



# OVERVIEW

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## 2023 Florida Planning and Zoning Association Annual Conference Recap

We would like to thank everyone who attended our 2023 FPZA Conference in Delray Beach! We hope you enjoyed catching up with fellow planners and learning about emerging trends and new projects around the state. A big thank you to Delray Beach for welcoming us and all our speakers who provided great sessions covering topics ranging from community planning and design, housing, resiliency, and equity. We appreciate our conference sponsors who helped to make this conference a big success.

We started the conference with a warm welcome from Delray Beach City Manager Terrence Moore and a legislative session recap from Senator Bobby Powell. Senator Powell, this year's FPZA Elected Official of the Year award winner, provided a very frank and timely update of this year's legislative session which covered everything from housing to culture war topics. The theme of the 2023 Legislative Session was big budget and big policy. The afternoon was rounded out by equity and ethics with sessions by Dennis Smith and Billie Ventimiglia of FSU discussing Florida legacy communities and Dr. Peter Cruise providing practical ethics applications for planners.

We started Day 2 of the conference with an update on APA's Equity in Zoning Policy Guide, adopted by APA at the end of 2022, with Jordan Exantus of Nspiregreen/CHPlanning. The rest of the morning was spent discussing the brownfield redevelopment project Bonnett Springs Park in Central Florida and redevelopment along the State Road 7 corridor in midwestern Palm Beach County. Our luncheon keynote with Victor Dover provided great insight and practical considerations for context sensitive street design considering human interaction and activities. Our afternoon sessions provided insight into resiliency practices with specific case studies in Palm Beach and Broward counties. Similarly, board members of the Florida Green Building Coalition provided information on low impact development techniques with particular



attention to Florida applications of green infrastructure. We closed the day out with a very informative session on the Florida Land Use and Environmental Dispute Resolution Act, commonly known as FLUEDRA and how Palm Beach County's newest municipality is using GIS to redefine community development.

The last day of the conference brought everything back together using examples from near and far with sessions on housing opportunities in cities and suburbs (Fort Myers), and the importance of connectivity in community planning (Saudi Arabia). Our closing keynote with David Dixon tied everything back together with the Joy of Density. Thanks to all who made this conference a success especially our attendees, speakers, and sponsors. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year when FPZA's Calusa Chapter hosts the 2024 conference on the west coast (of Florida).

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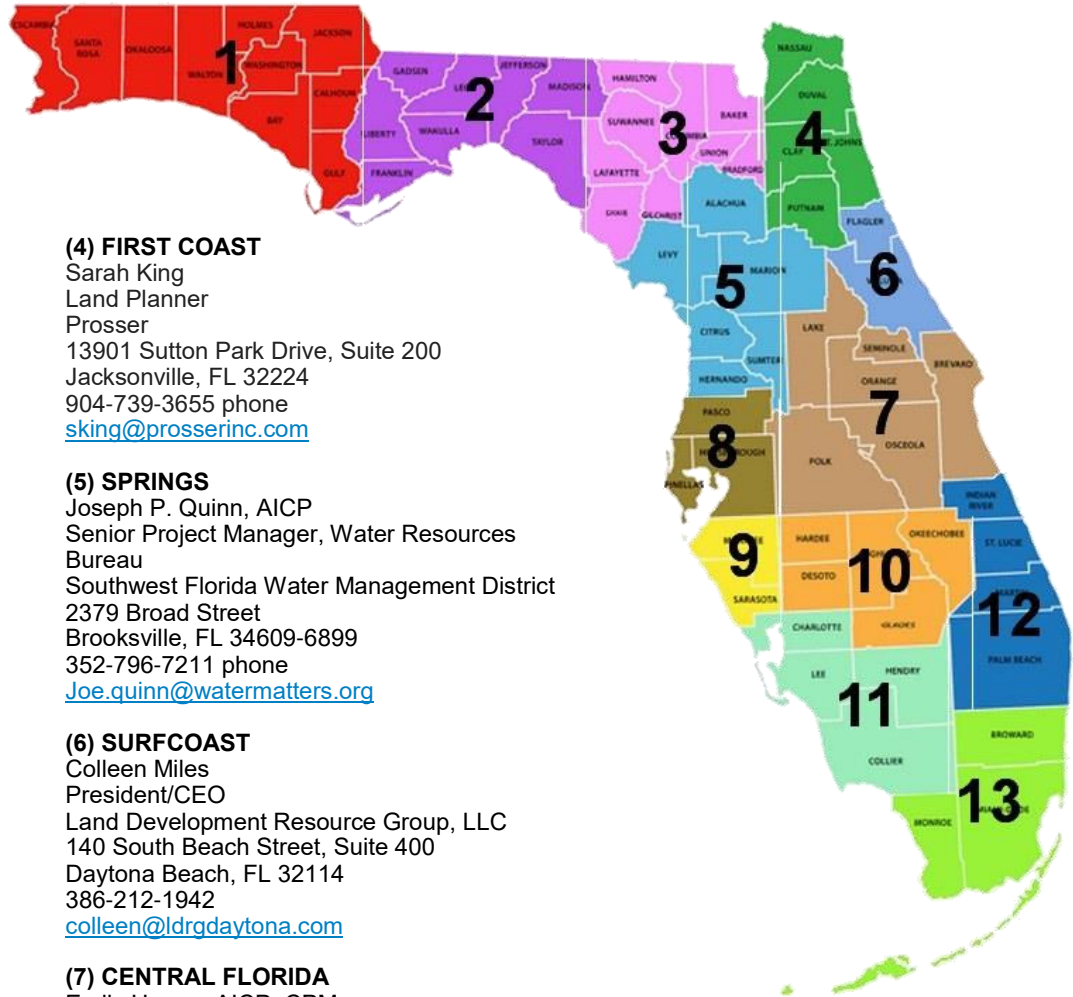
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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



I hope you were able to attend the 70th Annual State Conference at the Aloft, Delray Beach. For those that were able to make it, you were able to see a vibrant downtown experience, post COVID. Delray was a great example of redevelopment and complete street networking that provides pedestrian movement, with other modes of transportation, working together.

The last few years for the conference have been especially harsh. From not having a State Conference in 2021 due to COVID, to having our State Conference threatened with a tropical storm in 2022. Luckily the weather was perfect, and the conference was enjoyed by all. On behalf of the State Board, we would like to thank the members of the Gulfstream Chapter and Jim Barnes, FPZA Past President, for putting on a wonderful educational series with the theme “Keep Calm and Plan On.” We would also like to give sincere thank you to all the conference sponsors that helped with the conference, as we could not provide this significant educational opportunity without them.

As you know, with the country’s population shifting to the State of Florida, housing, sustainability, street networking, and redevelopment are a key to the State of Florida moving forward. Planners are especially important in creating a vision for this leadership, providing sustainability for business and families for future generations. What’s also important, is the preservation of our agricultural businesses, being the Winter Vegetable Capital of the World. This emphasis was part of the conference’s mobile tour, showing the sheer vastness of the land, and how agriculture and Lake Okeechobee impacts the State of Florida and the Country’s vegetable production.

I want to also thank the Awards Committee for their efforts and extend congratulations to all of this year’s Annual Awards winners. It was so exciting to see the quality and variety of projects and initiatives being accomplished, which reflect the positive effect that planning has throughout Florida.

I am honored to serve as your President this year, along with Katie LaBarr as President Elect, Jeremie Chastain as Vice-President of Financial Affairs, and Jamie Schindewolf as our Vice -President of Membership Affairs. I would also like to mention the fine job Joe Quinn did as President for 2022/23. Luckily, we will still have Joe on the Board as Past President for an additional year.

From 2022 to 2023, we have seen an increase in our membership. As a Board, we are committed to continuing in this direction, providing educational and networking opportunities for all of our members. The future is bright, but there is still much to do. In closing, I am proud to be a member of the Florida Planning and Zoning Association. As a member, we hope that you will continue to support our efforts in planning and zoning, becoming a leader in our Florida’s growth.

Daniel J. Smith, AICP  
FPZA President



## 2023 CONFERENCE SESSION RECAPS

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

### Conference Welcome and Lunch

**Delray Beach City Manager Terrence Moore** welcomed the 2023 Florida Planning & Zoning Association (FPZA) Conference to the beautiful City of Delray Beach. In his welcome speech he highlighted how Delray Beach continues to lead the region in urban design, planning and community placemaking.

### Florida Legacy Communities: Preservice & Celebrating Black History

**Dennis Smith, AICP** (Planner in Residence at Florida State University's Department of Urban & Regional Planning) and **Billie Ventimiglia, MSP** (Senior Planner at Florida State University's Department of Urban & Regional Planning) held a session related to legacy communities and the preservation and celebration of Black History. Legacy communities are defined as tightly-knit communities formed by enslaved and emancipated people, serving as the primary hub for economic and social activities in a nation that actively sought to dismantle their prosperity. Historically snubbed from the formal planning process, these communities have often been left to flounder from lack of action, and consequently deep veins of mistrust have been formed from decades of mistreatment. The session included a panel that featured several planners who have recently worked on projects to preserve the vast history of these communities while also aiding in economic development to bolster future community success by highlighting local Black-owned businesses. These highlighted projects raise the profile of these legacy communities to further recognize their validity and legitimacy while at the same time celebrating stories and cultural resources in order to invest in the long-term success of legacy communities. Highlighted projects will include Gadsden County Heritage: A North Star Legacy Communities' Project, and other projects in Tallahassee and across the state.

### Practical Ethics for Planners

**Peter L. Cruise, Ph.D.** (Affiliate Associate Professor and Executive Director of the LeRoy Collins Public Ethics Academy at Florida Atlantic University) led this year's ethics session, and discussed the AICP Ethics Case of the Year scenarios to help planners better understand the ethical dilemmas faced by all planners.

Thursday, June 8, 2023

### American Planning Association's Equity in Zoning Policy Guide - A Practical Approach

**Jordan Exantus, AICP LEED AP** (Senior Managing Associate with Nspiregreen/CHPlanning) led a session discussing the application of the Equity in Zoning Policy Guide through practical examples addressing use regulations, development standards, rezoning and development review procedures, and zoning map amendments.

In each case, a specific scenario applies approved policies to specific situations to identify how to reduce or remove discriminatory

impacts and – equally importantly – avoid causing unintended negative impacts on historically disadvantaged and vulnerable populations.

### Bonnet Springs Park from Brownfield to Ecological Jewel

**Josh Henderson** (Chief Executive Officer of Bonnet Springs Park) led a session providing an overview of the efforts required to take an abandoned railway repair yard being used as an illegal trash dump and homeless village into the premier non-profit public park and natural attraction in Central Florida. The park was purposely built in the most economically challenged area of the city with an intent on reconnecting this quadrant of the city with a thriving downtown development district. Environmental remediation issues were covered as well as the efforts needed to ensure the site was accessible and safe for the public to use. Other topics covered included stormwater runoff pollution remediation, universal and sustainable designs, economic development, tourism impacts.

### Redevelopment of SR-7 Corridor in Palm Beach County

This session was presented by **Raymond C. Liggins** (Village Manager of the Village of Royal Palm Beach), **Tim Stillings, AICP** (Planning, Zoning and Building Director of the Village of Wellington), **Dana P. Little** (Urban Design Director of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council), and **Valerie Nielson** (Executive Director of the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency). This session focused on the explosive and transformative growth that the coastal downtowns and urban areas of Palm Beach County and the SR-7 corridor have seen. This four-part session focused on redevelopment pressures on commercial parcels along the SR-7 corridor and how the Village of Royal Palm Beach is addressing those changes; the evolution of the Mall at Wellington Green, its recent challenges with the state of retailing and ownership shifts, and how the Village of Wellington is preparing for the potential of mall redevelopment; recent completed vision plans and policy recommendations provided to those communities; and the efforts of the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) to increase transit and mobility options throughout the county.

### Resiliency in Planning and Practice

**Jennifer Jurado** (Chief Resilience Officer and Deputy Director in Broward County's Resilient Environment Department), **Megan Houston** (Director of the Palm Beach County Office of Resilience) and **Erin L. Deady** (Attorney, Erin L. Deady, P.A.) led a panel that dove into the intersection of resiliency and planning practices as well as resiliency in policies, design standards, codes, and other implementation mechanisms.

### Low Impact Development in Florida

**Bill Kachman, FGBC CA, Water Star CA** (President Elect of the Florida Green Building Coalition) and **Ralph Locke, FGBC CA, Water Star CA** (General Contractor—Past President of the Florida Green Building Coalition) held a session addressing the important of Low Impact Development (LID) for future planning and development activities.

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This session included an explanation of LID terms and Incorporation into future planning and development as part of local ordinances. Topics to be covered include: LID, Site Study Pervious Surfaces, Rainwater Harvesting No Prohibitive Language Conservation Areas Preserve Discharge Upland Buffers, Non-permanent Irrigation Staff Training, Dedicated on-site Specialist Monitoring Program, Examples of successful LID communities Ordinance development with certifying programs.

### **FLUEDRA: Your Special Magistrate Process!**

**Seth C. Behn, AICP** (Shareholder, Lewis, Longman & Walker) led a session which discussed the Florida Land Use and Environmental Dispute Resolution Act (FLUEDRA). FLUEDRA creates an alternative dispute resolution process for property owners that are aggrieved by the decision of a governmental entity regarding their development permit. The process under the Act is mandatory for governments when invoked by a property owner through a properly filed request for relief. The session focused in on the intent and the process related to the act.

**Friday, June 9, 2023**

### **Case for Downtown Housing (in cities & suburbs) & How to Make it Happen**

**David Dixon, FAIA** (Stantec Urban Places Urban Fellow), **Jared Beck, AICP, FRP** (Stantec Principal and Florida Urban Places Leader), **James Carras** (Principal, Carras Community Investments, Inc.) and **Michele Hylton-Terry** (Executive Director of the Community Redevelopment Agency for the City of Fort Myers FL) led the first session of the final day of the conference. This session discussed the lasting impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on existing downtowns in cities and emerging suburban downtowns, and the opportunities in unlocking downtown housing. The session highlighted roles that local governments and downtown partnerships can play in unlocking these opportunities.

### **Connectivity in Community Planning: Keys to Success**

**Douglas Smith, PLA, ASLA** (Principal, EDSA) led the final session of the 2023 conference. This session focused on the strategies for successful community planning with connectivity as a key driver in balancing density, responsible land use and conservation, and the need for community interactions.

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## 2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Outstanding Chapter Award Recipient: Surfcoast Chapter

The 2023 winner of the FPZA Outstanding Chapter Award is the Surfcoast Chapter. The Surfcoast chapter continues to lead the state in chapter membership. The Surfcoast Chapter also hosted the 69th Annual State Conference at yet another destination location of Captiva Island. Other 2022 Chapter activities included hosting their 13th Annual Chapter Awards Gala and Holiday Event, hosting the January 2022 Regional Forum, leading a March 2022 Eco Tour, the publication of a quarterly newsletter, and a September 2022 community service project—taking part in the National Coastal cleanup for a fourth consecutive year.

### Outstanding Infrastructure Project - Healthy West Orange Wellness Park Recipients: City of Ocoee/City of Ocoee Community Redevelopment Agency

This year's Outstanding Infrastructure Project is the Healthy West Orange Wellness Park. Healthy West Orange Wellness Park transformed two of the City of Ocoee's existing stormwater retention ponds and turned them into a wellness destination for Ocoee residents to walk, run, bike, and train. The finalized five-acre park features a half-mile 10-foot-wide multipurpose trail around both ponds, four shaded wellness stations with a combined total of 10 fitness equipment pieces, a ceremonial plaza for various events, and a boardwalk with shaded pavilion. The park is also beautifully landscaped with 308 trees, half of them native, and 800 aquatic shoreline plants to help improve the pond's water quality.

### Outstanding Grass Roots Project - Bonnet Springs Park Recipient: City of Lakeland, Florida

This year's Outstanding Grass Roots Project is the Bonnet Springs Park. The Bonnet Springs Park is a 168-acre park serving the Central Florida Region. Located in Lakeland, FL, the park was designed to revitalize an abandoned railway repair yard that served the phosphate and agricultural industry that had remained dormant for almost 40 years. Through a collaboration of developers, the City of Lakeland and the Carol Jenkins Barnett Endowment, the park restored ecological features, remediated contamination areas while creating an inviting park to "Escape, Engage & Explore". The park offers opportunities for all ages to commune through nature, culture, recreation and education by providing multiple means to access the park and its wide range of experiences.

### Outstanding Education Initiative - Transportation Impact Analysis Publication Recipient: Volusia County Association for Responsible Development

This year's Outstanding Education Initiative award recipient is the Volusia County Association for Responsible Development for their Transportation Impact Analysis Publication. The Transportation Impact Analysis (TIA) publications consisted of three brochures related to the level of transportation analysis associated with Comprehensive Plans, Rezoning Applications, or Site Plans. With a brief two-page illustrating the process of a TIA, VCARD worked to engage non-experts in the discussion about transportation impacts from new development. VCARD promoted these TIA publications through their newsletter with nearly 600 recipients and has posted the documents for ease-of-access to their website.

### Outstanding Redevelopment Project - Lemon Bluff Boat Launch Facility Recipients: Volusia County, Dredging & Marine Consultants, LLC

This year's Outstanding Redevelopment Project is awarded to Volusia County and Dredging & Marine Consultants, LLC (DMC) for the Lemon Bluff Boat Launch Facility. DMC transformed a previously under utilized fish campsite into a popular and functional boat launch facility. Additions to the site include a boat ramp with tending docks, an engineered seawall, paved access to the ramp, a restroom building and picnic areas, and a stormwater management system. The Lemon Bluff Boat Launch Facility has become a popular fishing and well-used amenity for the community.

### Outstanding Development/Design Project - The Capital Cascades Trail Skateable Art Park Recipient: BluePrint Intergovernmental Agency

This year's award recipient for the Outstanding Development/Design Project award is the Capital Cascades Trail Skateable Art Park. The project is a world-class, award-winning skate park, which exemplifies innovative and collaborative planning. The Skateable Art Park is unique, featuring Florida's longest snake run at 225 feet long and a variety of skating amenities that double as public art sculptures. The Park is located on a small strip of land that previously had little utility due to its proximity to transmission lines and box culverts. Now, this project serves as an example of how transformative, quality-of-life improvements can be made to an area despite significant challenges and complex physical features.

### Outstanding Sustainability Project - Wish Farms Headquarters, Plant City, Florida Recipients: Wish Farms

The Wish Farms Headquarters is this year's Outstanding Sustainability Project. Wish Farms Headquarters has sustainability integrated into its planning, design and practices. The facility showcases a commitment to people, planet and profit through an array of innovative design choices including powering their climate-controlled warehouse with solar, reusing wood from on-site trees for furniture and paneling, and creating a fun, energetic workspace for employees. Simply powering the warehouse through solar alone will save 9000 tons of CO2 from the atmosphere, which is equivalent to planting 211,800 trees. The Wishnatzki family is keen to continually evaluate and enhance the facility's sustainability performance. They are currently in the process of expanding the use of solar power and introducing new waste reduction processes within the facility.

### Outstanding Elected Official Florida State Senator Bobby Power Jr.

From City Planner to State Senator, Bobby Powell prioritizes public participation. The Florida state senator focuses on housing affordability, community engagement in the political process, and why we need more planners in politics. He is a member of the Urban Design Kilday Studios Planning Team and was also recognized by the APA in 2018. Bobby has earned a Bachelor of Science in Journalism in the public relations sequence from Florida A&M University, and a Master's of Science in Planning from Florida State University. Furthermore, Bobby is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and a member of the Palm Beach County Planning Congress.

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Bobby is a State Senator serving in the Florida legislature, and was the 2016/2017 Chair of the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation and was selected as Legislator of the Year by the Florida Association of Landscape Architects. He made the transition from planning to politics in 2012 when he ran for state representative. Now, as senator of Florida's Thirtieth District, and a practicing planner, Powell is working to increase housing affordability and public participation in some of the most economically diverse communities in the country.

His district encompasses some of the wealthiest and poorest people in the state of Florida. He represents the town of Palm Beach, where Mar-a-Lago is located, as well as some areas with increased poverty levels, like West Palm Beach, Riviera Beach, and more. His planning background has given him the skills to engage with residents, listen to what they say, and develop strategies. It allows him to cut out the noise and understand the points that residents want to make.

### George W. Simons Award Joe P. Quinn, AICP

This year's recipient of the 2023 George Simons Award has worked in the planning field in the State of Florida for 30+ years and during most of that time has been an active member of FPZA.

The focus during his membership has been to create educational opportunities as an encouragement & enhancement of planning principles and for increasing the statewide FPZA membership. He has been an active leader in his local chapter and on the State Board.

Joe has spent the vast majority of his career in public sector assuring that the State's natural and public resources are properly managed for the good of their region and the state.

The focus of his planning career has been on water supply planning and resources for the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

He has been on the FPZA State Board for almost the entirety of their membership serving in each officer position – sometimes more than once!

This year's recipient for the George Simon's Award goes to our outgoing President - Joe P. Quinn. We'd like to extend a huge congratulations to our Immediate Past President on this recognition, and thank him again for all of his contributions to not only FPZA, but to the planning field as a whole.

## ABOUT THE OVERVIEW

The Overview is a quarterly newsletter published by the Florida Planning and Zoning Association. The contents of these newsletters include contributions from our members across the state. The issues are published in the Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall following the quarterly Board of Directors meetings.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

The Overview offers an opportunity for contributions from our members to share an opinion, review or analysis of a current planning topic of personal or state interest.

We are looking for contributions for upcoming issues of the Overview. One time or recurring contributors are welcome. Contributions can include, but are not limited to: news articles, press releases, analytic reviews and narratives, legal briefs and reviews.

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## 2023 FPZA BUDGET SUMMARY

Every year, the Florida Planning and Zoning Association Board of Directors approve an operating budget for the organization. The 2023 Budget was adopted following this year's conference.

The Board of Directors held their annual meeting on the final day of the 2023 Conference. During which the 2023 budget was reviewed and adopted. Below are some highlights from the 2023 budget:

- There will be no increase in membership dues.
- Expenses total approximately \$29,031.
- The more significant expenses include:
  - A monthly fee for the administrator;
  - Continuing education fees to APA,
  - Editor for the Overview;
  - Website management;
  - Expenses related to the state conference; and
  - Bank fees.

Upon adoption of the budget, the Board of Directors agreed that they will revisit 2023 year to date actuals at their next Board of Directors meeting later this fall..

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## MEMBER PROFILE: ELIJAH BROWN

**Q. WHERE ARE YOU FROM ORIGINALLY?**

A. I was born and raised in Miami, Florida until I was 12, then moved to Orange Park, FL.

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

A. I attended Santa Fe College for my associate degree and Broward College for my certificate in Geographic Information Systems. I am finishing my Bachelor's degree at Florida Atlantic University.



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

A. I was sent an email from my college at FAU to volunteer/membership.

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

A. My current position is Transit Planner I.

**Q. WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES AND INTERESTS?**

A. My hobbies consist of traveling, spending time at the beach and with my family.

**Q. DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE TRAVEL SPOT?**

A. Yes, Trinidad because of the food and culture.

**Q. WHAT BOOK DID YOU READ LAST?**

A. Capitalism and Slavery.

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

A. I wouldn't want to be anyone else, but maybe a president or prime minister.

**Q. WHO INSPIRES YOU?**

A. My grandfather is ultimately my inspiration for moving to this country and raising his family.

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

A. Learn as much as you can once you land a job and to be active in organizations and most importantly, network. You never know who you can meet.

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

A. Take things day by day.

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

A. I would probably be working in the tech industry.

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

A. I would like to improve the quality of life for people through the built environment by creating development projects that practice new urbanism and smart growth.

## 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.

## WHO BELONGS TO THE FLORIDA PLANNING AND ZONING ASSOCIATION?

### MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE...

Planning professionals - public and private zoning staff, transportation engineers, land-use lawyers, expert witnesses, members of the Florida Bar, city, county and state elected officials, members of local planning and zoning boards, university professors, architects, landscape architects, housing professionals, real estate agents, transportation specialists, surveyors, marketing professionals, communications directors, graphic artists, students of land planning, public relations professionals...and more.

## FOR A CHANCE TO NETWORK WITH LIKE-MINDED PROFESSIONALS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS, WHY NOT JOIN US?

Visit our website at [www.FPZA.org](http://www.FPZA.org).

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **FALL REGIONAL FORUM**

### **TOPIC TBD**

**DATE:** FRIDAY OCTOBER 27TH

**LOCATION:** DOWNTOWN ORLANDO  
CREATIVE VILLAGE - UCF CAMPUS

**TIME:** 1-5PM (LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO  
BE PROVIDED)

**COST:** \$20

**POST EVENT:** THE MONROE (DINNER  
AND DRINKS INDIVIDUALLY)



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 9, 2023

President Smith called the meeting to order at 1:44PM

The following were present:

**JOE QUINN – SPRINGS**  
**DIANNE CHADWICK - SUNCOAST**  
**DAN SMITH – CALUSA**  
**HELEN LAVALLEY - SURFCOAST**  
**JIM BARNES - SOUTH FLORIDA/GULFSTREAM**  
**JEREMIE CHASTAIN - CALUSA**  
**BRANDEN ROE - OVERVIEW EDITOR (VIA CONFERENCE CALL)**  
**RHEA LOPES - SUNCOAST**  
**PAUL WIECZOREK – SPRINGS**  
**COLLEEN MILES - SURFOCAST**  
**JAMIE SCHINDEWOLF - GULFCOAST**

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Roll call was conducted. President Smith welcomed everyone and thanked them for participating in today's meeting.

### 2023 STATE CONFERENCE: JIM BARNES

Jim Barnes thanked everyone for coming and noted that he will give a full update on conference results in the coming weeks. A survey will be sent out within the next week. Meeting attendees agreed that overall it was a great conference and venue and they appreciated the affordability.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 29, 2023 minutes were presented for approval. Motion was made by Diane Chadwick and second made by Paul Wieczorek. Motion passed unanimously.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT: SUZANNE NEVE

The membership report was presented with all current paid members and a report of membership by Chapter.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT: DAN SMITH

Newly elected President Smith asked that the group consider new banners since none were available at this year's conference. Colleen mentioned that she has 2 and Suzanne will check with Scott Stuart to see if he has the remaining 2.

### PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT: KATIE LABARR

Administrator Suzanne Neve asked Dan Smith to meet with Katie to review the responsibilities for entering and reviewing CM credits and reach out to the Chapters to see who needs access to upload their events for credit and update our list of registered users.

### VP FINANCIAL AFFAIRS REPORT: JEREMIE CHASTAIN

Current financials were presented through May 2023, along with the proposed 2023 budget originally prepared by Katie LaBarr. Motion was made to approve the 2023 budget by Paul Wieczorek and second by Diane Chadwick. The motion passed unanimously. Newly elected Treasurer, Jeremie Chastain, will prepare a brief budget synopsis for the next overview.

### VP MEMBERSHIP REPORT: JAMIE SCHINDEWOLF

Dues renewals will go out in the next 2 weeks. Once all Chapter financial and Board reports are received, Chapter dues reimbursements will be sent in July.

### OVERVIEW EDITOR: BRANDEN ROE

Deadline for articles/information is June 26 with a potential publishing mid-July. Items needed:  
Updated Chapter Leaders (Page 2) - Suzanne  
Word from the President - Dan's first article  
Conference Recap - Summary of Sessions (example in last year's issue) - Jim  
Planning Award Winner Article (example in last year's issue) – Dan (Suzanne to send pictures)  
Conference Sponsorship Ads (consistent with sizes shared with Jim previously)  
Member Spotlight – Elijah Brown (Jim to send to Eli)  
Budget Summary (if budget adopted) (example in last year's issue) - Jeremie  
Save the Date for Fall Regional Forum (if known/available) - Suzanne  
Minutes - Suzanne

### CHAPTER REPORTS

- **First Coast** – Not Present
- **Springs** – Working on potential social in Gainesville.
- **Surfcoast** – Held an affordable housing workshop on 3/31/23. Will be hosting an event on 8/25/23 in Deltona, a beach cleanup in September, as well as the annual Gala and Legislative Update later in the year.
- **Central Florida** – Not present.
- **Suncoast** – Wish Farms event was a success, 2 hours long with over 20 attendees. Working on an event to be held in the next couple of months at Bonnet Springs.
- **Calusa** – Hosting a Social at the Standard and restarting the Lunch and Learn Series. Volunteered to host the 2024 Annual Conference.
- **Gulf Coast** – Hosting luncheons every other month, as well as walking tours and

beginning to plan for the Annual Holiday Party.

- **Gulfstream/South Florida** – Will be working on post-conference wrap up and membership and Board recruitment.

### QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Next meeting is TBD in the fall – looking at Central Florida. Suzanne will reach out to Doug Kelly.

### NEW BUSINESS

Rhea Lopes has been added to the Board as a Presidential Appointment as allowed by the bylaws.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

**ADJOURN** – With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:24pm.