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September 2014

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It has been a very busy few months. The chapter held a networking reception in Flagler County, hosted 2 luncheon programs, attended the state conference, provided 12.5 hours of continuing education credits, gained 10 new members, and earned the 'Outstanding Chapter of the Year' award. All this activity happening since the previous newsletter!

Upcoming events being planned for the remainder of the year are our monthly luncheon programs, the annual eco tour, a member appreciation reception, and the annual awards gala. Also, new this year is a community service project.

The community service project is a state initiative to the local chapters. The chapter's project criteria and a list of potential agencies/organization and/or partnership opportunities is in the initial planning stage. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer for the project please contact us.

The chapter is currently seeking award nominations for our December awards gala. It has been a very active development year in Flagler and Volusia Counties. So we are anticipating exciting award nominations this year. There are many notable projects, studies, and colleagues deserving of an award. See page 6 for entry details.

Finally, a reminder to our members, it is that time of the year for membership renewals. If you haven't already renewed your membership you can visit the website and pay online.

As always, thank you for your participation in the Surfcoast Chapter.

Helen LaValley
Chapter President

The President's Corner... by Helen LaValley



The chapter accepting the 'Outstanding Chapter of the Year' award at the 2014 conference.

Save the Date

2015 FPZA Annual Conference
Hosted by the Gulf Coast Chapter
June 10-13, 2015

The Hampton Inn & Suites
Downtown Bradenton, Florida

FPZA State Conference Mobile Tours and Receptions

Gail Henrikson, AICP

The 62nd Annual Florida Planning and Zoning Association (FPZA) state conference, which was held June 11-13th at the Downtown West Palm Beach Marriott, showcased many of the New Urbanist and historical gems of the City.

Wednesday evening's kick-off reception at the Historic Downtown Courthouse and Museum, provided conference attendees with not only the opportunity to explore the museum's many exhibits, but also featured an in-depth presentation by Rick Gonzalez, AIA, REG Architects. Mr. Gonzalez, whose firm managed the unique "unwrapping" of the historic building, and restoration and re-creation of many of the architectural details, walked the audience step-by-step through the decision-making process used to achieve the stunning results. The historic Palm Beach County Courthouse, which was constructed in 1916, had been the "beneficiary" of a make-over in the 1970's that placed a wraparound structure on the outside of the historic building. In 2002, the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners allocated \$18.5 million in revenues raised from the sale of public improvement revenue and refunding bonds. Begun in 2004, the restoration process was completed in November 2007, with the official grand opening being held in March 2008.

Thursday morning's mobile tour, also lead by Rick Gonzalez, was a two-hour walking tour of Downtown West Palm Beach. Starting at CityPlace, participants were treated to a highly informative and entertaining discussion about the development of the downtown West Palm Beach core. A tour of CityPlace itself could easily occupy an hour of any visitor's time. A large-scale urban-redevelopment project, CityPlace is now a lifestyle center in the heart of downtown West Palm Beach, and contains over 80 retail, restaurant and entertainment venues. Designed in a Mediterranean architectural style, this urban anchor continues to expand with the construction of the Hilton Convention Center Hotel, which is scheduled to open in 2016.

One of the highlights of CityPlace is the fully restored Harriet Himmel Theater. Built in 1926, this approximately 11,000 square foot building was renovated and restored in 2000 as an event venue, and now hosts weddings, receptions and other special activities.



CityPlace



Harriet Himmel Theater

FPZA State Conference Mobile Tours and Receptions (continued)

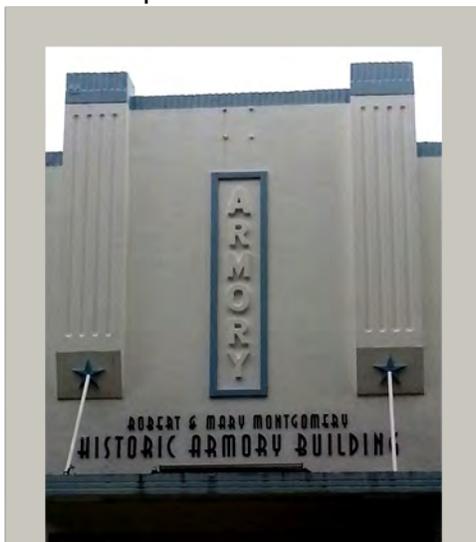
After leaving CityPlace, the tour moved north on Rosemary Avenue towards Clematis Street. While much of this area has been redeveloped as a result of the CityPlace development, there are still pockets that are currently undergoing or in need of redevelopment. One of the interesting highlights pointed out to the tour participants was the prominent presence of public art and murals throughout the downtown area. The public art serves to reinforce West Palm Beach's reputation as a community committed to culture, while the murals serve to break up blank wall space and beautify and diversify buildings.

The tour concluded at the east end of Clematis Street, a thriving restaurant, entertainment and retail district that is home to several independently-owned and operated businesses. Interspersed with the private redevelopment is also the main branch of the public library and the West Palm Beach City Hall, both of which were completed in 2009.

Thursday evening's reception was hosted at the Armory Art Center at 1700 Parker Avenue in West Palm Beach.

Originally constructed in 1939 as a Works Progress Administration project, the Art Deco-style building served as a National Guard armory from 1939 through 1982. In 1987, the building was re-purposed as an arts center. Today, the Armory Art Center offers a wide variety of art classes, exhibitions and visiting master artist workshops.

The final mobile tour of the conference occurred on Friday afternoon, with a short TriRail ride to Boynton Beach to visit the Due South Brewery. While the craft beer movement has been gaining momentum nationally, it has only recently begun to develop in Florida. According to information prepared by the University of Florida for the Florida Brewers Guild, Florida had only six craft brewers in 2007. By 2013, that number had increased by over 700% to 50 brewers, with another 28 breweries in the planning stages. The report also indicates that more than 900 full- and part-time jobs were directly created in Florida as a result of craft beer production and sales.



Historic Armory Building



Courthouse Interior Following Restoration

FPZA State Conference Mobile Tours and Receptions

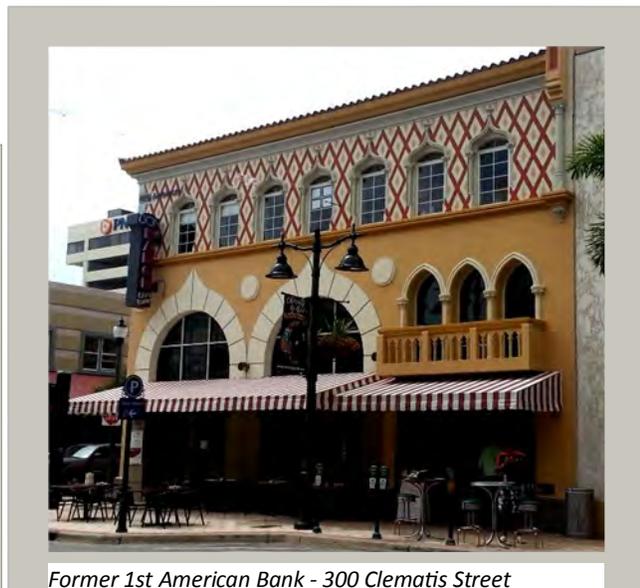
FPZA 2014 State Conference Mobile Tours and Receptions (continued)

Due South Brewery, which opened in 2012, is housed in an approximately 15,000 square foot industrial building within easy, but not necessarily scenic, walking distance of the Tri-Rail station. The 15-barrel brewhouse produces a variety of IPAs, ales, porters and stouts, are also distributed throughout Florida. Attendees on the tour, which was led by Jim Barnes from the Village of Wellington, discussed with Due South employees the regulatory hurdles imposed by local jurisdictions on microbreweries. While taprooms can readily fall under the category of “bar” or “restaurant” in most zoning codes, the interpretation problem lies with how to classify the industrially-natured, but small-scale, production of craft brews.

Each of the tours and receptions offered their participants the opportunity to experience different aspects of West Palm Beach on an intimate and personal level. The venues and information enforced the planning theories and practices that were discussed at the conference, providing attendees with valuable, and enjoyable, firsthand understanding of this rich and complex urban area.



Due South's Brewery 15-barrel brew house



Former 1st American Bank - 300 Clematis Street

2014 Luncheon Schedule

**September 18th - Florida Public Archaeology Network at 11:30 a.m.
Featured Speaker - Sarah Miller of Florida Public Archaeology Network
Location: Barberville Pioneer Settlement, School House Auditorium**

**October 17th - St. Johns River Eco Tour at 1:30 p.m.
Swamp House Grill - DeBary**

**November 2014- Vacation Rental Legislation
Flagler County - Location and Date TBD**

**December 12, 2014 - 2014 Holiday Season Awards Gala at 6:00 p.m.
Venetian Bay Golf Clubhouse — New Smyrna Beach**

Date and locations are subject to change.

May 28th – Flagler County Networking Reception By: James Stowers, Attorney at Law

Surfcoast Chapter FPZA Summer Kick-off Event at Highjackers a Success!

As the summer of 2014 winds down, it's a perfect time to reflect on the Surfcoast FPZA's Volusia/Flagler summer kick-off event held at Highjackers on May 28th. The event was organized to bring planners and the development community together to connect and discuss the continued economic momentum in both Volusia and Flagler counties. As expected, the event saw attendance from a number of long-time stalwarts of the planning/development community including Joel Ivey (Ivey Planning Group), David Castagnacci (VCARD), and Charlie Faulkner (Faulkner & Associates). We also reconnected with old friends like Doug Gutierrez (Flagler County) and Thad Crowe (City of Palatka). With a great mix of planners, consultants, and professionals in the development industry, the evening was full of spirited discussion on the positive trends occurring within East Central Florida.

In addition to a great time being had by all, the summer kick-off event resulted in two new members to the Surfcoast Chapter of FPZA. Thank you to Beth Lemke (Planning Solutions Corp) and Adam Mengel (Flagler County) for joining our organization!

If you have an idea for an event, please contact our Chapter President, Helen LaValley, at hvalley@planningsolutionscorp.com with your thoughts. We look forward to seeing you at our next Surfcoast Chapter event soon!

2014 CALL for ENTRIES

FPZA Surfcoast Chapter 6th Annual Awards

Entry Deadline: October 31, 2014
Awards Ceremony: December 12, 2014

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. 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 awarded to a person who has exemplified outstanding achievement in support of the planning profession. 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 of October 31, 2014 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 of October 31, 2014 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.

Contact Ms. Mendez regarding the method of submittal:

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6TH ANNUAL FPZA- SURFCOAST AWARDS GALA

DATE: Friday, December 12, 2014

TIME: Dinner starts at 6PM
Awards Ceremony starts at 7PM

PLACE: Venetian Bay Golf Club
63 N. Airport Road
New Smyrna Beach, FL

COST: \$25 per person, which includes
buffet dinner and open bar from
6PM-7PM (cash bar thereafter)



**Please RSVP and pay in advance
before December 1, 2014
by contacting
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Come Celebrate our Volusia and Flagler Planning Achievements of the Year!

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Your officers are also well represented at the State FPZA Board level. John Thomson serves as the state FPZA Vice President for Financial Affairs. In addition, Helen LaValley, Gail Henrikson, Scott McGrath, and Tom Brooks serve as Directors on the State FPZA Board of Directors.

Treasurer's Report

Becky Mendez, AICP – Chapter Treasurer

The Chapter's closing balance, as of September 3, 2014, was \$11,196.90. Year-to-date revenue totals \$1,934.36 and year-to-date expenses total \$1,766.91, for a net profit of \$167.45.

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