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Miami Underline

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Just a few years ago, no one would have called the vacant land underneath Miami's elevated [Metrorail](#) particularly inviting, let alone transformative. But today, the city is reimagining this 10-mile corridor as a dynamic linear park: [the Underline](#). The park will feature walking trails, biking infrastructure, and local art while also providing approximately 250,000 residents and 9 million transit users with free and contiguous high-speed internet.

While people often associate parks and other outdoor public spaces with *escaping* technology, the Underline is part of a growing movement to leverage ["community-centered technology"](#) to transform public spaces into more accessible, inclusive, and responsive community assets, as well as provide the vital public service of free high-speed internet and technical innovations for more residents. In a city like Miami, where over 30% of households [lack internet access](#), the potential of utilizing public space to bridge the digital divide is especially ripe.

The Underline's [recent Phase 1 opening](#) in the half-mile stretch known as "Brickell Backyard" offers important lessons on the role technology can play in transforming public spaces and encouraging more residents to take part in civic life.

WHY EMBED TECHNOLOGY IN PUBLIC SPACES?

Public spaces have always [served as hubs](#) for gathering, forming bonds with neighbors, and forging attachments to place. At first, these critical functions don't seem to align with the role of technology in today's digitized society, which is often seen as a driving force of [social division](#) and [loneliness](#). Increasingly, however, philanthropic and government institutions are recognizing



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the potential of embedding technology within public spaces—not only to increase residents' access to technology, but also to bring more residents into public spaces, and therefore into the civic life of their neighborhoods and cities.

Philanthropic organizations like the Knight Foundation have been champions of using technology to connect people and places and pilot new innovations around civic engagement, climate, art, and more in public spaces. In 2019, the foundation provided the Underline with a \$925,000 investment to create a technology master plan and hire a chief innovation officer and a chief operating officer. The public sector has also been a critical partner, with Miami-Dade County, the city of Miami, the state of Florida, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and others [providing funding](#) for the Underline for construction, park amenities, and features such as drinking fountains, bike repair stations, column signage, and Wi-Fi facilities.

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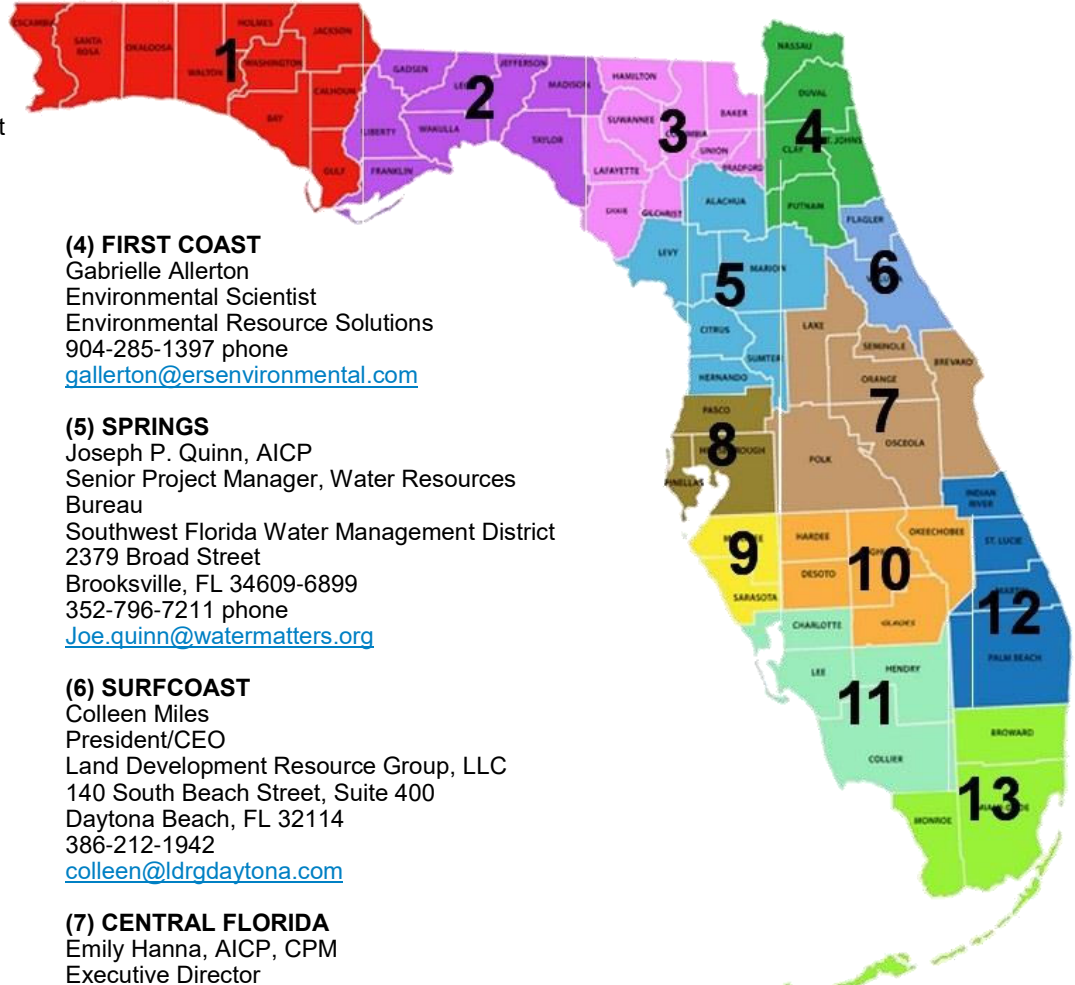
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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to Spring! This year it came early with warm weather and high pollen counts starting in February, a real bonus for those of us with allergies. The past year has been especially eventful, with the impacts and recovery efforts related to hurricanes Ian and Nicole, and significant growth that continues to transform the state. Associated with these events come exciting opportunities to guide development and redevelopment activities to create or reinvigorate communities, efforts with which our members are intimately involved.

I encourage everyone to consider any significant planning projects or initiatives with which you are involved to submit those for consideration for this year's FPZA Planning Awards. Awards recipients will be recognized at the annual FPZA State Conference, which will be held June 7-9 in Delray Beach hosted by the South Florida Chapter. In addition to the Awards ceremony, the conference provides a variety of informative educational sessions, incredible guest speakers, exciting mobile tours, engaging social events, and professional networking.

More information on the conference, including sponsorship opportunities and how to register, can be found in this edition of the Overview. The 2023 FPZA State Conference promises to be an extremely informative venue to discuss and exchange new ideas, innovative solutions, and inspirational planning activities.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the conference and thank you all for the amazing opportunity to serve as your President this past year!



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Public and private sector actors cite the benefits of embedding technology in public space as a way to:

Bridge the digital divide for nearby residents. The first benefit of embedding technology in public spaces is the most obvious: By installing free high-speed Wi-Fi within public community spaces, cities can increase access to the digital tools needed to succeed in school, work, and life. This is [fundamentally an equity issue](#) because in cities nationwide (including Miami), the digital divide disproportionately impacts Black and Latino or Hispanic households, as well as those with lower incomes and educational attainment. For as long as broadband internet subscriptions remain out-of-reach for large segments of the population, public spaces—including parks, libraries, and community centers—can act as a resource for residents to access the connectivity needed in today’s digitized world. Wi-Fi wasn’t originally planned for the Underline, but Friends of the Underline’s community outreach efforts revealed that to create multimodal corridors that truly connect people and places, they needed to look beyond the built environment. In a city with some of the highest digital access issues in the state, residents pushed us to transform the space into a new kind of civic commons that centers equitable access to technology as part of its core mission.

Measure who is using the space to meet inclusivity goals. Public space investments often [have explicit social cohesion goals](#) of bringing diverse groups of residents together, providing community spaces for social gathering, and increasing residents’ attachment to place. But these aims can only be realized if all residents feel welcome and are physically able to access the space, and far too many public places [fail to achieve cohesion and inclusion goals](#). For this reason, place management organizations nationwide have begun to [use web-based tools to collect and store park utilization data](#) (often drawn from observational and intercept surveys) and compare the demographics and ZIP codes of park users with the city as a whole. The Underline is also using technology to gauge the representativeness of its space—with particular attention to ZIP code data—to ensure residents from disinvested and under-resourced neighborhoods are accessing the park.

Expand who can be engaged and provide feedback about the space. Robust and representative community engagement is a [cornerstone of placemaking](#), but far too often when planning or designing public spaces, community members are engaged at the outset of the project yet have little follow-through or repeated engagement throughout. Technology can be a powerful tool to more regularly engage a broader swath of residents; for example, through free apps that allow them to provide feedback or through [interactive data collection and mapping exercises](#). As such, the Underline is in the process of creating a digital forum for park users to provide feedback on the space in real time.

FROM PHYSICAL TO DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY ON THE UNDERLINE

Achieving the city’s mission of transforming the Underline into a new kind of civic commons equipped with community-centered

technology wasn’t easy. The Wi-Fi infrastructure has to withstand harsh weather conditions in the free-standing outdoor space, and our fiber optics technology partner, Hotwire Communications, had to install multiple different access points across the 10-mile linear terrain. After two years of construction, we were able to configure the first phase of the park with 11 Wi-Fi access points designed to provide coverage for as many as 200 people per point.

The park’s first phase—a half-mile segment called “Brickell Backyard”—opened in February 2021, and has since hosted over 1 million visitors and more than 120 free community programs. Friends of the Underline has also identified additional ways to embed technology within the park, including a new educational mobile app, Dig & Learn (developed by Miami Dade College’s Miami Animation and Gaming International Complex), that engages visitors to learn about the area’s rich cultural diversity, history, and natural assets. We’ve also hired a chief innovation officer for the park to provide additional capacity for advancing our [technology master plan](#), which outlines forward-looking goals for using technology for climate resilience, arts engagement, and other critical functions.

Miami’s journey to create a new public and virtual civic commons is just beginning. We anticipate adding more than 75 access points throughout the 10-mile outdoor space to provide ubiquitous high-speed internet access and reach many more residents and transit users. Despite initial hurdles, the Underline is proof that big ideas can be mobilized, funded, and implemented in a way that evokes positive transformation for both underutilized urban spaces and members of the surrounding community.



FPZA State Conference Registration

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FGBC Project Profile: Strata Wynwood Marks a New Standard for Living, Working in Miami

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (February 21, 2023) – The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), the state's leading certifier of green commercial and residential construction, land developments and local green governments, has certified Strata Wynwood at 21 NE 22nd St. in Miami "Florida Green" at the high-rise "Gold-Level."

Layered in its design, amenities, and experiences, the 570,020 square-foot Strata Wynwood achieved 183 points out of a required 100 points, earning it the coveted Florida Green Building "Gold-Level" certification.

"This achievement demonstrates the team's commitment to better design and construction practices that reduce the negative environmental impacts of the building, improve occupant health and well-being, and reduce operating costs for the owner," noted FGBC President Kyle Abney.



The FGBC Green Team included Jonathan Burgess, The Spinnaker Group, as the Designated Professional. Strata was designed by Canada-based architecture firm Stantec.

Strata Wynwood is owned by Rockpoint, a real estate private equity firm headquartered in Boston with additional domestic offices in San Francisco and Dallas.

Unlike other green certifications such as USGBC-LEED and Green Globes, the FGBC "Florida Green" Certification Program tailors' carbon-reducing, green building standards to the Florida climate, allowing developers to meet green building standards while simultaneously constructing sustainable properties best suited for Florida's ecosystem.

A 12-story mixed use project with multifamily, office and retail, Strata boasts 257 luxury apartment residences ranging from studio to three-bedroom unit layouts, along with a curated suite of resort-style amenities and on-site parking.

A true mixed-use project, Strata features over 27,000 square feet of ground floor retail space ranging from 400 to over 9,500 square feet and over 61,000 square feet of 'Class A' office space.

"Sustainable and highly efficient construction is a trademark of FGBC green certified buildings," added FGBC Executive Director C.J. Davila. "FGBC standards results in energy savings relative to traditionally constructed buildings."

Those green elements include 100 percent high reflectance roofs, materials made of recycled content, locally harvested or manufactured materials, and the use of low VOC materials.

Additional sustainable elements at Strata Wynwood include:

- Electric vehicle (EV) charging stations and on-site bicycle storage.
- Energy Star appliances. • LED and motion sensor lighting throughout common areas.
- On-site recycling program. • High efficiency, low flow plumbing fixtures.
- Exceptional light and air with 75 percent of indoor spaces offering exterior views.

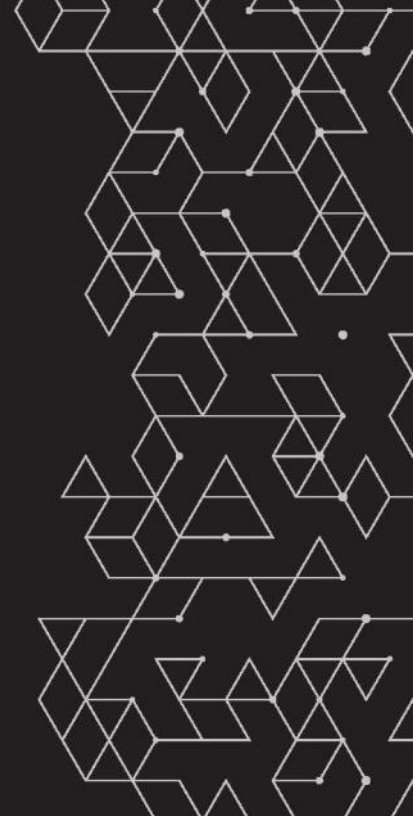
Located near downtown Miami, Midtown, and Edgewater, FGBC green certified Strata Wynwood marks a new standard for living, working, and indulging in Miami's colorful and ever-evolving Arts District.

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FPZA Call for Planning Award Nominations

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 (2022). 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.

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.

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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.

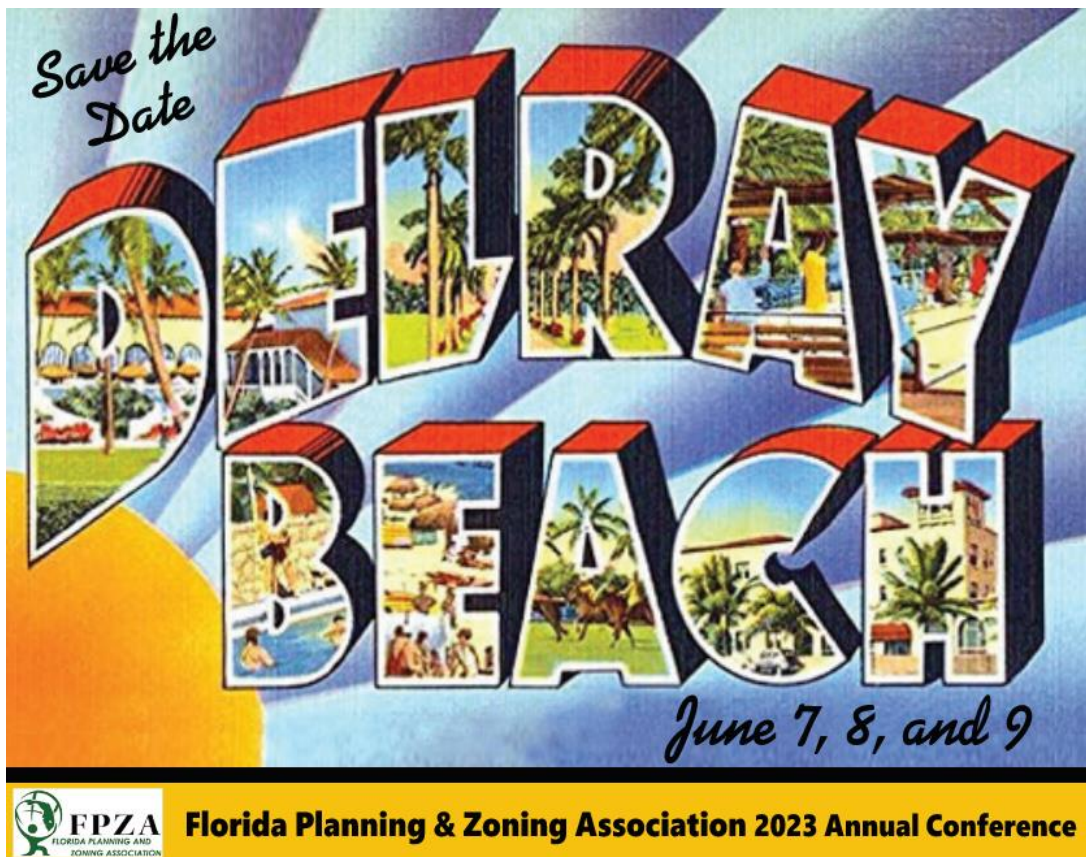
- A brief summary to be used for ceremony purposes, if selected. (100 words or less)
- A brief description of the nomination for the award relevant to the award category. (500 words or less)
- A narrative of the nomination which clearly demonstrates the evaluation criteria, as outlined on page one (1) 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: Dan Smith via email - fpzaawards@gmail.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 Ceremony scheduled for **Friday, June 9, 2022.**



MEMBER PROFILE: RHEA LOPES, AICP

Q. WHERE ARE YOU FROM ORIGINALLY?

A. I'm originally from Mumbai, India

Q. WHAT COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY DID YOU ATTEND/ GRADUATE FROM? PLEASE LIST YOUR DEGREE(S) AND IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIALIZED TRAINING.

A. I have a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the University of Mumbai, and a Master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Cornell University.



Q. HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN FPZA AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER?

A. I've been a member of FPZA for a year. I attended its annual conference in Captiva Island last year and was impressed with the range of relevant topics covered and how close-knit the FPZA community is.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT POSITION AND AREA(S) OF EXPERTISE?

A. I currently work as a Project Manager at RVi Planning + Landscape Architecture. I work on land use entitlements, and policy planning.

Q. WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES AND INTERESTS?

A. I enjoy traveling, reading, solving math and logic puzzles, and coloring. My husband has been teaching me to maintain a coral reef tank too!

Q. DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE TRAVEL SPOT?

A. Yes, I really enjoy beach vacations. Goa in India would be my favorite travel spot. More locally, I like South Beach in Miami or Siesta Key in Sarasota.

Q. WHAT BOOK DID YOU READ LAST?

A. I'm currently re-reading the Percy Jackson series.

Q. IF GIVEN THE CHANCE, WHO YOU LIKE TO BE FOR A DAY?

A. My dog, Odie - he's got quite the lifestyle.

Q. WHO INSPIRES YOU?

A. I'm inspired by the strong, fearless women in my life—my mom, mother-in-law, girlfriends, and boss & mentor, Alexis.

Q. WHAT ARE THREE CAREER LESSONS YOU'VE LEARNED THUS FAR?

A. (1) Be open to change; (2) Always say yes to more responsibility, it will teach you to be more efficient with your time; (3) Find the positives and takeaways from a bad outcome, there is a lot to learn there.

Q. IF A NEW COLLEGE GRADUATE ASKED YOU FOR ADVICE ABOUT YOUR FIELD, WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THEM?

A. Good people skills and strong communication can take you places, so put yourself in new situations to practice those soft skills.

Q. DO YOU HAVE A MOTTO OR PERSONAL MANTRA THAT YOU LIKE TO LIVE BY?

A. Keep challenging yourself; be open-minded to new perspectives

Q. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE DOING NOW IF YOU HADN'T CHOSEN YOUR CURRENT PROFESSION?

A. Corporate sustainability consulting. Like planning, it works towards shaping a better future with creative solutions.

Q. WHAT PERSONAL GOALS WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACHIEVE (BEFORE YOU RETIRE)?

A. I have a long way to go to retirement. More immediately, I'd like to get more experience in land use law cases as an expert witness.

ABOUT THE FLORIDA PLANNING AND ZONING ASSOCIATION

The Florida Planning and Zoning Association was founded in 1951, during the national conference of the American Planning and Civic Association held in Miami. Frank F. Stearns, then Director of Planning for the City of Miami, set up a special meeting for those interested in forming an active State Association. Approximately thirty people attended that historic meeting, representing most of the populated areas of the State.

The purposes of the Association are: to promote cooperation among official planning and zoning boards or commissions, civic bodies, citizens, technicians and students interested in planning and zoning in the State of Florida; to cultivate and stimulate interest in planning and zoning by local governments; to encourage the observance of sound planning and zoning practices; to furnish information, advice and assistance to its members and provide a medium for exchanging information, advice and assistance among them; to engage in research and issue publications on planning and zoning and related matters; to promote and encourage the sound development of land, water and natural resources and the elimination of air and water pollution; and to educate the public and elected and appointed officials in matters pertaining to planning and zoning.

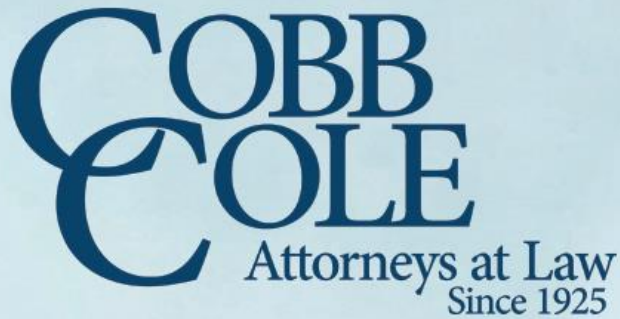
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2023 Florida Planning and Zoning Association
State Conference Session Proposals



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Contact Information	Name		
	Email		
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	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
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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.)		

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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 7		Thursday, June 8		Friday, June 9		
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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 April 21, 2023 to: fpzaconference@wellingtonfl.gov.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

HELD VIA ZOOM
FEBRUARY 18, 2023

President Quinn called the meeting to order at 9:12AM

The following were present (all via Zoom):

JIM BARNES – SOUTH FLORIDA
JOE QUINN – SPRINGS
DIANNE CHADWICK - SUNCOAST
KATIE LABARR – GULF COAST
DAN SMITH – CALUSA
HELEN LAVALLEY – SURFCOAST
JAMIE SCHINDEWOLF – GULF COAST
PAUL WIECZOREK – SPRINGS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Roll call was conducted and a quorum was determined. President Quinn welcomed everyone and thanked them for participating in today's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Administrator, Suzanne Neve emailed the minutes from the September 2022 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Helen LaValley and second was made by Jim Barnes. The motion carried unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The membership report was presented with all current paid members and a report of membership by Chapter. All Chapter Directors were emailed the list and asked to please reach out to unpaid. Chapter annual financial reports are due by March 10th, along with updated Board member listings.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: JOE QUINN

President Quinn noted he would like us to look into Planning Commissioner Training at the State Level.

PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT: DAN SMITH

A November Law Webinar and February Build to Rent session were the 2 events for CM credit. CM credits are pending for November event.

VP FINANCIAL AFFAIRS REPORT: KATIE LABARR

Monthly and Year to Date Financials were presented for discussion and review by those in attendance.

The 2023 proposed budget was presented and additional discussion more discussion during the next in-person Board meeting.

2023 STATE CONFERENCE: JIM BARNES

The contract for the 2023 State Conference was presented for review. The session schedule needs to be adjusted slightly based on the updated dates. Once those changes are made, Jim Barnes will send

the updated version out to the Board for final approval. The overall conference theme will be "Keep Calm and Plan On" and the goal is for all sessions to be planning-related.

2023 ANNUAL AWARDS: DAN SMITH

Flyer will go out to the membership via email and in the Overview. Dan will update the forms. Committee will be Chaired by Dan Smith and members will include Katie LaBarr, Dianne Chadwick, Paul Wieczorek and Helen LaValley.

OVERVIEW EDITOR: BRANDEN ROE

Deadline for articles/information is March 10th with a potential publishing mid-March. Items needed:

- Word from the President - Joe Quinn
- Cover Story – Helen LaValley sent one – Jim to ask permission from original author
- Member Spotlight – Rhea Lopes
- Save the Date for the 2023 Conference
- Call for Speakers – Conference
- Conference Sponsorship Opportunities
- BOD Meeting Minutes - Suzanne

CHAPTER REPORTS

- **First Coast** – Not present.
- **Springs** – Nothing new to report.
- **Surfcoast** – Hosted a luncheon in February with 30 in attendance. Next event is March

31st on Affordable Housing in Daytona with Cobb Cole.

- **Central Florida** – Not present.
- **Suncoast** – Has an interested new Board Member who will be joining, Rhea Lopes. Looking at March 31st for an event at Wish Farms on Sustainability.
- **Calusa** – No updates.
- **Gulf Coast** – Working to reengage with members through bi-monthly luncheons. One scheduled with City of Sarasota on March 24th on Design and Development. Also working on potential walking tours.
- **Gulfstream/South Florida** – Working on Conference planning and recruitment.

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Joe will follow up with the Central FL Chapter on hosting an April Forum and Board meeting in Winter Park area.

OLD BUSINESS

The Bylaw Committee should meet to review the Bylaws prior to the next Board meeting.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Joe to reach out to Doug Kelly and Central FL Chapter to ask them to host for January / February.

ADJOURN – With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM.

