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The Chapter is busy as ever! Several of our members traveled to Naples for the 2017 State Conference. The Ritz Carlton was fabulous and the sessions were informative and interesting. The Chapter was awarded 'Outstanding Chapter' again! This award is the culmination of the Board of Directors dedication and support from our members and sponsors. Thank you for all you do! Several other local projects won awards including the Cities of Deltona and New Smyrna Beach, Stetson University, and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Congratulations to our local winners!

The Board is hard at work planning the next several events. We have a luncheon program scheduled for August 25, 2017 to be held at Volusia Top Gun in Daytona Beach. Please join us to learn all about the regulations related to "Guns n Zoning". The Chapter will host a Regional Forum on October 27, 2017. The event will be held at Deltona City Hall. The topic for the forum is Medical Marijuana. The third annual Community Service Project is currently being planned. If you know anything about Community Gardens and would like to volunteer please contact Belinda Collins at the City of DeLand. And our final event for this year is the Annual Meeting and Awards Gala scheduled for Friday, December 8, 2017. The 'Call for Entries' is included in this edition of the newsletter. See page 11 for details on nominating that outstanding project, study, or planner for recognition at this year's award gala. It is a fun event!

This year is an election year for the Chapter. The 2017 Election ballot can be found on pages 12 and 13. Please show your support by completing and returning the ballot to Colleen Miles, Chapter Secretary. I encourage any member who would like to volunteer their time to assist and/or mentor our colleagues to place their name on the ballot as a write-in or contact any board member for more information.

Remember to visit our *Member Accomplishments and Awards* section. This section gives the Chapter the opportunity to share news about our members. This edition highlights a local planner Mr. Joey Ruiz. Mr. Ruiz is a new planner with the City of Orange City. Please join us in welcoming Joey to the Volusia Flagler area. See the *Planner Profile* article on pages 8 and 9 to see how Joey became a planner and landed in Volusia County.

As always, I thank you for your participation in the Surfcoast Chapter and look forward to seeing you soon.

Helen LaValley

Chapter President



2017 FPZA STATE CONFERENCE ANNUAL AWARDS

Outstanding Development Award - Lakeshore Loop Trail

City of Deltona
Edgewater Condominium Association
AVCON Engineering
Carr and Collier Project Management
Tiera CEI Consultants

The City of Deltona's Lakeshore Loop Trail is a mile long and provides a nature based detour along the LK Monroe shoreline. It connects to a community center and 4 local parks (Deltona's Thornby Park, the Deltona Community Center, Deltona Boat Ramp Park, Lake Monroe, and Volusia County's Green Springs Park) and then connects back to the Coast2coast and River2Sea trails.



Arleen Hunter, State President and Scott McGrath, City of Deltona



This project took 7 years from vision to completion. This lakefront trail offers scenic views, Live Oak trees estimated to be over 500 years old, construction took into account the trees and modified plans to ensure the trees were not adversely affected. The residents have quickly fallen in love with the Lakeshore Loop Trail.

Outstanding Redevelopment Award— Railroad Street Affordable Housing Development

City of New Smyrna Beach
New Smyrna Beach CRA
New Smyrna Beach Housing Authority
Volusia County Community Services Division

The NSB Housing Authority, the City of New Smyrna Beach, the City's Community Redevelopment Agency, Housing and Grants Administration of Volusia County and residents partnered for the development of six new affordable housing units. These units were constructed to fill the need for affordable rental housing in the City's Historic Westside neighborhood – evidenced by the mass exodus of 30 families and the results of a community survey that indicated that affordable housing was the community's first priority. Properties near parcels already owned by the City were acquired, designed and construction has been completed.



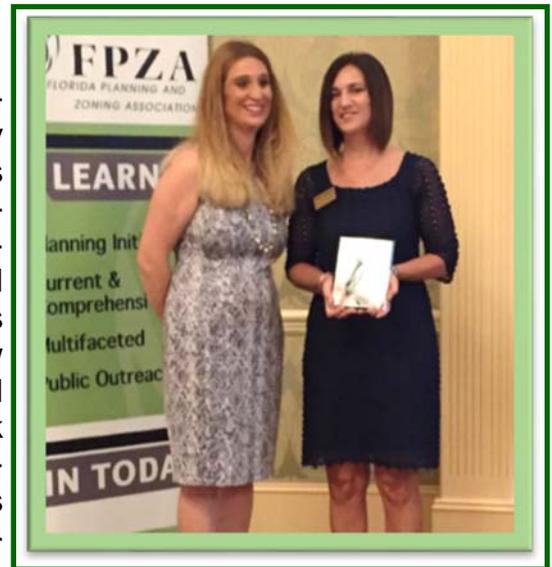
Steven Bapp, New Smyrna Beach and Arleen Hunter, State President

2017 FPZA STATE CONFERENCE

Outstanding Innovation Award John Mica Engineering and Aerospace Complex
at Embry Riddle Research Park

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU)

Also known as The MicaPlex, the research park promotes co-operation between the City of Daytona Beach, and the County of Volusia. There is also the ability for various other members of the community to become either Nexus or Resident Partners in the park. Currently, the Nexus Partners include Duvva-Sawko EM Billing & Management Solutions, and International Speedway Corporation (ISC). The current Resident Partners are Firespring Fund (Igniting Innovation), Cobb Cole Law Firm, James Moore & Company, venVelo venture fund (named 2015 "Tech investor for the Year"). The research park will provide for interaction with University Faculty, Undergraduate, Graduate and Doctoral Students, the Tenant Partners and the Resident Partners in a shared atmosphere of information exchange and learning.



Arleen Hunter, State President and Brittnee Freeman, ERAU

Outstanding Grassroots/Non-Profit Initiative Award
Coronado Island Neighborhood Plan

Coronado Island Neighborhood Association
City of New Smyrna Beach Neighborhood Council

The City of New Smyrna Beach launched an initiative to plan for future development and redevelopment of neighborhoods which endure quality, livability and character. The goal was to support an attractive and functional mix of living, working, shopping and recreational activities for citizens of all ages.



Steven Bapp, New Smyrna Beach and Arleen Hunter, State President



One Neighborhood Plan that epitomized this effort was the Coronado Island Neighborhood Plan. As part of the adopted Comprehensive Plan, the City identified and prioritized this individual neighborhood. The leveraging of the identified community networks was instrumental in the success of this initiative.

2017 FPZA STATE CONFERENCE

Outstanding Sustainability Project - Stetson University Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Welcome Center

Stetson University, Inc
Williams Company Building Division, Inc
ROJO Architecture, LLC

The Rinker Welcome Center achieved Green Globe Certification. This was done by conserving land and building up multiple stories, use of a 50-year rated metal roof that reflects heat energy, extensive use of glass walls to reduce the need for artificial light, and LED lights throughout the building that



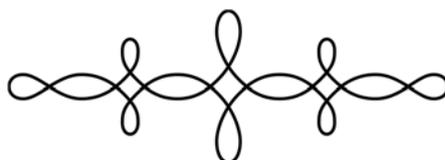
use 75 percent less energy than traditional light fixtures. The air conditioning is provided by the campus chilled-water facility, which is the most energy efficient way to provide air conditioned climate control in buildings. On the exterior, solar powered lights illuminate the concrete parking lot, which stays cooler than typical asphalt paved lots. Native plants are used throughout site. Since 2010, the campus uses four million gallons less water from the Floridan aquifer. This was through the use of reclaimed water for irrigation and low-flow plumbing fixtures in the restrooms and residence halls. In addition, a Storm Chamber system was developed to treat and attenuate storm water from the new Stetson Welcome Center. This system is efficient in reducing nutrient and pollutant loadings by taking advantage of the natural biological and physical properties of the soil and provides a sustainable storm-water management solution that can be easily maintained. It is also effective at recharging ground water drinking supplies and mimicking the pre-development hydrology of the area.



Pictured, left to right, are: Arleen Hunter, Robert Lipscomb, Swapnali Salunkhe, Rob Glisson, Al Allen, and Robert Huth.

Outstanding FPZA Chapter - Surfcoast Chapter

The Surfcoast Chapter has consistently maintained their membership, held numerous programs and events to benefit their members, provided continuing certification credits, and coordinated with fellow agencies and organizations. The Chapter is currently the largest chapter in the State and strives to further the mission of the association.



Upcoming Chapter Events:

August 25, 2017 — Guns 'n Zoning — Luncheon program at Volusia Top Gun in Daytona Beach.

October 27, 2017 — Regional Forum Medical Marijuana — Deltona City Hall

October 2017 — Community Service Project — TBA

December 2017 — Annual Meeting and Awards Gala

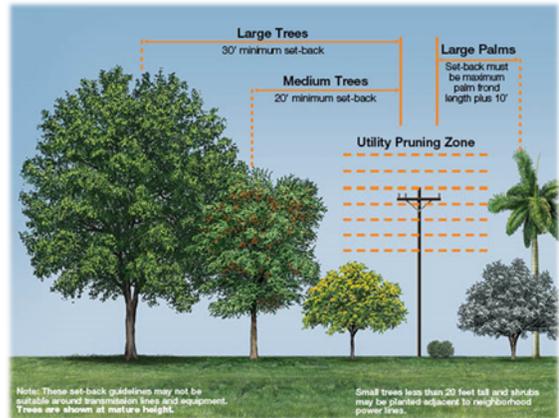
See details in newsletter or contact Chapter Board Members for more information on these future events.

Don't forget to vote on the 2018-2020 Chapter Officers and Directors - Ballots are due by November 22, 2017. Results will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

2017 Events

May 2017 Luncheon *Right Plant Right Place*

The Surfcoast Chapter hosted a luncheon event about Florida Power & Light's (FP&L) "*Right Plant Right Place*" program on May 19, 2017 at DeLand City Hall. The event's presenter Sharon Bruce, ISA Certified Arborist with FP&L, provided an overview of the power company's program that emphasizes the use of proper types of plants in proximity to power lines when required by local government landscaping regulations and on plans designed by a landscape professional. The future size and spread of plantings can have a major impact on the operation and maintenance of utility lines. FP&L recommended using trees appropriate for a particular region of Florida. A copy of the recommended plant list is available at the University of Florida's "Trees and Power Lines" website (<http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/treesandpowerlines/>).



July 2017 Breakfast *Legislative Update*

The July event was held at the LPGA International Clubhouse in Daytona Beach. The program provided a summary of the recent 2017 Florida Legislative Session. The discussion provided an update of adopted changes in Florida law and what these changes mean to local governments and other development related organizations. We were pleased to have featured speakers Mr. Chris Carmody and Mr. Robert Stuart with the law firm of Gray Robinson in Orlando, Florida. The two attorneys serve as official lobbyist for several local governmental agencies including Volusia County.



Surfcoast Chapter Member Accomplishments

The Board of Directors are pleased to announce that the Surfcoast Chapter of the FPZA has again been named "**Chapter of the Year!**" The Chapter members were presented the award on June 9, 2017 at the FPZA State Conference in Naples.



Congratulations are in order for the following chapter members:

Joel Ivey on becoming a new grandfather. Juniper Swan Ivey, born to Mr. Ivey's son Andrew on April 18th. Congratulations Joel & the Ivey's!!

Bob Keeth on his retirement from Volusia County Transportation Organization. We wish him much relaxation in the future! Enjoy!

Joey Ruiz, the newest planner to join the City of Orange City. See his planner profile article on page 10.

Planners on the Move

Ms. Colleen Nicoulin, AICP, recently joined Volusia County Transportation Planning Organization while Mr. Matthew West, AICP, has rejoined the Lassiter Transportation Group.

Planning Job Opportunities

The City of Holly Hill has a full time planner position available that would be responsible for the administration of municipal planning, grant development and management, the facilitation of redevelopment and economic development projects, code enforcement and assists in coordinating capital and special projects. For further information about equal employment opportunities, contact the Human Resources Office at (386)248-9440.

If you have, or know of someone that has, an accomplishment 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.

FPZA Quarterly Newsletter - Planning Profile



Joseph Ruiz, Planner
City of Orange City

Can you give us a little background on where you are from, and how you arrived here?

I was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York to Puerto Rican parents. I grew up in the city and at the pivotal age of 12 years old my parents moved me to suburban Palm Beach County, FL. It was definitely a culture shock, but it was absolutely for the better. After having graduated from Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and working for several years, my wife who I met in South Florida was living in Sanford at the time we got married. I moved up to Central Florida and now reside in the City of Deltona.

Can you tell us about your family?

I am the youngest child, or as my parents call it “the baby of the family”. I am one (1) of four (4) children. I have two (2) brothers and one (1) sister. Amazingly I also have a total of 11 nieces and nephews, and two (2) great-nieces. Yes you read correctly, a total of 13. We are getting ready to celebrate my parents (50 year) Golden Anniversary with a family cruise to Mexico in 2018. My wife and I are going on two (2) years and hope to one day reach 50 as well. 48 to go!

What made you want to become a planner, or did it just happen?

Quite honestly, for me it kind of just happened. When I entered college I was pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering which lasted about two (2) years. I love math and was seeking to make an impact on building essential infrastructure in communities (i.e. bridges, roadways, etc.) but with working a full time job it was hard to keep up with the “numbers”. So one day speaking with my academic advisor I asked what was the closest career to a civil engineer and she directed me towards Planning. I ended up loving it and the same week I graduated, I was blessed to be offered my first opportunity in a Planning Department.

What responses do people give you when you tell people you meet you are a planner?

“Huh, you said you are a what? ; So are you a wedding, event planner? ; So what exactly do you do? ; Is there a special school for that?” ; or sometimes just a head nod, an “oh”, and a blank stare in hopes that I explain. I enjoy the fact that people aren’t quite sure about the field. It makes me laugh and at the same time creates good conversation to elaborate and talk about the job that I do.

Planning Profile (Joseph Ruiz)

Talking GOPs, What are the Goals you hope to obtain in your planning career?

I can say that I have been fortunate to have gained the broad experience I have obtained in planning so far, from starting as a Development Compliance Technician with Palm Beach Gardens to now be a City Planner with the City of Orange City. Next year I hope to accomplish my AICP Certification. That has been one of my career goals since becoming a planner. Also, after gaining more years of adequate experience in all facets of planning I aspire to maybe one day become a planning director or operate in a similar capacity to help better and develop a community in need.

What improvements would you like to see in the community you live in?

All communities have needs related to their demographic make-up. Living in Deltona and having worked there for several months I noted there were certain community improvements that could be made. I would love to see the City of Deltona establish a community/civic center with amenities and resources which caters to the recreational needs of the growing population of youth and creates a sense of identity for the city.

What are your favorite hobbies and how do you enjoy your free time?

A couple of my favorite hobbies are playing pick-up basketball, and sports related video games. No, I am not afraid to admit the video games part. My wife and I also love volunteering at our church and travelling, especially through mission's trips. We hope to tour much of the U.S. and Europe in the upcoming years. We previously have been to Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and the Bahamas.

Do you find yourself "planning" when you travel to new places or even see certain things on your daily routines?

Funny but true story: Most recently my wife and I travelled to the Bahamas in March. While walking around and touring Nassau, I pointed out to my wife that a new development with a screened backflow preventer must have been required to screen it with Sea Grape landscaping and also took a picture of a permit sign posted on the beach for new construction. Her reaction was a sarcastic "Really?" while noting we were on vacation.

Do you have any pets?

Currently I do not, but I have a cute story to tell. Recently I had an eight (8) year old pit bull mix, Brownie. I adopted him around Christmas of 2010 and he had been this "man's best friend" ever since. In July he ended up digging a hole under the fence and got loose where he went missing for three (3) days. I ended up posting him missing on the Volusia County Animal Services Facebook page and received a call in less than an hour that he was found by a family down the street and they were taking care of him. In the meanwhile the family bathed him, bought him a collar and leash, food, and gave him shelter inside the home. After seeing Brownie again and seeing how he and the family's eight (8) year old and thirteen (13) year old boys were bonding it melted my heart. I decided to give Brownie to the new family so he could also give them the joy he's given me. I wouldn't have done it any other way.

Guns 'n Zoning



**Friday
August 25, 2017**

11:30 a.m. – Sign-In/Lunch
12:00 p.m. – Presentation
1:00 p.m. – Q & A

Featured Speaker:

Attorney Mark Watts
Law Office of Cobb Cole

In 2011, the State of Florida enacted preemption measures designed to restrict local authority from regulating firearms and established penalties for the local governments that do attempt to restrict gun use. Subsequently, the Attorney General concluded that counties are prevented from enacting ordinances that prohibit the discharge of firearms “in the proximity to persons or property,” even when the ordinance is adopted for public health and safety purposes. Please join us to discuss gun laws as they relate to zoning ordinances. Several topics will include private gun ranges, backyard target practice, commercial indoor and outdoor ranges and hunting on private property.

Double Barrel Grill

Volusia Top Gun
2900 Bellevue Ave
Daytona Beach, FL
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\$25– FPZA Members

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Lunch provided

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2017 CALL for ENTRIES

FPZA Surfcoast Chapter's 9th Annual Awards

Entry Deadline: October 30, 2017
Awards Ceremony: December 8, 2017

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each of these award entry applications must state how the development, project or innovation, 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, private center and students interested in planning and zoning within Flagler and Volusia County.
- To cultivate and stimulate interest in planning and zoning in Flagler and Volusia Counties.
- To encourage observance of sound planning and zoning practices.
- To furnish information, advice and assistance to its members and provide a medium for exchanging information, advice and assistance among them.
- To engage in research and issue publications on planning and zoning related matters.
- To promote education concerning matters related to planning and zoning.

In addition, each award entry will be evaluated based on 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 or solutions 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.

SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES

1. A cover letter that states the name of the nomination, the award that is sought, the name of the recipient(s), the name, phone number, address and email of the applicant.
2. A brief summary to be used for ceremony purposes, if selected (100 words or less).
3. A narrative of the nomination which clearly demonstrates the evaluation criteria, as outlined above (1,000 words or less).
4. Images illustrating nomination in JPEG and MUST BE LABELED (3 or less and no more than 1 MB each).
5. There are no entry fees and all award entries must be submitted via email ONLY per the size requirements outlined above. Any hard copy or electronic submittals sent via mail will not be accepted.



2017 FPZA ELECTION BALLOT FOR CHAPTER OFFICERS

2018/2020 Slate of Officers

Please Check the Officer or indicate selected Write-In

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(Volusia County)

or

Write-In Candidate

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John Stockham
(Volusia County)

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(LRDG, LLC)

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Write-In Candidate

TREASURER

Becky Mendez
(City of Orange City)

or

Write-In Candidate

Professional Development Officer (PDO)

Tom Brooks
(Volusia County)

or

Write-In Candidate

Newsletter Editor

Belinda Williams-Collins
(City of DeLand)

or

Write-In Candidate

ELECTED DIRECTORS (Total of 6)

Dave Castagnacci – Retired Executive Director VCARD

Joel Ivey – Ivey Planning Group LLC

Tom Harowski – TMH Consulting Inc

John Thomson - Volusia County

Write-In Director

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Surfcoast Florida Planning and Zoning Chapter by:

1. **E-Mail:** Colleen Miles, Chapter Secretary, at
Colleen@ldrgdaytona.com
2. **Mail:** FPZA, Attn: Colleen Miles
P.O. Box 470462
Lake Monroe, FL 32747

**BALLOTS MUST BE E-MAILED OR POSTMARKED BY
NOVEMBER 22, 2017**

Results will be announced at the Annual Meeting and Gala on Friday,
December 8, 2017.

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Your officers are also well represented at the State FPZA Board level. Helen LaValley also serves as the State President. 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 July 2017 is \$9,536.49.



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