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The President's Corner

It's Summer 2023!

It's Summertime! Boy, is it! It's hot hot hot! It's really warm out there but still, we have been doing some great things!

The 2023 FPZA Annual Conference is in the books, and it was a good one! It was held in Delray Beach and a good time was had by all! Thanks to the Gulfstream/South Florida Chapter for hosting! See conference summary later in this edition.

The sessions were very well attended, and the awards luncheon was especially terrific as the Surfcoast Chapter was awarded Chapter of the Year! Being the best Chapter is hard work and we have been at it.

If you went to the 2022 Annual Conference in Captiva, you may have had the opportunity to attend the session called "Affordable Housing Jeopardy." Well, the Surfcoast Chapter was fortunate to have the session presenters be kind enough to again conduct a Jeopardy format game at a luncheon held in

March at the Halifax River Yacht Club. The game was the same, but the questions were different! It was great fun!

Our next luncheon is scheduled for the end of August, and the topic is the Community Rating Service (CRS). You should all be receiving the event information flyer shortly and more information is contained in this issue. Hope to see you all there!

We also have two community service projects scheduled for September and look forward to your assistance with some or all of them!

We very much appreciate our Surfcoast Chapter members. To show you just how much, we have a Membership Appreciation night planned for October. For more information on that, please continue to read through this issue and enjoy!

See you at an event very soon! Happy Summer!



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 25, 2023
Luncheon Program
Community Rating System
September 9, 2023
Grocery Giveaway
September 16, 2023
Coastal Clean-up
September 29, 2023
Luncheon Program
Live Local Act
October 13, 2023
Surfcoast Friday Social
December 8, 2023
2023 Annual Gala

March 2023 Affordable Luncheon Overview

SHOW ME THE MONEY!

On March 31, 2023, Surfcoast Chapter members met at the Halifax River Yacht Club in Daytona Beach to participate in a one-of-a-kind Affordable Housing trivia game. Game show hosts, Jessica Gow and Nika Hosseini, attorneys with CobbCole law firm provided question categories that included “Carrots over Sticks” (incentive approaches), “Discount Shopping” (funding approaches), “Code Hacks” (very obvious) and “Lions and Tigers and CLTS, Oh My!”.



15 participants accepted the trivia game challenge, and came out winners in the end! It was an entertaining approach to learning a nuanced and significant issue.

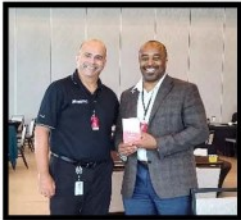
Thank you all for participating!



FPZA 2023 STATE CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

2023 Conference Summary

The 2023 State Conference was hosted by the Gulfstream/South Florida Chapter. It was held at the Delray Aloft hotel in downtown Delray Beach. The hotel was within walking distance of downtown Delray, which had a large selection of restaurants and shopping. Many of our members and colleagues from around the state attended the conference.



The conference opened with the Legislative Update and lunch. The featured keynote speaker, Senator Bobby Powell, was very informative. Senator Powell is shown with Conference Chair Jim Barnes in photo to the left. Incidentally, Senator Powell is a professional urban planner in South Florida. There were several keynote speakers throughout the conference. David Dixon of Stantec Consultants, shown in photo to the right, was the closing keynote speaker of the conference.



The sessions were informative and covered many topics



including, but not limited to, Florida Legacy Communities, Resiliency and Sea Level, Affordable Housing, Brownfields and the Environment, and Redevelopment. The photo shown at right are the speakers of the Florida Legacy Communities session - Dennis Smith and Billie Ventimiglia. There were sessions for everyone! The sessions also provided continuing credits for our certified planners.

The conference ended with the Annual State Planning Awards. Congratulations to the Surfcoast Chapter on winning the Outstanding Chapter Award once again. That brings our chapter to the ninth time winning this award. A very big accomplishment for our members, sponsors, and board of directors. Keep up the good work! Several of our chapter members attended the conference. The photo shown is the current state president and chapter members that were in attendance at the conference to receive the award.



Overview of Upcoming Events

Luncheon Events:

August 25, 2023

Community Rating System (CRS)

Featured Speaker: Ms. Constance Bentley

Volusia County CRS Coordinator

Location: Center at Deltona

For Details See Page 5

September 29, 2023

Live Local Act

Featured Speaker: Ms. Jessica Gow, Attorney

CobbCole Law Firm

Look for Location and Details Soon

Community Service Projects:

September 9, 2023

Grocery Giveaway

West Volusia Dream Center

For Details See Page 6

September 16, 2023

Annual International Coastal Cleanup

Co-sponsored with VCARD

For Details See Page 7

Other Upcoming Events:

Surfcoast FPZA Social Get Together

October 13, 2023

Big Tunas Beach Bar

For Details See Page 8

State Regional Forum

Hosted by the Central Florida Chapter

Details for Event Forthcoming

Annual Surfcoast Gala and Awards Ceremony

December 8, 2023

For Sponsorship Details See Page 11

Call for Awards Information See Page 12 & 13

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

The CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the NFIP. The presentation will provide an overview of the CRS program and how your community can improve their CRS rating.

**AUGUST 25, 2023
NOON TO 2:00 PM**

LOCATION

THE CENTER
1640 Dr. M.L.K. Boulevard
Deltona, FL 32725

REGISTER ON-LINE AT:
WWW.FPZASURFCOAST.ORG

- ✓ \$20 for FPZA Members
- ✓ \$30 for Everyone Else
- ✓ Price includes LUNCH
- ✓ 1.5 CM credits approved



SPEAKER:
Constance Bentley
Volusia CRS Coordinator



HELP FPZA IN THE GREAT GROCERY GIVEAWAY!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteer time of arrival is at 8AM for instructions on bagging food, sign holding and welcoming families at:

West Volusia Dream Center

2479 S. Volusia Avenue

Orange City, FL 32763

September 9, 2023 at 8AM-11AM





COASTAL CLEANUP

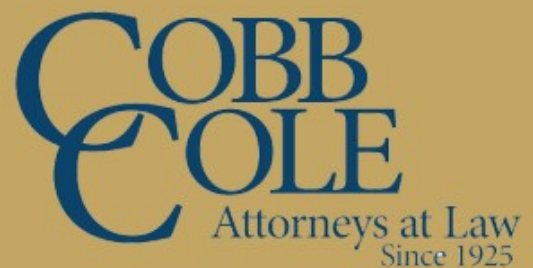


SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
START 9:00AM

CITY ISLAND PARK
105 E. MAGNOLIA AVE
DAYTONA BEACH

IMMEDIATELY TO FOLLOW:

POST-CLEANUP LUNCH
COMPLIMENTS OF OUR SPONSORS
THE ORIGINAL STAVRO'S PIZZA HOUSE
262 S BEACH ST, DAYTONA BEACH



Upcoming FPZA Social Get Together

Surfcoast Chapter is hosting a Social Event for networking and just plain FUN! Our Chapter members are the BEST in the State, and the Board wants to show our appreciation to all of you. The Chapter will provide the appetizers and 2- free drink tickets to all FPZA members. If you bring a non-FPZA member friend with you, your names will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$100 Big Tuna gift certificate. If the friend joins the Surfcoast Chapter that evening, your drawing chances triple! See the Flyer below and come join us.

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YOU MIGHT
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FRIDAY

BIG TUNAS BEACH BAR
2695 N ATLANTIC AVE.
DAYTONA BCH, FL 32118

10.13.23

START FROM 5 PM - 7 PM
WWW.FPZASURFCOAST.COM
MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS!

WELCOME NEW PLANNERS

The FPZA Surfcoast Chapter welcomes Ms. Rebekah Cottle, Planner II, with the Volusia County Growth Management Department

Give us a little background on where you are from, and how you arrived here. I grew up in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, which is a suburb of Tulsa. I completed my undergraduate degree in political science at Oklahoma State University and master's degree in public administration at the University of Oklahoma. I initially moved to Volusia County because I have family in Daytona and Ormond Beach.



Tell us about your family. I come from a family of public servants – one of my parents is a civil engineer/city manager and the other is an educator. I think the desire to do community work is passed along, so that's something I hope to instill in my son, who is turning seven years old this summer.

How did you become a planner? As I was wrapping up the work for my graduate degree, I heard about a project that some of the students in the regional and city planning program were participating in. It was a series of public outreach events to obtain input about local downtown redevelopment. They had prepared a variety of architectural renderings and organized focus groups. There was a great public turnout for the events, which encouraged city employees. It seemed so exciting; I was envious and decided I wanted to join in this type of work.

What responses do people give when you tell them you are a planner? There is a range – some people have no idea what that means and others see it as an opportunity to talk about changes they do or don't like within the community. Either way, it presents an opportunity to discuss ways they can be involved in local development.

What improvements would you like to see in the community you live and work? I am excited to see the various approaches to affordable housing being implemented in the cities and unincorporated Volusia County. It is a great learning opportunity to witness many solutions brought forward to address the same problem.

What are your hobbies and how do you enjoy spending your free time? I love the water, so swimming and kayaking are two of my major hobbies. I spend a lot of time at the pool and our local parks. Any opportunity for a beach day, I'm there. Lately my son has been refining his fishing skills, so I'm learning with him.

What is your favorite/least favorite part of your job? I would say my favorite and least favorite parts of my job are often the same. Since planners can be mediators between different public interests, finding middle ground is both challenging and exciting. To me, it feels very rewarding to help people participate in government. If someone is displeased with their circumstances, I enjoy exploring possible solutions for them and guiding them through the development process.

What are the goals you hope to attain in your planning? I recently started studying for the AICP exam and hope to complete that within the upcoming year. One of my major career goals is to be involved with the development of affordable housing.

SURFCOAST MEMBERS ON THE MOVE



Steven Bapp. Became the Director of Growth Management of the City of DeBary in June 2023 after working for the City of Daytona Beach as a Senior Planner. Steven is also a Director with the Surfcoast Chapter. We wish him much success!

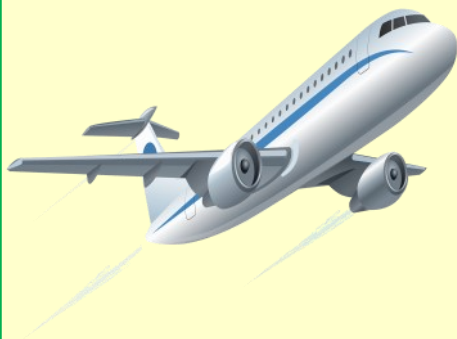
Mike Disher. Accepted the position as the Town Manager for Ponce Inlet in April 2023 after formerly serving as the Town's Planning Director. Mike has served in leadership positions with both the Surfcoast FPZA Chapter and the Atlantic Coast Section of the Florida APA. Mike was presented with the Surfcoast Chapter's 2021 Outstanding Service Award. Well done!

Stephanie Doster. Congratulations are in order as Stephanie became the Planning Manager in April 2023 for New Smyrna Beach after previously working with the Volusia County School District as a Planning Coordinator.



Kimberly Reading. Kimberly is now a Planner III with Volusia County serving as its Historical Preservation Officer. Kim previously was employed by the City of Orange City as a Senior Planner. Kim was selected as the Historic Preservationist of the Year in 2020 by the West Volusia Historical Society. We wish her much success!

Joseph Ruiz. Joe has become the Director of Planning and Development Services Department moving up from his previous position as the Assistant Planning Director. Joe is currently serving as a Director with the Surfcoast Chapter. Congratulations to you !



Samantha West. Samantha has become the Sustainability and Resilience Manager with Volusia County. Before taking on her newest position, Samantha was the Land Development Manager for the County. Best wishes with your new position!



ANNUAL AWARDS GALA SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

Friday, December 8, 2023
Halifax River Yacht Club, Daytona Beach

Overview - What your sponsorship provides to the community

- Supporting a locally active professional planning organization within Flagler and Volusia Counties
- Partnering with local governments and other professional organizations with an interest in planning related issues
- Networking for those interested in planning and to provide continuing professional certification opportunities for planning related professionals
- Educating professionals, public, and elected / appointed officials on planning and zoning practices and issues at an affordable level

Benefits for all Sponsor Levels

- Company name and logo to be included on a poster board to be displayed at the annual Gala and all Chapter functions during Year 2024
- Inclusion of the Company name and logo in the Awards Gala powerpoint presentations

Additional Benefits for each Sponsorship Level

- **Platinum - \$250**
 - ❖ Three complimentary gala tickets
 - ❖ Half page ad in all newsletters for 2024
- **Gold - \$150**
 - ❖ Two complimentary gala tickets
 - ❖ Business card in all newsletters for 2024

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2023 CALL for ENTRIES

FPZA Surfcoast Chapter 15th Annual Awards

Entry Deadline: November 17, 2023
Awards Ceremony: December 8, 2023

AWARD CATEGORIES

Outstanding Innovation and Design: This award is for the project or development that demonstrates innovation and quality design techniques. Key criteria in selecting the winner in this category will be how the project promotes interest and observance of state of the art planning and zoning practices.

Outstanding Planning Study: This award is given for an outstanding public report, study, written document, ordinance, planning analysis, etc. This category emphasizes results and demonstrates how innovative and state-of-the-art planning methods and practices will facilitate implementation of the plan.

Outstanding Private and Public Partnership: This award is for the most effective collaboration between the public and private sector in the field of planning or development. The collaboration may be in the form a planning study or analysis, land development regulations, or “brick and mortar” projects.

Outstanding Sustainability Initiative: This award is for the project that is leading sustainability efforts within the area of our two Counties. Sustainability practices impact how places are planned, designed, built, used, and maintained. Areas of concern include energy use and efficiency, green infrastructure, resource conservation, transportation choices and impacts, compact development, diversity, and revitalization.

Focus Award: This award is presented to a person who has exemplified outstanding achievement in support of the planning profession within Flagler and Volusia Counties. This award is not limited to FPZA members. FPZA Surfcoast members may suggest nominees and are requested to contact the Awards Chair by the application deadline with the name of the nominee and reasons for the nomination.

Member of the Year: This award is for a Surfcoast member who exemplifies outstanding achievement in support of the planning profession within Flagler and Volusia counties and has been instrumental in the continual success of the chapter. FPZA Surfcoast members may suggest nominees and are requested to contact the Awards Chair by the application deadline with the name of the nominee and reasons for the nomination.

The FPZA Awards Committee reserves the right to categorically reclassify any submittal and to award an Award of Merit, if appropriate.



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EVALUATION CRITERIA

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.
6. Submit applications to surfcoastfpza@gmail.com. For more information, please contact Becky Mendez, Chapter Treasurer at (386)775-5418 or at bmendez@orangecityfl.gov



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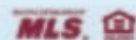
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Treasurer's Report

Becky Mendez, AICP

Fiscal Year 2023 started January 1, 2023, with a beginning balance of \$17,855.98. The ending balance as of June 30, 2023, was \$14,480.89, which included \$2,607.14 in revenue and \$6,101.42 in expenses.