selected. (100 words or less)
- A brief description of the nomination for the award relevant to the award category. (500 words or less)
- A narrative of the nomination which clearly demonstrates the evaluation criteria, as outlined on page one (1) of this "Call for Entries" (1,000 words or less).
- Applicable images and graphics representing the projects, in JPEG or PDF format.
- Letter(s) of recommendation.
- Nomination submittal packages on CD preferred but not required.
- **Submit nominations to:**
Helen LaValley, LCS Growth Planning Department, 201 W. Burleigh Blvd., Tavares, FL 32778 or by email to hellin14@gmail.com

NOTE: For the Outstanding Journalist and Chapter Awards, in lieu of the above submittal procedures, only a one (1) page statement in support of the nominee is required, while further supporting information is encouraged.

NOTE: For the George W. Simons, Jr. Award, the nomination application must be submitted by an FPZA member with a statement by FPZA member(s), however, additional endorsements included in the application may be from non-members.

The FPZA Awards Committee reserves the right to reclassify the category for any submittal.

Award recipients will be announced at the Awards Luncheon at the FPZA State Conference being held June 7-9, 2017, at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples. The Awards Luncheon will be held on Friday, June 9th.

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Your officers are also well represented at the State FPZA Board level. John Thomson serves as a Past FPZA President and Helen LaValley serves as FPZA President Elect. John Stockham and Tom Brooks serve as Chapter Directors on State FPZA Board.



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Treasurer's Report

Becky Mendez, AICP – Chapter Treasurer

The Chapter's closing balance as of March 2017 is \$9,942.79.



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