The President’s Corner
By Colleen Miles

Well, it’s not only a new year but a new decade! It is an honor to be elected your President to kick it off! I follow in the footsteps of some very involved and enthusiastic previous Presidents and I can only hope to live up to their standards.

Surfcoast is again the leading Chapter in the State and we hope to continue that legacy. We have a new Board and with it some new and innovative ideas for programs and events both social and educational. I can’t wait to get started.

We also hope to focus on our members, both existing and potential new members and we are asking for help from each of you. You know the advantages and excitement around our programs and events. Not just for getting continuing credits but for camaraderie and networking benefits and building relationships not only in our neck of the woods but Statewide. Speak with your coworkers or friends and also associated industries (attorneys, landscape architects, contractors, developers, city managers, elected officials, engineers, surveyors, or just people interested in development or even retirees).

Innovation and ideas come from the past as much as the present. We have led the State in membership over the last few years, but we want to maintain our place at the top!

Surfcoast hosted the 2019 conference in Key West to resounding accolades, but the 2020 conference is right around the corner. This year’s theme is “Taste of Florida” and will be held at the Casa Monica Resort in St. Augustine. As a Chapter we are assisting with sponsorships, but we also hope to provide a substantial attendance as well. The dates are June 10-12, so mark your calendars!

As I have said, innovation and ideas can come from anywhere, so I look forward to your input to further your chapter into the New Year and new decade.

Welcome to 2020!

Colleen Miles
Chapter President
FPZA 2019 Gala Award Recipients

**Outstanding Innovation and Design Award:**

City of Ormond Beach, Zyscovich Architects, and Zev Cohen & Associates for Security First
The 30 million dollar project is Security First Insurance’s long-awaited new headquarters and will be the first tenant at Ormond Crossings, which has been 17 years in the making. Security First is a 4-story 136,000 square foot headquarters building that will allow the Ormond Beach-based insurer to consolidate its growing workforce under the same roof, bringing hundreds of high-paying jobs to this part of town.

**Sustainability Awards:**

Volusia County’s Environmental Management Division for The Green Volusia Program
The Green Volusia Program within Volusia County’s Environmental Management Division has shown outstanding initiative by working to implement the sustainability goals outlined in the County’s Sustainability Action Plan, by addressing community resilience through green infrastructure, by educating the public about water quality and the county’s fertilizer ordinance, and by partnering with the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council on the East Central Florida Regional Resilience Action Plan.

City of Edgewater and Dredging & Marine Consultants for The Whistle Stop Park
The City of Edgewater Whistle Stop Park project is a much anticipated community recreational facility that serves as a central location for the City to host community events, provide recreational opportunities to residents of all ages, and revitalizes a park that had fallen into disuse and disrepair in recent years. The proximity to the railroad tracks inspired the design of the park to incorporate railroad elements and themes. The park has been transformed from a blighted and unsafe area into a vibrant source of sustainable pride for the residents of the City of Edgewater, which is also collaborating with the Indian River Elementary school to encourage activities that will engage both students and parents in utilizing the park for educational activities and a healthy lifestyle.
FPZA 2019 Gala Awards

Public Private Partnership Award:

Shell Harbor Partners, Volusia County’s Parks, Recreation and Culture Division, and Dreading & Marine Consultants for Shell Harbor Park

Shell Harbor Park is located at 1800 Shell Harbor Road, Pierson, and is the first and only public boat ramp on the Volusia County side of Lake George. The property was donated to Volusia County by local landowners in 2013. Design for the Shell Harbor Park began in 2015 and the ribbon cutting is scheduled for December 5,2019. The multifaceted nine-acre public park includes a paved access road, parking for cars and trucks with boat trailers, a new boat ramp with signage and accessory docks, a pavilion, kayak/canoe launch, a small restroom, and newly dredged access channel to enhance navigability. This project is part of Volusia County’s effort to provide benefits and opportunities for redevelopment enabling the area to reach its full economic and cultural potential and will positively impact the safety and wellbeing of residents and visitors.

Outstanding Planning Study Award:

City of Lake Helen and East Central Florida Regional Planning Council for The Lake Helen Downtown Master Plan

The City of Lake Helen Downtown Corridor is the historic center of social and economic activity of the City. In August 2017 the City of Lake Helen was awarded a $40,000 grant from the Department of Economic Opportunity. The City engaged the services of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC) to develop the Lake Helen Downtown Master Plan to assist the city in preserving its existing quality of life while increasing economic vitality. The process took over one-year. After significant public input, consultant and staff dedication, and leadership from city boards, especially the Lake Helen City Commission, the Plan was adopted in December 2018.
**Outstanding Service Award - Helen LaValley**
Helen receives this award for exemplary service and always going above and beyond. In particular, due to her dedication and unwavering tenacity, the Chapter successfully, and quite spectacularly, hosted the 67th Annual State FPZA Conference in KEY WEST this year, which also cinched our seventh win as Chapter of the Year!! Thank you for your service.

**Member-of-the-Year Award—Matthew West**
Matthew receives this award for outstanding achievement in support of the planning profession. He has been instrumental in organizing our National PARKing day events.

**Focus Award - Tom Harowski**
Tom receives this award for outstanding community involvement in promoting sound planning principles. He has been part of the planning profession for more than 30 years. And during these years has been a Development Services Director in different Volusia County local governments and was influential in many developments including Venetian Bay. He currently provides planning services for both local governments and school districts. He is a dedicated FPZA association member – having served as a Surfcoast Chapter board member since reactivation in 2009.

Congratulations to all the award winners!
RETIREMENT RECEPTION

The Chapter will be hosting a Retirement Reception for our very own member - John Thomson.

The reception will be held from 5-7pm at The Table located in downtown DeLand on Friday, February 28, 2020. Appetizers will be provided.

John is retiring from Volusia County after 17 years of service. He also served as a past president of the Chapter and Board Director.

Please stop by and wish John well in his relaxing retirement!
Mark your Calendars! This year’s 2020 State Conference will be held June 10-12th at the Casa Monica Resort and Spa in downtown St. Augustine. For more information on the call for sessions, sponsorship opportunities, and hotel information visit the conference webpage at https://firstcoastfpza.wixsite.com/fpza2020.
FPZA 2020 STATE CONFERENCE TASTE OF FLORIDA

CALL FOR SPEAKERS

JUNE 10-12, 2020
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PROPOSED TOPICS:

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• Coastal Planning
• Destination Planning
• Environmental Planning
• Ethics
• Food Deserts
• Food History & Planning
• Health Tourism
• Historic Preservation
• Housing
• Industrial Zones
• Law
• Recreation Planning
• Revitalization
• Riverfront Activation
• Rural Planning
• School Planning
• Urban Mobility

Please submit a brief summary of presentation submissions & any additional topic proposals to firstcoastfpza@gmail.com

Submit by March 31, 2020

Student proposals welcome!
The First Coast Chapter of the Florida Planning & Zoning Association (FPZA) offers a special opportunity to support an educational event while increasing your visibility locally and statewide. Sponsorship of the 68th Annual FPZA state conference is a worthwhile way to promote your business or organization and further the sound planning principals of the FPZA.

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City of Orange City - **Planner I Position**

The City of Orange City is seeking an individual to join our Development Services Department as a Planner I. In this role candidates can expect to be exposed to all facets of the planning and zoning process; focusing on building permits and plan review. The City of Orange City is focused on helping our community to grow and develop, while preserving the history in our community. **CLOSES:** February 26 at 5 p.m.

Applications can be submitted electronically to recruitment@ourorangecity.com, mailed, or dropped to our Human Resources Office. Applications are available at www.ourorangecity.com. Resumes may be attached to your application but will **not** be accepted in lieu of an application.

City of New Smyrna Beach - **Director of Development Services and Coastal Environmental Resiliency**

The incumbent is highly responsible for managerial and administrative work, planning, organizing and directing the Building, Planning and Engineering Departments. Work is performed under the administrative direction of the City Manager and Assistant City Manager.

Please submit a resume, employment application and your salary requirements via email to rfuller@cityofnsb.com, fax to 386.202.2849 or mail to 210 Sams Ave, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

City of New Smyrna Beach - **Executive Director for CRA/Economic Development.**

This is very responsible administrative and professional work in directing and monitoring the various phases of the down town redevelopment agreement and fiscal activities associated with the development and revitalization of the Redevelopment District and improving the local economy. Performs managerial and strategic work in the areas of redevelopment including streetscape, real estate acquisition and disposition, and Community Redevelopment Agency and Economic Developments projects.

Duties also includes strategic planning, coordinating and expediting the development review process with various City departments and other committees, agencies or associations impacted by redevelopment and economic development activities and the determination and securing of available State and Federal development grants to aid in financing the projects. Work requires the exercise of considerable independence and judgment and the application of tact and diplomacy in dealing with other agencies, committees, associations and the public.

Submit your completed application via email to dwilson@cityofnsb.com or fax to 386.202.2849.
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- Colleen Miles — President
- Mark Karet — Vice President
- Debi LaCroix — Secretary
- Becky Mendez — Treasurer
- Helen LaValley — Newsletter Editor

**Directors:**
- Dave Castagnacci
- Mike Disher
- Belinda Collins
- John Stockham

**Past Presidents:**
- Helen LaValley
- John Thomson
- Scott McGrath

The Chapter is represented on the State FPZA Board by John Thomson and Helen LaValley serving as FPZA Past Presidents. Colleen Miles and Debi LaCroix serve as Chapter Directors.

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### Treasurer’s Report Updated

Becky Mendez, AICP — Chapter Treasurer

2019 final financial report includes a beginning balance of $9,786.04 and an ending balance of $21,755.51 for a total net profit of $11,969.50. 2019 revenues totaled $63,852.10 and expenses totaled $51,882.66. The Chapter hosted the State Conference in Key West in 2019, which contributed to the unusually high transaction amounts for the year. Conference revenues totaled $54,300.86 and expenses totaled $52,095.43. As of January 31, 2020, the Chapter’s ending balance was $13,725.72.

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