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The President's Corner

Hello Surfcoast Members:

So...now it's August and here we are...I think I can speak for all of us when I say I really hope 2020 ends soon. It has been a really challenging time for us all!

But, things seem to be looking up. We continue to make plans for events and activities, although some do still get cancelled.

However, there's a horizon...not sure why it seems to keep moving just a little bit out of reach.

The Surfcoast Chapter still anticipates hosting the State Award recipients at our Annual Awards Gala in December and between now and then we hope to schedule our annual Legislative Update luncheon. It is tentatively scheduled for September 18th.

Our Chapter is planning on hosting the Fall Regional Forum in October. We anticipate the subject will be Gemini Springs Restoration Efforts. More information and dates to follow.

Remember to renew! Tell all your friends and co-workers too! FPZA is not just for planners!!

As we head toward the last quarter of this most interesting of years I wish you all the best and let's see if we can't get past this craziness!

Colleen Miles

Upcoming Events

September 18th
Legislative Update
Volusia County
Lifeguard Headquarters
Daytona Beach

September 29th
Community Service Project
Halifax Urban Ministries
Food Distribution Event
Ocean Center
101 N. Atlantic Blvd.
Daytona Beach

October 23rd
State Regional Forum
Look for Details Soon

Please note—All events sponsored by the Chapter will comply with social distancing guidelines and masks will be required.

Florida Legislative Update

Please join the Surfcoast Chapter for their 2020 Legislative Update and gain a better understanding of what the legislative changes could mean to you and your organization.

The discussion will include affordable housing and zoning, accessory dwelling units, impact fees, food trucks and electric vehicle infrastructure.

Our featured speakers are Mr. Chris Carmody, Government Relations Attorney and Mr. Robert Stuart, Senior Director of Government Affairs. Both speakers are with the law firm of Gray Robinson in Orlando, Florida.

1.5 AICP Credits/Law Credits Approved



Friday, September 18, 2020

11:30 am - Registration/Lunch

12:00 pm - Program Begins

**Volusia County
Lifeguard Headquarters
515 South Atlantic Avenue
Daytona Beach, FL 32118**

The featured speakers will present the program via Zoom. You will have two options to participate in the event. We will provide an in-person option to view the webinar and enjoy lunch. It will also be available to our members and colleagues not able to attend. Select your option when registering.

\$20 Lunch Cost

Lunch included

Ham, Turkey, Chicken Salad or Vegetarian

Please specify lunch selection when registering

Register and Pay on-line at

www.fpzassurfcoast.org

or mail payment to:

FPZA at PO BOX 2705

Daytona Beach, FL 32115-2705

Masks and social distancing
will be required.

Seating is limited for this event



Welcome New Planners

The Surfcoast Chapter welcomes Ms. Beverly Frazier, Senior Planner for the Town of Ponce Inlet and Mr. Kyle Wilkes, Senior Planner for the City of DeLand.



**Beverly Frazier, Senior Planner
Town of Ponce Inlet**

Give us a little background on where you are from, and how you arrived here. *I grew up in a small town in Virginia in the foothills of the picturesque Blue Ridge Mountains. I thought it was the most beautiful place on earth...until I visited Florida. After graduating from the University of Florida, my wanderlust led me north and eventually out west, but I never felt at home until I moved back about 10 years ago. I've heard that life is most vibrant where the ocean meets the land, and I couldn't agree more.*

Tell us about your family. *My immediate family members still live in Virginia where I grew up. We talk daily and visit as often as possible. I have an amazing extended family of friends here, plus my boyfriend and our furry four-legged "golden girls" Stella and Punky.*

How did you become a planner? *While living in St. Augustine, I worked for the Building Services Division in St. Johns County. After about a year, I was provided an opportunity to transfer to the Planning and Zoning Division where I accepted a Planner position to advance my career.*

What responses do people give when you tell them you are a planner? *"What do you do?" is a question I've been asked many times at family gatherings and when meeting new people. It's a great conversation starter to share insights into the planning profession and what planners do in various roles.*

What improvements would you like to see in the community you live or work? *I would like to see more engagement of the community providing input on the direction of policy and land use decisions. The collaborative experience of involving residents in the planning process can facilitate understanding of different views, provide support for change, and identify future needs of the community.*

What are your hobbies and how do you enjoy spending your free time? *I'm an outdoor enthusiast and spend as much time as possible enjoying the natural environment including boating, fishing, hiking, swimming and biking. I seek adventure and love to explore our beautiful beaches, local waterways, and state and national parks.*

What is your favorite part of your job? *My position with the Town of Ponce Inlet provides me the opportunity to work directly with residents in land use, environmental preservation, and development review. As I gain understanding of their vision, I look forward to guiding resolution of planning goals that will directly benefit the community.*

What is the least favorite part of your job? *I truly enjoy the challenging work - interpretation of regulations, consideration of opposing views, and understanding complex issues, but implementing a decision that is not supported by others is never easy.*

What are the goals you hope to attain in your planning career? *In the short term, I plan to complete AICP certification next year and start looking at graduate degree programs. As I further my career, I hope to be directly involved with preserving coastal communities and shaping policy for sustainability in the face of sea level rise.*

Welcome New Planners Continued

Mr. Kyle Wilkes, Senior Planner **City of DeLand**



Give us a little background on where you are from, and how you arrived here.

Originally from Michigan, I completed an undergraduate Degree in public administration and public policy, as well as my master's degree in urban and regional planning, at Michigan State University. I have lived in Florida since 2008, working as a planner at the city and county level throughout Central Florida. I am excited to join the city of DeLand as a senior planner and be a part of the great Community Development team, working in a vibrant downtown that is truly one of the jewels of our region, and a city steeped in history.

Tell us about your family. I am grateful to have most of my immediate family living in the Central Florida region, with the exception of my sister, who lives with her family in Okinawa, Japan. I have one fur daughter, a yellow lab named Bella. (Kyle and Bella are pictured in photo above)

How did you become a planner? I have been interested in geography, cities and urban form since I was a kid. I was enthralled with maps and an avid *National Geographic* reader growing up. However, it was not until I was a journalism major as an undergraduate that I decided urban planning was the profession for me, after being assigned to report on a local visioning and downtown revitalization effort. Ever since, I have been excited to help be a small part in helping to shape the future of the communities in which I live and work.

What responses do people give when you tell them you are a planner? Generally, people are quick to point out their concerns with growth and its impact on traffic, the environment or them personally. I try to explain the importance of urban planning in balancing all of these facets of growth, and encourage them to engage in planning process and in their local government, so that they can be well-informed with facts rather than hearsay, and so they can be involved directly in the process.

What improvements would you like to see in the community you live or work in? I think it's important that each of our communities in which we live and work in this region, many of whom are growing rapidly, to balance growth with revitalization efforts and supporting infill development and increased density to support our downtowns and small businesses, which help create and preserve a sense of place in each of our cities. In addition, we need to continue to work on the housing affordability Crisis in our region, so promoting alternative housing types beyond traditional, single-family residential will be critical for our residents as the sustainability of our communities and our economy.

What are your hobbies and how do you enjoy spending your free time? In my free time, you will usually find me walking and hanging out with my dog Bella, enjoying the beach, volunteering, reading or eating at locally-owned restaurants. Soon, I plan on taking up kayaking.

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What is your favorite part of your job? I am a people person, so I enjoy being able to interact with a diverse group of people, from my co-workers, to members of the public, elected and appointed officials, as well as our applicants. In addition, I enjoy that each day is rarely the same. Working for a local government affords the opportunity to be involved along the entire spectrum of the planning process, from citizen inquiries to long-range planning and studies, to site plan approval, to public hearings.

What is the least favorite part of your job? It is often times being the mediator of conflict, between the forces of change and those who fear the impact that this will have on their way of life. Finding that diplomatic balance in the face of criticism can sometimes be difficult, but is also part of balancing sound planning principles with market forces and being a public servant.

What are the goals you hope to attain in your planning career? I hope to work at making our region a sustainable and vibrant place to live, work and visit. I am currently a doctoral candidate in the Leadership & Innovation program at St. Thomas University in Miami, learning and researching on ways communities can grapple with change, like growth and decline, and redevelop properties in environmentally-sensitive ways. I hope to apply these principles professionally and, in my community, while continuing to grow as a leader in the planning profession.

Save the Date

The Surfcoast Chapter is hosting the State Regional Forum

DATE: Friday, October 23, 2020
WHERE: Gemini Springs, DeBary, FL
TOPIC: Gemini Springs and DeBary Bayou Restoration Efforts

Look for more details very soon!

Making a Difference

An old man walked up a shore littered with thousands of starfish, beached and dying after a storm. A young man was picking them up and flinging them back into the ocean. "Why do you bother?" the old man scoffed. "You're not saving enough to make a difference." The young man picked up another starfish and sent it spinning back to the water. "Made a difference to that one," he replied.

You can make a
difference every day.



Please join the Surfcoast Chapter for the Annual Community Service Project

In response to the COVID-19 crisis Halifax Urban Ministries (HUM) has been coordinating food distribution in Volusia County. Forty to fifty volunteers are needed each week to fill grocery bags for those impacted by the virus. This year the chapter will team up to assist in this HUM Food Distribution event to help those affected by COVID-19 locally.



DATE: Tuesday, September 29, 2020
TIME: 2 pm to 4 pm
LOCATION: The Ocean Center
101 N Atlantic Avenue
Daytona Beach, FL 32118

Please note everyone is temperature checked and must wear masks and gloves.

To participate in this year's community service project please contact:

Belinda Williams-Collins

by September 11, 2020

Email: Collinsb@deland.org

Phone: 386-626-7013

Join or Renew Your Membership



Association Goals

- Promote cooperation among local governments, civic bodies, citizens, and students interested in planning & zoning throughout the State.
- Cultivate and stimulate interest in planning and zoning by local governments.
- Encourage the observance of sound planning & zoning practices.
- Provide a means for exchanging information, advice, and assistance with our members.
- Provide up to date publications on planning and zoning related matters.
- Promote the sound development of land, water & natural resources.
- Educate the public and our elected and appointed officials in matters pertaining to current plan-

In 1951, a group of dedicated professionals with a vision for Florida gathered to organize the Florida Planning & Zoning Association (FPZA). Those members helped shape and promote the state's early planning and zoning legislation. Today the Association offers opportunities and resources to a diverse membership throughout the Florida. Our members include planners, engineers, attorneys, contractors, architects, Planning & Zoning board members, and local government councils and commission members. All are committed to a quality Florida! We provide a resource to our members including gaining experience, improving skills, networking with professionals, etc.

Membership Benefits

Diverse Membership

Collaborative Partnerships

Professional Education Programs

Networking and Social Events

State Conference and Awards

We invite you to join the Florida Planning & Zoning Association. As a member of FPZA you will benefit from participation in a professional association dedicated to seeking solutions to the State's planning and zoning challenges. See application included in newsletter or join online at www.fpza.org. Discounts are provided for agencies of four or more members.

**Join
Now!**

**Start Enjoying
The Benefits!**



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Mail Form and Check to:

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Join Today

Dues: To join the Surfcoast Chapter of the Florida Planning and Zoning Association, complete the application below. Your membership includes both State and local chapter dues and eligibility for reduced registration fees at monthly events.

CHECK APPLICABLE MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:

Individual _____ (\$75) Private/Public Agencies _____ (\$63 each*)

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NAME: _____

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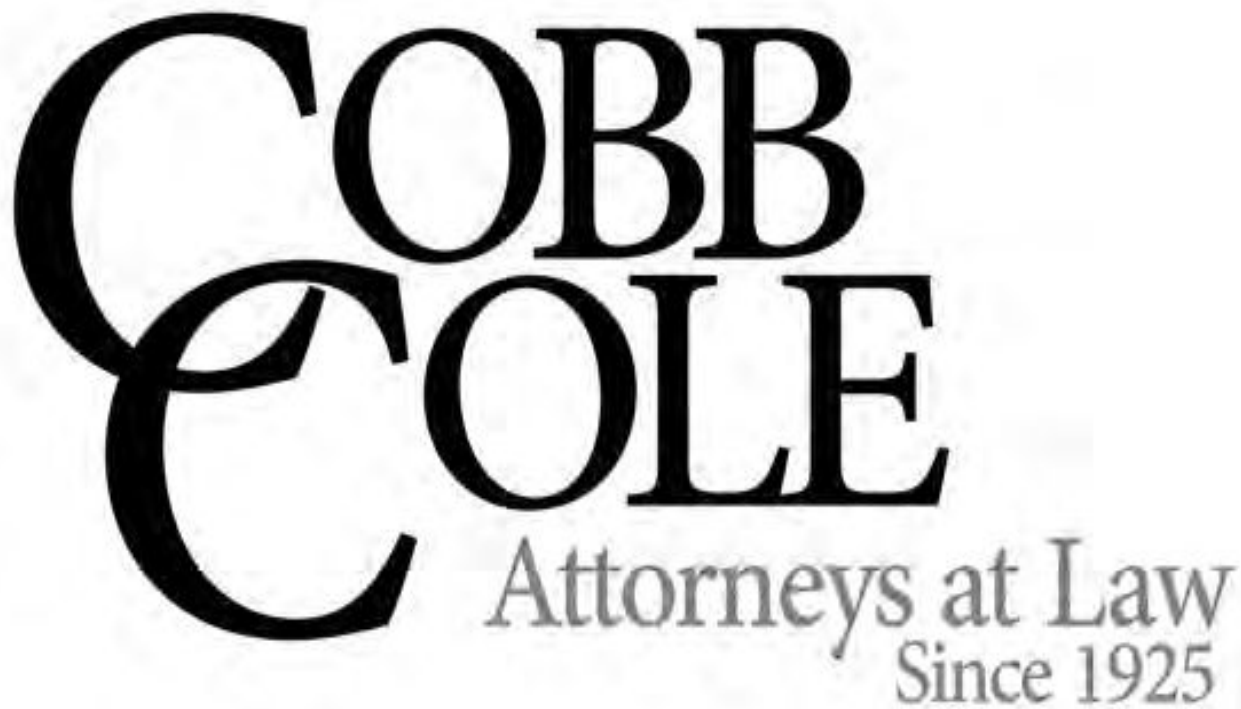
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*Minimum of four individuals required. No maximum.

**Student ID required.



2020 FPZA PLANNING AWARDS

Notwithstanding the challenging times we are enduring, we feel it is important to celebrate the great work of our members. As such, the state board will continue to [accept nominations for the 2020 FPZA Planning Awards](#). We have extended / revised the awards nomination deadline to September 30, 2020. If you have already submitted you do not need to resubmit.

One of FPZA's greatest attributes is our social networking, so we remain hopeful that as our communities work together to overcome these recent challenges, we can meet again in person as an organization once more! In anticipation, the FPZA 2020 Awards Ceremony is scheduled to be held at the Halifax Yacht Club in Daytona Beach, hosted by the Surfcoast Chapter on December 11, 2020.

The Award Nomination requirements are included in the next two pages. If you have any questions please feel free to contact chapter or Mr. Scott Stuart, Awards Committee Chair. His email address is included with the Award Nomination information.

The Surfcoast Chapter encourages our members and colleagues to submit their outstanding projects and studies! We have many firms, projects, and planners in our area that deserve an award!



2020 PLANNING AWARDS

DEADLINE: September 30, 2020

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 (2019). The categories are as follows:

Outstanding Development/Design Excellence: Newly planned, designed, or built "brick and mortar" projects that demonstrate superior form and function.

Outstanding Redevelopment: Reuse of a site, facility or structure.

Outstanding Study/Plan: Reports, studies, plans, documents, planning analysis, etc.

Infrastructure: Plans or projects that skillfully blend facilities or services into the community.

Innovation: Project or development that is unusual or ahead of its time.

Education: Plans or efforts that effectively promote planning and zoning best practices.

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.

Sustainability: Plans or projects that improve on and harmonize with the natural environment and reduce energy costs.

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.

Outstanding Journalist: Journalist who effectively and accurately puts forth information about planning and zoning issues to the public.

Outstanding FPZA Chapter: The chapter that increases or maintains their membership, achieves FPZA goals, and provides quality programs for its chapter members.

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.



2020 PLANNING AWARDS

DEADLINE: September 30, 2020

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
- Letters of recommendation.

Nomination submittal packages on CD preferred but not required.

Submit nominations to: Scott Stuart by email to SAS Stuart@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.
- 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 Ceremony scheduled for December 11, 2020. The FPZA State Awards are being combined with the Surfcoast Chapter's December Gala and will be held at Halifax River Yacht Club in Daytona Beach, Florida.

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

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Treasurer's Report

Becky Mendez, AICP — Chapter Treasurer

As of July 31,2020, the year-to-date financial report includes a beginning balance of \$21,755.51 and an ending balance of \$14,259.05, for a net loss of \$7,496.46.

Year-to-date 2020 revenues total \$1,799.61 and expenses total \$9,296.07.

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<http://www.fpza.org>