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As I sit now for the second time, and wonder what to write for this newsletter, I cannot help but be distracted by the pile of laundry that needs folded, the vacuum that needs run, and the mountain of dishes that are hanging out in the sink. Today, like any other, is filled with multiple obligations to work, school, and family. I said the second time of writing this article, right? The first time was on February 25th. I was not able to finish, instead, I put myself and my stepsons in the car, and my husband drove us to Holy Cross Hospital. Later that night my daughter Lucy was born, early February 26. Early by a week, she was a healthy 7 pounds, 4 ounces. I digress about the topic of article, promise it will not be entirely of my daughter and family, but is related to family and planning.

As we planners plan, whether for parks or transportation, I am reminded of a trip not too long ago in which we packed our family to go to the park. Seems like a simple trip, but for those who remember what it is like to even get into the car with an infant, add two more kids and it feels more like a circus production than a trip to the park. We get there only to find that it's not so friendly for the wheeled individual. Luckily, I can push hard, the stroller is light, and the wheels big, but what about those who are not so lucky? I got to thinking about planning for all people.

Planning for diversity is not just about race and culture. And when envisioning a public space (yes, I am referring to sidewalks too), we need to integrate the needs of those with physical and visual impairments, or the moms (or dads) with strollers. Yes, we have made far better strides towards spaces that are accessible to all, but as we think of public spaces, I am reminded of the son struggling to pull his mother's wheel chair across the lawn of a beautiful park in the heart of Baltimore. Although created in the 1920s, this public space had no gates, barriers or fences, and is it is meant to be enjoyed by all, but is most accessible for those able to walk its interior, rather than by a wheeled method of transport.



We want to keep things green and not have so many hard surfaces, but while doing so, we should not forget those that are unable to freely transport themselves and would enjoy these same spaces.

So while looking at a cross-section of a street, ask yourself if you could safely traverse it if you could not walk or see? Do the experiment with a coworker and you will quickly find



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that navigating a sidewalk is dangerous with tables, fences, light poles, and even trees. Diversity is not only race, ethnicity and income. It is also how we are able to transport ourselves, and our ability to also safely access these spaces. In the end, we have the responsibility to design, create and build spaces that are safe and accessible throughout all stages of life and be sensitive for those who do not have the ease of mobility that some of us may take for granted.

Renee Kamen,
NCAC-APA President

JUNE 4th VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: PARK CLEANUP

The National Capital Area Chapter of the American Planning Association invites you to join us on Saturday, June 4th, for a trail clean-up event in honor of National Trails Day. Help out with a variety of service projects in the morning (including trail work, invasive plant removal, clean-up and landscaping), enjoy lunch provided by NCAC-APA, and go on a short ranger-led hike in the park.

When: Saturday, June 4 – 9 AM to 1 PM

Where: Fort Mahan, part of the Civil War Defenses of Washington (meet at Hayes St and 42nd St NE – just one block from the Minnesota Avenue Metro station)

Why:

- It's National Trails Day and the Civil War Defenses of Washington is a fantastic park system right in our backyard
- It's a great opportunity to meet other planners in the DC area
- It's a good excuse to get outside and enjoy the spring weather
- We're providing free lunch and you'll get to go on a short ranger-led hike through the park afterwards

Gloves and tools will be provided, but to ensure that there are enough to go around, an RSVP is required to attend. Please RSVP by June 1 by filling out this form:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFhvMTIVUINFNWtaYzBIMEkzc3NPNmc6MQ>

Space is limited to the first 30 volunteers, so sign up today!

Questions? E-mail Shannon Yadsko at yadsko@pbworld.com



CAPITAL PLANNING CONFERENCE SPRING 2011

The 2011 NCAC-APA Planning Conference took place on Saturday, March 26th at The Catholic University of America. Over 175 participants, speakers, and volunteers were in attendance for a day-long event that offered up to 6 continuing maintenance credits for AICP members. The conference included 8 sessions on a wide range of topics, including those required for Law and Ethics disciplines, listed below.

Mind the Gap: Infill Transit Stations as Catalysts for Redevelopment

Southwest EcoDistrict Initiative

The Planner's Advantage: Online Social Networking

Learning from the Nation: Lessons from 10 years of RLUIPA Litigation

Alexandria Waterfront Public Involvement Plan – "Plan, Adapt, and Overcame"

Putting Ethics into Practice, Lessons from Everyday Decisions

Welcome Home: Universal Design, Sustainable Design, Baby Boomers

LEED for Neighborhood Development: One New Planning Tool, Many Possibilities



NCAC Board members and volunteers greet attendees at Catholic University's School of Architecture and Planning.



Local planners engage in a robust discussion after a presentation.



CAPITAL PLANNING CONFERENCE SPRING 2011

This year, in response to participant feedback received from past conference participants, the formal lunchtime CM speaker was replaced with an open networking session, allowing people to take a break and meet up with fellow planners and colleagues. Conference attendees ran the gamut, including municipal planners, private consultants, planning students, and allied professionals from all over DC, VA, and MD.

All of the conference sessions have been approved for credit and may be logged in individually on the APA website. You can look up the conference by date or by provider (NCAC-APA) here: <http://www.planning.org/cm/search/>.

Thanks to the support of the NCAC-APA board, individual session organizers and speakers, a dedicated team of volunteers, and Hazel Edwards and the students and faculty at CUA, it was a successful and well attended event.

Above: The Board received a lot of positive feedback on social networking sessions.

Below: The NoMa BID presented on TOD.



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MEET THE BOARD

Get to Know Your NCAC Board of Directors

As a repeating feature in the next several quarterly newsletters, we'll be helping you to get to know your local Board members.

Director at Large: Bob Duffy



Robert Duffy has over 25 years of professional planning experience. He is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He has served as a planning and community development director and land management administrator with town, city and county agencies in the Midwest, North East, New England and Florida. He has also served as a planning commissioner at the city and county levels.

Mr. Duffy is currently a Planning Supervisor with the Prince George's County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. He serves the City of Alexandria as a member of the Board of Architectural Review for the Parker-Gray District. He is a member of Lambda Alpha International, the honorary society for the advancement of land economists. He also serves on the Technical Advisory Panel Committee for ULI's Washington District Council.

Secretary: Jacqueline Marsh



Jacqueline Marsh joined the NCAC-APA Executive Board in the fall as the Secretary. Jacqueline has worked as a planner for the City of Gaithersburg, where she worked in both community development review and long range planning. She

Stay informed about local events, Certification Maintenance (CM) and employment opportunities in the region by visiting the Chapter website at <http://www.ncac-apa.org/index.php>

Did you know? Attending a CM event does not automatically register the credits for that session. You must go to <http://www.planning.org/cm/log/> to log your credits after attending a CM event.



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has worked on historic preservation, urban design standards, sustainable development, and current planning issues.

Her recent successes include assisting the City of Gaithersburg to become a Local Certified Government, organizing the City of Gaithersburg 2009 Planning Awards, and contributing to the City's achievement in receiving the 2009 Building Healthy Communities for Active Aging Commitment Award. She was also the lead planner for the first redevelopment plan to be HUD financed in the City of Gaithersburg's Olde Towne District, which was also the recipient of a Sustainable Sites Award.

Jacqueline is AICP certified and is receiving her graduate degree in Real Estate Development from the University of Maryland in May, 2011. In the fall, she plans on pursuing her Masters in Sustainable Urban Planning from George Washington University.

Director at Large: Brooke Fossey



Brooke Fossey is a Transportation Planner with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Progressive Transportation Services Administration. At DDOT, Brooke coordinates with Metro on bus planning and operations efforts in DC and is also working to expand carsharing in DC. She recently managed the creation of the Circulator Dashboard, a website which publicly posts all Circulator bus performance data for accountability, transparency, and decision-making purposes.

Prior to joining DDOT, Brooke served as a Capital City Fellow for DC Government and spent six-month rotations with DDOT, the District of Columbia Office of Planning, and the District Department of the Environ-

ment. She's also served stints with the American Planning Association and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission while in graduate school at the University of Maryland at College Park. Prior to going back to school she worked on LEED at the U.S. Green Building Council. Brooke is a Director-at-Large for the National Capital Area Chapter of the American Planning Association and volunteers at the National Building Museum and plays cello in her free time.



UPCOMING CM EVENTS

TIME/DATE: May 19-20, 2011

2011 Preservation and Revitalization Conference

Downtown Annapolis Historic District, Annapolis, MD

For more information: <http://preservationmaryland.org/html/conference.html>

TIME/DATE: May 20, 2011

Planners as Communicators Workshop

Where: Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex, Landover, MD

For more information: <http://www.marylandapa.org/>

TIME/DATE: May 25, 2011 -- 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Young Planner's Showcase – Now CM approved for 2.0 credits

<http://www.smartergrowth.net/anx/index.cfm/0,260,1013,htm>

TIME/DATE: May- June, 2011

What: PlanMaryland Forum sponsored by the Maryland Department of Planning

Where: Various Locations

For more information: <http://plan.maryland.gov/getInvolved/PublicForumsSchedule2011.shtml>

TIME/DATE: May- June, 2011

The APA Chapters and Divisions webcast series has a great set of free webcasts scheduled for the 2nd quarter of 2011. To register follow the links below or see <http://www.utah-apa.org/webcasts> All events are from 1-2:30 pm EASTERN time.

May 13- Private Practice Division - Secrets to Improve Consultant-Client Relations - Introductory CM APPROVED

May 19 - Indiana Chapter - New Ideas for Bike-friendly Communities- Introductory CM APPROVED

June 3 - Virginia Chapter Livable Communities, Sustainable Regions: How Transportation Investments Shape Our Development Patterns Introductory

June 10 - Economic Development Division - Real Estate Finance from Simple to Complex CM APPROVED

June 24 - Technology Division Introduction to the H+T Affordability Index and Applications in Planning Introductory



CALL FOR PAPERS

49th International Making Cities Livable Conference on Planning Healthy Communities for All
Portland, OR, May 20-24, 2012

Environmental factors significantly contribute to obesity, chronic physical ill health, social isolation, violence and crime. Evidence shows that the way we have built our cities has amplified these problems. This conference will examine the evidence, and focus on ways we can reshape the built environment to increase physical and social health and well-being. The conference will bring together 350-400 delegates - elected officials, practitioners and scholars in planning, public health, urban design, landscape architecture, transportation planning, pediatrics, human development, social sciences, land use development and architecture from around the world.

Those wishing to present papers on topics listed below should submit a 250 word abstract for blind peer review before June 15, 2011. Please submit abstract online at <http://www.livablecities.org/conferences/49th-conference-portland/call-papers>.

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EDITORIAL INFORMATION

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The submittal must include a name and telephone number. Materials submitted may be edited to conform to space or other requirements.

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