

Planners Network



CONTENTS

PN NEWS	1
PN MEMBER UPDATES	2
NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS	2
PUBLICATIONS	2
EVENTS	3
JOBS	5
AWARDS	8
ON-LINE RESOURCES	8

Please send in your updates to newsletter@plannersnetwork.org. Send in news about yourself and your work, notices about jobs, events, publications, and grants of interest to progressive planners (maximum 100 words please). Have a message or opinion you want to get out? Write it up (maximum 250 words; longer pieces may be considered for the magazine) and send them in as well.

PN NEWS

Planners Network Conference 2006

“Tending The Garden: From Grassroots to Green Roofs”

June 8th-June 11th

Hosted by the College of Urban Planning and Policy Program, University of Illinois at Chicago

A couple of important dates:

- Deadline for presentation proposals: April 15
- Early registration deadline: April 30

You can support this year’s conference by purchasing conference merchandise (t-shirts, mugs, buttons) from: <http://www.cafepress.com/plannersnetwork>

For more details and registration, visit the conference website:
<http://www.uic.edu/cuppa/upp/pn/index.html>

PN MEMBER UPDATES

From **Josh Lerner** (PN Steering Committee member):

The Transnational Institute recently published a paper I co-authored: "Participatory Budgeting in Canada: Democratic Innovations in Strategic Spaces." (<http://www.tni.org/newpol-docs/pbcanada.htm>). The paper assesses the initial participatory budgeting experiences in Canada - the only ones in North America to the best of my knowledge. Participatory budgeting is a participatory process that enables city residents to democratically decide how public budget funds are spent. In Canada it has been used with budgets in public housing, neighborhood groups, a municipality, and a school. In January I also published an article online "Why the World Social Forum Needs to Be Less Like Neoliberalism" (<http://www.towardfreedom.com/home/content/view/729/>), based on an earlier article for Progressive Planning. Any feedback is very welcome! Email: josh_lerner@hotmail.com

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Beige Berryman Ruchika Budhraj Sabrina Butler Petra Doan Ilse Frank Dylan Grundman Dan Immergluck David Lessinger	Ryan Malloy Bob Maltz Colleen O'Holleran Marianne Ryder Robin Scholetzky Jonathan Thompson Jordan Yin
--	---

PUBLICATIONS

“Walk For Your Life! Restoring Neighborhood Walkways to Enhance Community Life, Improve Street Safety and Reduce Obesity” (January 2006, 256 p.) by Marie Demers is recently published by Vital Health Books. Available at: www.vitalhealthbooks.com

“Keeping the Promise: Ending Racial Discrimination and Segregation in Federally Financed Housing,” by Florence Roisman, appeared in vol. 48 (2005) of the *Howard Law Journal*. Copies of the article are available (free) from mdeer1@iupui.edu

“The Governance Divide: A 55 page-Report on a Four-State [FL, GA, NY, OR] Study on Improving College Readiness and Success,” by Andrea Venezia, Patrick M. Callan, Joni E. Finney & Michael Usdan is available (no price listed) from the National Center, 152 N. Third St., #705, San Jose, CA 95112, 408/271-2699, http://www.highereducation.org/reports/governance_divide/governance_divide.pdf

“Shortchanging Poor and Minority Students: California’s Hidden Teacher Spending Gap” is a 2005 report from Education Trust-West, 155 Grand Ave., #1025, Oakland, CA 94612, 510-465-6444, www.edtrust.org

“High School Students Have Parents Too,” a 2005 study by members of the “Youth News Team” in Lexington, KY, is available (possibly free) from the Center for Parent Leadership at the Prichard Committee, 167 W. Main St., #310, Lexington, KY 40507, kgardner@prichardcommittee.org

“The Labor Day List: Partnerships That Work” is a 15-page, September, 2005 publication celebrating successful labor relations strategies in the new economy. Available (possibly free) from American Rights at Work, 1100 17th St. NW, #950, Wash., DC 20036, 202/822-2127, srbprogram@americanrightsatwork.org, <http://www.americanrightsatwork.org/>

“Childcare Centers and Inter-Organizational Ties in High Poverty Neighborhoods” is a 3-page, Sept. 2005 Fragile Families Research Brief, available (possibly free) from the Center for Research on Child Wellbeing, Wallace Hall, 2nd floor, Princeton Univ., Princeton, NJ 08544, <http://www.fragilefamilies.princeton.edu/>

EVENTS

March 9, 2006 Municipal Art Society Planning Center Forum: “Market Forces and Community Vision: the Role of Community in 'As-of-Right' Development” (Focus: Flushing, Queens) 8:30 am-10:00 am. Hosted at The Urban Center. 457 Madison Avenue at 51st, New York, NY. RSVP to rsvp@mas.org or 212.935.2075

As the quintessential node where Old Queens meets New Queens, Flushing has undergone transformations in the last 25 years that few would have predicted. According to the U.S. Census, the district's population has increased by 18 percent since 1980; almost all of the growth has come about from increases in the area's Asian population. With the new population growth has come revitalization--new businesses, many fueled by global capital, have emerged to meet the needs of newcomers and have redeveloped aging or vacant buildings. Join us for a discussion of the meaning of this new growth for various stakeholders and the community's role in planning for this new growth.

Moderator:

- Arturo Sanchez, Professor of Social Science, LaGuardia Community College

Panelists:

- Ellen Cheng, Executive Vice President, TDC Development, LLC
- Chuck Apelian, Land Use Chair, Queens Community Board 7
- Joyce Moy, Director, Office of Economic Development, LaGuardia Community College
- Tom Angotti, Professor of Urban Affairs and Planning, Hunter College

March 27, 2006 “Environmental Justice” 6:30pm. Hosted at Hunter College, 68th St. & Lexington Ave., West Building, 8th Floor.

The environmental justice movement has been one of the most forceful advocates of community-based planning in New York City. From the grass roots plans to preserve neighborhoods and affordable housing to the city-wide plan for sustainable solid waste, environmental justice advocates have pioneered new and creative approaches to community development and preservation.

This event sponsored by the Graduate Urban Affairs & Planning Association (GUAPA), and the Center for Community Planning & Development (CCPD) at Hunter College features:

Keynote speaker:

- Julie Sze, author of *Noxious New York*, and Assistant Professor of American Studies, UC-Davis

Panelists:

- Eddie Bautista, NY Lawyers for the Public Interest
- Ajamon Kitwana, Environmental Officer, South Bronx Youth Ministries for Peace & Justice
- Mathy Stanislaus Consultant and Brownfields Specialist

For more information on this event, contact Tom Angotti at tangotti@hunter.cuny.edu

March-April 2006. The UIC-CUPPA Alumni Association is launching its 8th Annual Spring Speaker Series. Please join us for the following interesting discussions:

- **March 9: Managing Your Career: Moving in and out of the Public Sector.**
Location: Illini Center, 200 South Wacker Drive, Chicago.
- **April 6: Sharing Responsibility: Complying with the Illinois Affordable Housing Act.** Location: National City Bank, 1 North Franklin, 3rd Floor, Chicago.
- **April 18: Successful Case Studies Leveraging Community Involvement.**
Location: Center for Neighborhood Technology, 2125 West North Avenue, Chicago (near the Damen CTA Blue Line Station)

All Events: 5:30 p.m. Registration and Reception, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Panel Discussion.
\$10 (general), \$5 (alumni), \$3 (students)

JOBS

CALIFORNIA

The City of South San Francisco is searching for a **City Planner**. The City has a City Council/City Manager form of government with approximately 430 full- and part-time employees. This position resides in the Planning Division of the Economic and Community Development Department, which is supported by a staff of 6 and an annual FY 05-06 Operating Budget of \$1.5 million. The City Planner reports directly to the Assistant City Manager/Economic and Community Development Director and is responsible for the administration and supervision of the planning division programs, including current and advance planning, downtown revitalization, and house and redevelopment functions. Current issues and priorities include completion of the supervision of the Genentech Master Plan, initiation of the downtown study, infrastructure planning for the East of Highway 101 area, completion and update of zoning code and zoning efficiency, and the expansion of the Planning Division's web presence. The ideal candidate will be a results-oriented leader with strong people management skills. Requires a minimum BA with major coursework in planning or a related field; and 5 years of professional experience in municipal or urban planning, including 3 years in a supervisory or managerial capacity. The position will remain open until filled. Application screening may begin as early as March 30, 2006. Please submit your cover letter, resume, salary history, and a list of 3 professional references to City of South San Francisco, Human Resources, P.O. Box 711, South San Francisco, CA 94083. To review complete job description, please contact human resources department at 650-877-8522 or visit: www.ssf.net/depts/hr/job_descriptions.asp

The County of Santa Clara is seeking a **proven leader** who supports comprehensive, collaborative planning efforts to improve the quality of life for our citizens. The Planning Office is located within the Department of Planning and Development and reports directly to the Director, Development and Planning. As an integral part of the Department's executive team, this position has a comprehensive range of responsibilities. Responsibilities include planning, development review, zoning administration, and special projects and studies. Education and experience equivalent to a BA in Planning, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Urban Studies, Public or Business Administration or a closely related field and three years recent managerial level experience in governmental planning. A Master's degree in one of the above areas is highly desirable and would substitute for 1-year experience. To apply online or to download an application, please go to www.sccjobs.org or applications may be obtained from and must be returned to: County of Santa Clara, ESA Executive Management Services 70 W. Hedding St., 8th Floor, San Jose, CA 95110

NEWYORK

Queens College of the City University of New York invites applications for a **tenure track position at the level of Assistant Professor** in the Department of Urban Studies. PhD in an appropriate social science in hand by September 1, 2006. Candidates are

expected to demonstrate a well-defined research program, outreach, and professional activity in urban activism and/or policy analysis. Candidates should show evidence of commitment to teaching and to excellence in both teaching and research. The department seeks candidates who focus on urban policies and politics with degrees in urban affairs, planning, sociology, economics, political science, anthropology, history, or other relevant fields. The Department offers interdisciplinary social science undergraduate and masters programs that emphasize urban politics and activism, community organization and development, public administration, and social and economic policy. We seek candidates who can contribute to this program's growth in the New York City area and will enhance the diversity of the faculty. Please send a cover letter, CV, description of teaching interests and philosophy and research plans, and arrange to have sent three current letters of references (include their names in your CV) to Professor Leonard Rodberg, Chair, Urban Studies Department, Queens College/CUNY, Flushing, NY 11367-1597. Applications (including three letters of reference) must be received by April 14, 2006. For further information, visit: www.qc.cuny.edu/hr/job_listings/jobspec.php?id=332

OREGAN

The City of Salem, Oregon is searching for a **responsible and excellent associate planner** to deliver professional planning work for current planning. The work may involve performing complex assignments; working on land use cases; reviewing building permits; covering an information desk; assisting the public; and performing other assigned duties. The job is responsible for conducting research; preparing final reports including analyzing, collecting, tabulating and interpreting statistical data, and interpreting the comprehensive plan and statewide planning goals; coordinating with other city, county, regional and state agencies, the local school district and transit district; preparing staff reports and studies; and independently managing multiple projects. Experience in planning, graduation from a four year college or university with major course work in planning; or an equivalent combination of experience and training providing considerable knowledge of principles and procedures of urban planning, architectural and site design review, research and analytical methodology and statistical techniques; and application of planning principles to city, county or regional area. Must possess excellent writing skills; the ability to work effectively with others; the ability to present technical information to a lay audience effectively, both orally and in writing; the ability to present research findings effectively; the ability to initiate action and complete work with minimal supervision. Applications may be obtained from the City of Salem, Human Resources Department, Room 225, 555 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR 97301 or at www.cityofsalem.net

RHODE ISLAND

The Providence Plan, Rhode Island is seeking a **Neighborhood Research and GIS Specialist**. The successful candidate must be a highly motivated individual with demonstrated interest and experience in community development and who also holds the technical skills necessary to oversee, analyze, and apply an extensive database in support of an urban change agenda. The Specialist will work with a variety of sources

to develop ongoing pictures of community change in the neighborhoods. We are seeking someone with a bachelor's or master's degree (preferred) in urban planning or a related field, and relevant experience in urban public policy, urban planning, or community development. The successful candidate must have extremely strong database skills and experience with Geographic Information Systems (GIS), database manipulation and management software such as Access, statistical analysis software such as SAS or SPSS, and all standard desktop programs such as MS Word and PowerPoint. Excellent writing, analytic, quantitative, and communication skills are required. Must be comfortable working with a variety of people, including neighborhood residents, policymakers, database managers, educators, and others. Must be organized, able to meet deadlines and respond to new assignments. This is a full-time position, available immediately. Applications accepted until the position is filled. Please send resume and a cover letter that describes your interest in the position, relevant experience, and qualifications, to Jim Lucht, Director of Information and Technology, The Providence Plan, 56 Pine Street, Suite 3B, Providence, RI 02903 or e-mail: jlucht@provplan.org

TEXAS

The City of Pflugerville, Texas is looking for a **planning director**. The Planning Director has a vital role in developing the plan and establishing the regulations and standards for the SH 130/SH45 corridor while ensuring the City takes full advantage of the business growth the corridor brings. The Director will manage a moderately aggressive annexation policy and direct the development of large scale residential projects resulting from agreements between the City and developers. Guiding and continuing the establishment of a GIS system is also a primary focus of this position. The ideal candidate is a strong leader with a vision toward the future who has more than 5 years of management/supervisory experience in a city that is within a metropolitan area; have knowledge of multi-modal transportation planning; can think on his/her feet when dealing with adverse situations; and possess the skills to deal with the coordination of advisory boards. For more information visit: www.cityofpflugerville.com. Please send your application and resume to staffing@cityofpflugerville.com or mail to: P.O. Box 589, Pflugerville, TX 78691.

WASHINGTON

Nonprofit environmental organization in Washington D.C. seeks a **Vice President of Policy**. Duties include supervising policy staff; designing and implementing strategies to build public support for policy agenda; organizing ongoing web-based electronic advocacy campaigns; and coordinating state policy work of regional offices. Qualifications: Bachelors degree with minimum of five years of legislative experience on Capitol Hill and/or in non-profit advocacy. Familiarity with trail/bike/pedestrian aspects of federal and state transportation policy desirable. Please visit www.railtrails.org for complete job description. Please send your cover letter, resumes and salary requirements to Rails to Trail Conservancy, Attention: Human Resources, 1100 17th St. Washington, DC 20036 or email Elton@railtrails.org

AWARDS

American Planning Association Planning & Law Division 23rd Annual Smith-Babcock-Williams Student Writing Competition.

The winning entry in the competition will be awarded a prize of \$2,500 and will be submitted for publication in *The Urban Lawyer*, the law journal of the American Bar Association's Section of State & Local Government Law. In addition to the first prize, the Competition will award a second prize of \$ 1,000 and up to two Honorable Mention prizes of \$250. The deadline for submission of entries is June 5, 2006 and the winner(s) will be announced by September 11, 2006.

Eligibility: The competition is open to law students at ABA accredited law schools and planning students at schools listed in the *Guide to Graduate Education in Urban and Regional Planning* (11th ed.) who are enrolled in or who will complete a program of study leading to the J.D., LL.B., Masters or Ph.D. degree during the 2005-06 academic year. All entries must be the work of an individual, jointly-authored entries will not be considered. Entries may have been written for another purpose within the last year -- e.g., a paper submitted for a course or internship -- but must not have been previously published.

Subject Matter: Entries should demonstrate original thought on a question of significance in either planning or areas of law germane to planning (e.g., land use, local government or environmental law) and will be evaluated based on: (1) originality; (2) contribution to the understanding or development of the fields of planning and law; (3) quality of scholarship; and (4) quality and organization of writing.

Progressive Economics Forum Annual Student Essay Contest

Prizes \$1000: Top Graduate Essay, \$500: Top Undergraduate Essay
www.web.ca/~pef . All entrants receive a complimentary 1-year membership in the Progressive Economics Forum. Judges' decisions are final.

Put your economics to work in the cause of social change. Prizes will be awarded to an essay of 20-40 pages double-spaced (5,000-10,000 words) on any subject related to the theory or policy of economics or political-economy, which best reflects a critical approach to the functioning, efficiency, and social and environmental consequences of unconstrained markets. Deadline For Applications: May 1, 2006. Mail 4 Copies of Your Essay to: Progressive Economics Forum, Student Essay Contest, c/o 1400-207 West Hastings St., Vancouver, BC V6B 1H7

ONLINE RESOURCES

www.habitants.org International Alliance of Inhabitants
See their website for updates on the most recent zero-eviction campaign in Croatia and other countries.