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The President's Corner

By Scott Ashley

The chapter continues to focus on providing interesting and beneficial programs and events for our members. We ended 2018 with our annual meeting and 10th Anniversary awards gala. This edition of the newsletter highlights the award winners. Congratulations to the 2018 winners!

In addition, I am proud to announce your *FPZA - Surfcoast Chapter* was once again named **Chapter of the Year** at the 66th Annual Florida Planning and Zoning Association State Conference held in Orlando, June 2018. A huge thank you to the Board of Directors, all members and sponsors for your continuing support and involvement to help grow and maintain Surfcoast as the largest and most active chapter in the FPZA.

Your board continuously plans for events concerning local topics of interest that we hope will be interesting and highly informative. If you have a topic or event suggestion that you would like the chapter to consider, please contact any board member with your information.

Our inclusive organization welcomes all members of the various agencies and professional disciplines involved in the planning and development industry that seek to promote good planning and development practices and dedicated to a positive balance between growth and the environment. As this will help maintain a vibrant local economy and protect the natural beauty of the Volusia and Flagler counties. Thank you all for your continued support and participation in *FPZA - Surfcoast Chapter*.

Scott Ashley

Chapter President



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The Surfcoast Chapter hosted and/or cohosted several event programs in the last year covering several diverse topics and fields, such as an environmental boat tour of the Indian River with our fellow planning organization, APA-Florida Atlantic Coast Section, to learning about beach lighting and sea turtles regulations, gaining an insight to manufacturing jobs options in Volusia County, and learning about a unique affording housing program in Daytona Beach.

I want to remind our membership and potential sponsors that summer is not too far away and that means state conference time. This year's annual *FPZA State Conference* will be in Key West June 5-7. Your own Surfcoast Chapter is hosting this special destination conference. Be sure to sign up early! More details about the events and conference details are provided in the newsletter.

Upcoming Events

March 2019
Kermit Key Lime Pie Factory
DeLand

April 2019
Dolphin/Estuary Cruise
New Smyrna Beach

June 2019
67th Annual State Conference
Key West

December 2019
Annual Gala



Please join us in Key West for the 2019 State Conference being held at the Double Tree/Hilton Grand Key Resort.

The theme this year is **Planning for the Winds of Change**. It was selected because our profession statewide is seeing many changes that will affect land development. Environmental issues including the recent hurricanes, climate change and sea level rise are impacting the planning and land development of many Florida cities statewide. Emerging technologies we are now observing include autonomous vehicles, renewable energy/solar farms and augmented reality urban planning. It is the goal of the conference committee to provide a program of speakers and sessions designed to provide the insight into the future of our profession. Think of an interactive 'Game of Zones' session, author Tim Dorsey, and a tour of the Truman Complex.

Planners today are trained to adapt to the changing planning situations while our communities and cities must be resilient to the same environment. Tell us how your community, local government, or organization is managing current changes. You are invited to submit your

session proposal for this year's conference. The **Call for Sessions** proposal form is posted on the website. Please feel free to share with your members, colleagues and friends.

There is opportunity for your firm, agency or organization to support the conference and association with a sponsorship. Sponsorships are an important part of our conference. Your sponsorship shows support and allows us to provide a premium event for our members. The conference **Sponsorship** forms are included in this edition of the newsletter.

The hotel room block is open.

For reservations call 1-800-445-8667 or reserve online at: www.doubletreekeywest.com.

Use group code CPZ to receive the room reservation rate of \$179 (plus half off the resort fee). The hotel will honor the discount room rate from Monday June 2nd through Sunday June 9th. **The deadline to reserve your room is May 4, 2019.**

To register for the conference visit www.fpzasurfcoast.org for on-line access or to print the registration form.

As more information becomes available it will be posted to the website. Please check for updates. We look forward to seeing everyone in Key West!

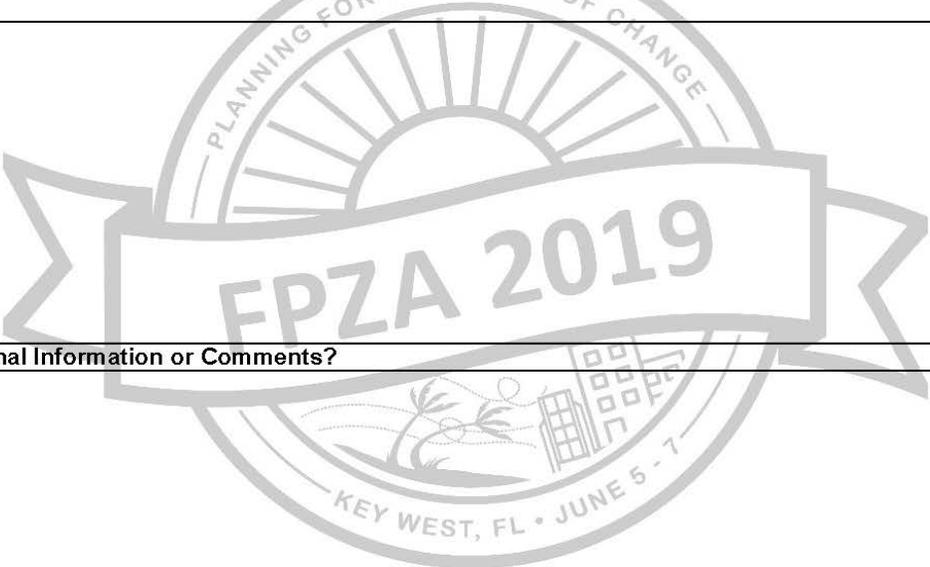
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**2019 Florida Planning and Zoning Association
State Conference Session Proposals
*'Planning for the Winds of Change'***

Name of Session			
Contact Information	Name		
	Email		
	Phone		
	Address		
Topic (Check most relevant)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spatial Planning/Urban Design
<input type="checkbox"/>	Law/Legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Zoning/Code Writing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Redevelopment/Revitalization
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ethics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify topic)		
Session Description: (4,000 characters max. Please clearly describe the planning related educational objective that this session achieves. Content must be appropriate for typical planning professional with minimum 2 years' experience/AICP.)			
Instructors/Speakers			
Speaker No. 1	Name/Accreditations		
	Biographical Information (2,000-character max. include education, title, achievements, and experience.)		

Speaker No. 2	Name/Accreditations					
	Biographical Information					
Equipment Required*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Laptop	<input type="checkbox"/>	Projector	<input type="checkbox"/>	Screen
Available Time Slots** (Check all available)						
Wednesday, June 5		Thursday, June 6 th		Friday, June 7 th		
		8:30 – 10:00 a.m.		8:30 – 10:00 a.m.		
		10:15 – 11:45 a.m.		10:15 – 11:45 a.m.		
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.		1:30 – 3:00 p.m.				
3:15 – 4:45 p.m.		3:15 – 4:45 p.m.				
Previous Experience (Have you given this presentation previously? If yes, when and where.)						
						
Additional Information or Comments?						

* We cannot guarantee availability of equipment at this time; information is for planning purposes only.

** Please note all sessions are scheduled to run 1.5 hours and should be planned to fill that entire time slot (may include Q&A period up to 15 minutes). Please include additional sheets for additional speakers or to address criteria noted above.

Submit proposals electronically by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2019 to: surfcoastfpza@gmail.com - ATTN: Helen LaValley



2019 PLANNING AWARDS

DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2019

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 (2018). The categories are as follows:

1. **Outstanding Development/Design Excellence:** Newly planned, designed, or built "brick and mortar" projects that demonstrate superior form and function.
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. **Innovation:** Project or development that is unusual or ahead of its time.
6. **Education:** Plans or efforts that effectively promote planning and zoning best practices.
7. **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.
8. **Sustainability:** Plans or projects that improve on and harmonize with the natural environment and reduce energy costs.
9. **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.
10. **Outstanding Journalist:** Journalist who effectively and accurately puts forth information about planning and zoning issues to the public.
11. **Outstanding FPZA Chapter:** The chapter that increases or maintains their membership, achieves FPZA goals, and provides quality programs for its chapter members.
12. **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:

Scott Stuart by email to sastuart@kcgcorp.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 5-7, 2019 at DoubleTree/Hilton Grand Key Resort in Key West, Florida. The Awards Luncheon will be held on Friday, June 7th.

2019 FLORIDA PLANNING AND ZONING ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD APPLICATION



This is a competitive merit-based award open to all students currently enrolled in a Florida College/University urban planning undergraduate, graduate, or certificate program. Application essays and letters of recommendation will be reviewed and scored by a panel based on alignment with the mission of the Florida Planning and Zoning Association. Winning essays may be published in whole or in part within FPZA publications including the FPZA website. For more information regarding FPZA and its mission, visit www.fpza.org.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name:

School:

Major:

Level: (circle one) Graduate Undergraduate

Year:

Contact Information:

Permanent Mailing Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Student Scholarship Award recipients receive a free conference registration and two nights hotel stay for the FPZA State Conference being held June 5-7, 2019, at the DoubleTree/Hilton Grand Key Resort in Key West, Florida. Recipients are expected to attend conference sessions and events, and also provide some volunteer conference assistance. The awards will be presented at a luncheon to be held on Friday, June 7th.

ESSAY TOPIC: Please answer the following questions in 500–1,000 words total.

- **What attracted you to the field of planning?**
- **How would you describe Florida fifty years from now?**
- **How does your education prepare you for this future, and what role do you think you will serve as a professional?**

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION: Please attach a letter of recommendation from a professor to this application and mail it or scan and email it to the contact listed at the bottom of this application.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Submittals must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than Friday, April 1, 2019 and recipients will be notified soon after that. Recipients are expected to attend the state conference.

QUESTIONS/SUBMIT TO:

Irina Pashinina- FPZA Student Representative

Phone: 407-925-3476

Email: irinamba@knights.ucf.edu

Or Scott Stuart at (407) 898-7858

Email: SAS Stuart@kcgcorp.com

Florida Planning and Zoning Association's 67th Annual State Conference Updates

It's that time of year for a conference! We invite you to join us in Key West, Florida for the 67th annual state conference being held from June 5th through the 7th.

The conference committee is hard at work planning the event. Our goal is to have a laid back conference - think combination conference/vacation. We want you to attend the conference and also enjoy the Keys! Note: the hotel will honor the discounted room rate for the entire week. Because the conference information is constantly changing and being revised the chapter is posting current information on a daily, sometimes hourly, basis. So continue to check the website www.fpzsurfcoast.org for updated details.

REGISTRATION:

Registration is now open. You can register online or complete the form and mail it in with your check. **The deadline for early registration is May 4th, 2019.** Plan accordingly!

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

The conference is being held at the DoubleTree/Hilton Grand Key Resort. The hotel reservation information can be found in this edition of the newsletter and on our website. **Please be aware that the deadline to take advantage of the hotel discount rate is May 4th, one month before the conference.** The hotel will honor the room discount from Monday, June 3rd through Sunday June 9th. So make a vacation of it!

SESSIONS:

Still time to submit a session proposal. The theme is ***Planning for the Winds of Change***. The draft schedule is posted on our website and changes daily...sometimes hourly. I want to encourage you to submit a proposal even if it appears from the schedule that the sessions are full. At this time, there are several session speakers that are not confirmed. Remember, the schedule changes daily! The proposals we have received are an interesting mix of topics.

Our mobile tours are confirmed. The first is a tour of the Truman Complex, a historic site that served as the winter White House for President Harry S. Truman from 1946-1952 and continued to be used by later Presidents. The other tour is a Historic Harbor Tour which will take you by boat around the island as your guide provides the history of forts, shipwrecks, legends of Key West!

SPONSORSHIPS:

The Chapter is seeking sponsorships to assist with the conference. The conference provides your firm/company the ability to share information about your business and the services available. Your sponsorship benefits the chapter by assisting in defraying the conference costs – BUT - it also gets your business information out there! Our members are statewide and from various disciplines with the majority being local government representatives. If we can help promote your services consider it done!! Sponsorships are not only monetary they can be in other forms also, such as providing graphic services or AV services and equipment. We do appreciate all our sponsors and their support!

VOLUNTEERS:

We will be seeking volunteers to assist at the conference. If you would like to volunteer please contact any of the conference committee members for more information.

If you have any questions or need more information related to the conference, please contact our conference committee members:

Helen LaValley, Conference Chair, Session Coordinator
Becky Mendez, Registration Chair, Session Scheduler
Colleen Miles, Sponsorship Chair
Dave Castagnacci, Mobile Tour Chair

SEE YOU IN THE KEYS!



2018 Events

The Chapter was busy planning last year!

January 26, 2018- Why Solar Energy – 1.5 credits

The seminar focused on getting a better understanding of solar energy use, its benefits, and programs.

April 20, 2018 – Environmental Boat Tour, Marine Discovery Center – 2.0 credits

In association with the Atlantic Coast section of FAPA, this tour lasted two hours and covered the breeding areas of pelicans, dolphin habitat, and the ecosystem of the saltwater marsh.

May 18, 2018 – Beach Lighting and Sea Turtles – 2.0 credits

This event covered the use of lighting on or near the beach and how to shield them and meet federal and local requirements.

August 10, 2018 – JOBS! Manufacturing Sector – 1.5 credits

This seminar explained about the types of manufacturing jobs that are available in the local economy and the types of training programs that are available to area residents.

September 15, 2018—Annual Community Service Project.

The chapter teamed with VCARD to do a coastal cleanup.

October 26, 2018 – Affordable Housing – 2.0 credits

The focus of this presentation was on the local coalition in Daytona Beach the finds and leases affordable housing units to area residents that meet certain qualifications.

In late 2018 the Chapter updated their logo! See new logo below:



2019 Events

February 22, 2019—CERTUS Primary Care Memory Center in Orange City.

This event made us aware that 5.7 million Americans are living with dementia. By 2050, this number is projected to rise to nearly 14 million. The CERTUS staff provided a lunch and tour of the newest premiere memory care living facility. Ms. Kim Smith discussed the planning of the facility and the incorporation of evidence-based design concepts, such as small communities and Town Centers and how they benefit the residents. This will be a val-



Upcoming Chapter Events:

March 21, 2019—The Chapter will tour the Key Lime Pie Factory in DeLand. You will see firsthand the manufacturing process. Please be aware that lunch is not included with this event. The attendees are welcome to meet at the Table Restaurant in downtown DeLand for lunch.

April 2019— Enjoy a Dolphin/Estuary Cruise on the Halifax River in New Smyrna Beach. More details soon.

June 5-7, 2019—Join us in Key West, Florida as the Chapter hosts the 67th Annual State Conference. The hotel block and registration are now open. Please check our website for more information.

FPZA Quarterly Newsletter - Planning Profile
Samantha West

Volusia County Planning Department



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

I grew up in Sorrento, FL . College took me to Tallahassee, for 6 years & completed a Bachelor of Arts in History. I moved back to Sorrento to be with my mother & married my high school sweetheart. As a law enforcement officer with Fish and Wildlife, his job dictated what county we lived in, and that's how we arrived in Volusia. I also have a Graduate Certificate in Ecological Restoration from the University of Florida and am an ISA Certified Arborist.

Can you tell us about your family?

My husband & I have been married for almost 4 years & have no children at this time—maybe in the next few years. My father & stepmother live in DeLand & I have a 9 month old sister that I adore. My mother passed away a few years ago. I have a younger brother who served as a Marine & attends Seminole State with a concentration in environmental science.

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

I've always wanted to work in government. I enjoy the research & history but I found joy in the finding the development pattern of a parcel or an area. I am currently a Land Development Assistant. Volusia County is my forever home and being a part of current & future development is exciting. I look forward to becoming a Planner.

What responses do people give you when you tell people you meet you are a planner? Talking GOPs, What are the Goals you hope to obtain in your planning career?

It never fails, everyone asks, "A party planner?" Obtaining my masters in Planning.

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

I'm focused on understanding how West Volusia became what it is. Then I can weigh in.

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

Anything to do with plants. I have a garden and make jellies & jams. I'm also a part of the Native Plant Society and volunteer at the Marine Discovery Center with their Shuck & Share program. I'm working on becoming a Florida Master Naturalist as well.

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

Since I've fully immersed myself in all things "Florida," be it environmental or development, I am always "planning."

Do you have any pets?

I have 2 dogs and 1 cat. Delta, a Belgian Malinois is the baby at 3; Annabelle, the black cat is 6; and Bonnie, a Basset Hound, is 9. She's been with me since Sophomore year in college.

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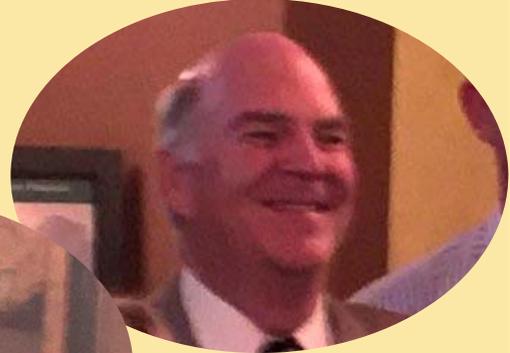
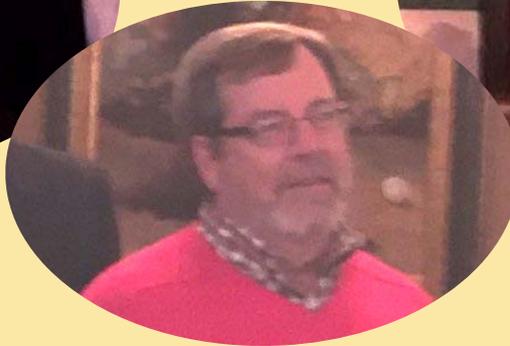
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THANK you to Tom Brooks, Joel Ivey and Tom Harowski, three original chapter directors who retired from the Board this year. In recognition of your years of loyalty and dedication to the FPZA Surfcoast Chapter, and your willingness to share your time and knowledge with its members. We appreciate your contributions.



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Helen LaValley	hvalley@planningsolutionscorp.com	Immediate Past President
Dave Castagnacci	dcastagnacci2@cfl.rr.com	Director

Treasurer's Report

Becky Mendez, AICP – Chapter Treasurer

The Chapter's final 2018 financial report includes a beginning balance on January 1, 2018 of \$9,962.70 and an ending balance on December 31, 2018 of \$9,786.04 for a net loss of \$176.66. 2018 revenues totaled \$7,179.44 and expenditures totaled \$7,356.10.



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