

Planners Network



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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

From the PN Steering Committee

The PN Steering Committee recently sent out a letter of protest to the Attorney of the German Federal Supreme Court for the abuse of academic freedom continuing to be committed in Germany against a number of individuals, including Dr. Andrej Holm and Dr. Matthias Bernt, for alleged membership in a criminal organization. Drs. Holm and Bernt are highly regarded academics in the fields of urban geography and planning, who have been conducting research on gentrification. Due the politically engaged nature of their research, they have been subject to ongoing observation and criminal

procedures.

To view a copy of the letter that was sent out, please visit:

<http://www.plannersnetwork.org/publications/statements.html>

For more information about the situation, visit: <http://einstellung.so36.net/en>

From the Conference Committee

Not to be outdone by our colleagues on the chapter and membership committee, the folks here in conference central would also love to hear from PNers who are interested in helping out on the conference committee. We are working to provide more institutional support to the local organizers of our conferences (including the initial YPN conference in NYC this April and PN2008 in Winnipeg), brainstorm new ideas for conferences, and help PN select sites for future events. We are also trying to jumpstart a program to encourage PN gatherings at other conferences where members might be found in significant numbers, including APA and ACSP.

Interested in helping out? Want to help host an informal get together at APA in Las Vegas? Email conferences@plannersnetwork.org for more info.

YOUNG PLANNERS NETWORK (YPN) NEWS

Young Planners Network (YPN) Update:

This month, YPN members have been working hard to plan their conference, PLANet Youth NYC 2008, from April 3 - 6. This conference should bring together many youth and adult planners dedicated to increasing youth participation in the planning process.

We encourage you to register for the conference before the March 17 early bird deadline! Please refer to our website: www.youngplannersnetwork.org to find out more about the conference schedule, and to download the registration form online.

If you would like to sponsor a Young Planner to attend the conference, please email Josh Lapidus at josh@youngplannersnetwork.org, or send a check to:

Young Planners Network c/o Josh Lapidus,
Academy of Urban Planning,
400 Irving Avenue,
room 509,
Brooklyn, NY 11237

We hope to see you in April!

PLANET YOUTH: NYC 2008

“Celebrating Youth Leadership in Planning”

Brooklyn, NY April 3-6, 2008

- Are you a young person involved in a planning, policy or other action in your community?
- Are you an adult ally to young people engaged in planning, policy or community building activities?
- Do you want to meet youth from across the country who are making an impact in their communities?
- Do you want to join national efforts to advocate for youth involvement in planning and policy making? -Do you have ideas, strategies and success stories you would like to share with your peers?
- Do you want to learn how you can get involved in the Young Planners Network?

Visit www.aupnyc.org/ypn for updates and registration information for PLANet.

PN2008: PLANNING IN CHALLENGING CLIMATES

PN2008 will bring together an array of planning practitioners, community and economic development professionals, organizers, policy analysts, designers, students and faculty. They will discuss strategies addressing social and environmental justice in challenging climates - including social, political and economic climates.

Topics of interest to the conference include, but are not limited to: models for community economic development • inner city community development • art and the city • planning and aboriginal communities • neighborhood revitalization • downtown redevelopment • housing and homelessness • promoting active transportation • urban ecology • green buildings and sustainable communities • social impacts of sprawl • heritage planning • progressive planning and the media • age-friendly communities.

A range of session types is encouraged, from conventional panels to participatory workshops and “how-to” sessions. Please send proposals for individual contributions or full sessions to PN2008Sessions@pnmb.org . The deadline for proposals is **April 30, 2008**. Space is limited. Please include the proposed session content, format and a list of potential speakers, panelists or participants. Additional conference information, including preliminary schedule, accommodations and mobile workshops, is available at www.pnmb.org . The web site will be updated regularly as the conference program develops.

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Patrick Eidman
Paul Glover
Sorbique Grant
David Holtzman
Yuseph Katiya
Dennis Keating
Brian Lutenegger
Ashlee McLaughlin

Sara Ortiz Escalante
Sasha Ottoson-Deal
Laurel Paget-Seekins
Eugene Patron
Mary Rocco
Randy Spearing
Diana Wu

PUBLICATIONS

"Post Carbon Cities: Planning for Energy and Climate Uncertainty" (2007) by Daniel Lerch, Post Carbon Institute, Post Carbon Press.

"Revisiting Rental Housing Policies, Programs, and Priorities" (2008, 370pp.) by Nicolas P. Retsinas, Eric S. Belsky and Foreword by Anthony Downs, eds., Brookings Institution Press and Joint Center For Housing Studies At Harvard University.

"Sustainable Urbanism: Urban Design with Nature" (2007, 256pp.) by Douglas Farr, Wiley Press.

The Journal of Urbanism will focus on human settlement and its relation to the idea of sustainability, social justice and cultural understanding. The content will focus on Urban Regeneration, New Urbanism, European Urbanism, Landscape Urbanism, Urban Sustainability, Smart Growth, Livable Communities, Transit-Orientated Development, Walkable Communities and more. www.informaworld.com/RJOU

Solidarity, Sustainability, and Nonviolence, (Vol.4, N. 3, March 2008) is a research newsletter with the theme of Human Dimension of Sustainable Development. Visit: <http://pelicanweb.org/solisustv04n03.html>

Price Tags 100 – Paris Vélib' (March, 2008, 25pp.), is a newly produced magazine on the Paris bike-sharing systems: Vélib' – or Vélo Liberté. Freedom Bike. <http://www.pricetags.ca/pricetags/pricetags101.pdf>

"Segregation: The Rising Costs for America," (2008) is a new book edited by James H. Carr and Nandinee K. Kutty is published by Routledge, www.routledge.com. PB: ISBN 978-0-415-96533-0.

The book documents how discriminatory practices in the housing markets through most of the past century, and that continue today, have produced extreme levels of residential segregation that result in significant disparities in access to good jobs, quality education, homeownership attainment and asset accumulation between minority and non-minority households.

The book also demonstrates how problems facing minority communities are increasingly important to the nation's long-term economic vitality and global competitiveness as a whole. Solutions to the challenges facing the nation in creating a more equitable society are not beyond our ability to design or implement, and it is in the interest of all Americans to support programs aimed at creating a more just society.

The book is uniquely valuable to students in the social sciences and public policy, as well as to policy makers, city planners, real estate agents, mortgage lenders, and other housing practitioners.

EVENTS

April 9, 2008. "Permitting Pushcarts," a live talk show about street vending and public space with Sean Basinski and Margaret Crawford. Presented by the Center for Urban Pedagogy (CUP), Brooklyn, NY. www.anothercupdevelopment.org

April 21-23, 2008. "Sustainable Urban Transportation 2008" is organized by Avail Corporation in Singapore, Singapore. <http://www.availcorp.com>

May 26-27, 2008. "The Reuse of Contaminated Sites in Sustainable Development Strategies", in Venice, Italy.
www.iuav.it/Ateneo-cal/2008/01/call_for_paper.doc_cvt.htm

June 26-28, 2008. "Open Public Urban Spaces (OPUS 2008) 1st Annual Symposium" will be held in Stavanger, Norway. www.uis.no/opus2008

November 16-19, 2008. "Rebuilding Sustainable Communities for Children and their Families after Disasters." Hosted by the University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA. www.cpcs.umb.edu/rsccfd

FELLOWSHIPS

2008 Rose Fellowship Opportunities

Applications are now available for four new Rose Fellowship opportunities in diverse communities. Applications are available at <http://rosefellowship.org/> for the following positions:

- Community Housing Partnership, San Francisco, CA - San Francisco attracts tourists, innovators and industry leaders from around the world. At the same time, more than 7,000 San Franciscans have no place to call home. But for many of these vulnerable people, the situation is changing. Community Housing Partnership (CHP) successfully provides housing for people who have been homeless, as well as support services, training and employment opportunities that help people become involved in their communities and secure in their homes.

- Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, East Biloxi, MS - Hurricane Katrina may have washed away homes across Mississippi's coast, but it could not wash away hope. Since that devastating storm in 2005, the Gulf Coast Community Design Studio (GC CDS) has partnered with the East Biloxi community to plan, design, and build or rehabilitate more than 80 homes for low-income households. Now GCCDS is expanding its service area to all three coastal counties, multiplying its community partners and growing in scale to encompass much larger projects.
- Project for Pride in Living, Minneapolis, MN - Must affordability mean less than quality design or barebones systems and maintenance? Project for Pride in Living (PPL) in Minneapolis answers this question with a resounding, No. For 25 years, PPL has focused on providing the City's most in need with affordable, dignified, attractive housing that is well-maintained and well-managed. But five new projects will aim even higher, adopting Green design standards and a commitment to providing top-notch, consistently handsome buildings.
- Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership, Slayton, MN - Every community has its unique needs. Urban, suburban, rural; new or established; mixed use, multi-generational, immigrant, and on and the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership (SWMHP) embraces them all. A regional community development corporation with national standing, the SWMHP has a long list of projects in the planning, pre-development and conceptual stages. The rural Minnesota Fellow will also work in partnership with the Greater Minnesota Housing Fund (GMHF) on two Research & Development projects including testing the cost impacts of the installation of basic green product integration within in single-family home construction and providing data to revise the current Building Better Neighborhood manual.

Applications are due on **April 15, 2008**. For more information, contact Katie Swenson at kswenson@enterprisecommunity.org.

JOBS

ALASKA

Senior Land Use Planner

Agnew::Beck Consulting
Anchorage, AK

Position Description: Work under direction of firm's principals and project managers to execute and oversee a variety of community planning and development projects with an emphasis on land use and physical planning, town center master planning, site planning and recreation and tourism planning.

Senior Planners work as part of a project team to scope and carry out projects. This will include acting as the primary point of contact for clients, leading significant portions of complex planning projects, and managing project budgets and

scopes. Project elements will include: local planning team organization and management; designing and implementing public participation mechanisms such as interviews, surveys and meetings; community plan research and drafting; land use research, planning and mapping; developing land use plans and drafting codes and ordinances; and, scoping and executing facility planning projects. For responsibilities and qualifications, please visit: <http://www.agnewbeck.com/pages-who/jobs.htm>

Agnew::Beck Consulting, LLC, provides community planning and development services to help communities respond to the challenges and opportunities of growth and change in Alaska. We have worked all over the state, from remote rural villages to urban neighborhoods. The firm, established in 2002, brings together a diverse set of professionals whose skills includes tourism and land use planning, comprehensive community planning and development services, marketing and communications support, facility development, fundraising and technical assistance. More information is available at www.agnewbeck.com

ARIZONA

Land Planner / Urban Planner

Morrison-Maierle, Inc.
Phoenix, Arizona

The position requires a willingness to employ a teamwork approach to design of land development projects, assisting with meeting development application requirements and schedules and project presentation in a public setting. The position requires a background in urban planning or urban design as well as an interest in assisting with project management and follow-through. A working knowledge of subdivision and zoning principles is required and experience with Montana or Arizona, as appropriate, subdivision and zoning regulations preferred. Demonstrated ACAD or GIS capability, as well as good writing and communication skills will be considered in candidate evaluation. **Requirements** include: B.S. or M.S. degree in Geography, Landscape Architecture, Architecture, Land Planning or related disciplines and 2-3 years experience.

Morrison-Maierle, Inc. is a Montana based, employee owned, Top 500 Design Firm, which has offered a broad range of civil engineering design services for over 60 years. For more information about the company visit, <http://www.m-m.net/>.

Please e-mail, fax or send letter of interest and resume to: Human Resource Department, Morrison-Maierle, Inc. P.O. Box 6147, Helena, Montana 59604, Fax: 406-495-3600, E-mail: mcummings@m-m.net.

CALIFORNIA

Commercial Corridor Program Manager

Visitacion Valley Community Development Corporation
San Francisco, California

Visitacion Valley Community Development Corporation seeks a **Program Manager** for its Commercial Corridor Revitalization. VVBOOM is the catalyst to build connections between businesses, residents and service-providers. VVBOOM provides leadership to enhance business opportunities in the neighborhood, and brings resources to support business growth that serves the Visitacion Valley Community.

Responsibilities: Maintain Economic Development of Business Corridor by supporting Merchant Driven Programs and Events, implementing a Business Retention and Recruitment strategy, providing business technical assistance, assisting in corridor marketing and business merchandising; Support Community Development Programs through Holiday and Event Planning.

Desired Experience: Must have Degree in City Planning, Business Administration, Urban Studies, Public Administration, or Marketing; Experience in event planning, recruiting & organizing volunteers, grant writing, and community organizing; Proficiency in MS Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint) necessary; knowledge of Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and Acrobat a plus; Bi-Lingual in either Cantonese, Spanish, or Tagalog highly desirable.

For More Information, please request a VVBOOM Information Packet from Jennifer Dhillon at JDhillon@VVCDC.ORG.

Controller

Asian Neighborhood Design (A.N.D)
San Francisco (SOMA / South Beach)

Asian Neighborhood Design (A.N.D.), founded in 1973, is a private non-profit community development corporation. A.N.D. has a \$1.7 million annual budget, over 20% of which is earned income, and receives funding from a variety of private foundation and government sources. Program areas include full architectural and community planning services, family and youth resources services, employment training for hard to serve populations, and oversight of 74 units of affordable housing A.N.D. has developed. A.N.D. operates out of a facility on Mission Street in San Francisco.

Controller will report to the Executive Director. We seek an individual who is an experienced financial manager of unquestionable integrity and is flexible and understanding of the nonprofit sector and its challenges. At this time, this person will serve as the organization's primary fiscal staff member, with assistance from other staff/consultants as needed. For more information on Responsibilities and Qualifications please contact, Lilia Arellano at larellano@andnet.org.

Compensation: DOE, excellent benefits including 401k retirement (employee only contribution), health, dental, vision, life insurance, “cafeteria plan” after probationary period.

To Apply: Please send cover letter/résumé and salary requirements to: Asian Neighborhood Design, 1021 Mission Street , San Francisco , CA 94103 , RE: Controller, fax 415-575-0424, or e-mail HR Associate Lilia Arellano at larellano@andnet.org. For more information on AND, please visit www.andnet.org. E/O/E

Project Associate: Transportation – Public Involvement

Moore Iacofano Goltsman (MIG), Inc.
Berkeley, CA

MIG is a multidisciplinary firm specializing in participatory planning, community design, communications, policy planning and management, www.migcom.com. The MAPS Team provides organizational development and training, agency policy planning and implementation, community planning and implementation, and community outreach services in the following areas: social welfare, transportation, land use, environmental resources, parks and recreation, growth management and education. This position will focus primarily on providing client services for transportation agencies.

The **Project Associate** will participate in all aspects of project design and implementation, including group facilitation, research, writing, development of materials, meeting support, content analysis, administration and client contact. This Associate position will focus at least 80% on transportation planning projects. Associate will work with principals, Project Managers and interdisciplinary project teams on a range of technical and non-technical public involvement programs and transportation planning projects, including regional transit agency work, as well as local, state and federal projects. The project associate will provide transportation policy planning services in the context of community development and community participation programs. We work on bicycle, pedestrian, public transit and auto planning. Associate will have opportunities for progressive responsibility and advancement.

Specific Requirements: B.A./B.S. in urban studies, public policy, planning or a related field; 1-5 years work experience; Demonstrated excellence in written and verbal communication; Experience in group facilitation and public speaking; Good graphic communication skills and/or ArcView GIS; Strong interest in policy planning, community involvement, organizational development, training, and management; Understanding of transportation planning and programming requirements; Computer proficiency especially with Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint, InDesign and Access; Bilingual ability a plus.

This is a full-time position available in our Berkeley, CA headquarters, and is open until filled. We offer a full benefit package and flexible work schedule. Salary commensurate with experience; start date immediate. Please email or fax a descriptive

cover letter, writing sample, salary history and resume to: Joan Chaplick, Program Director, Management and Policy Planning Services, MIG, Inc. 800 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94710, Email: mapsresumes@migcom.com, Fax: 510-845-8750.

CHICAGO

Part-Time Grants/Contracts Coordinator City Design Center at University of Illinois

The **City Design Center at UIC** is seeking candidates for a part-time (16 hours per week) appointment to the position of **Coordinator of Grants and Contracts**.

The Coordinator of Grants and Contracts performs professional-level duties to support the sponsored research activities of the City Design Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Duties may include, but are not limited to, the processing of grant proposals, financial transactions, the creation and management of project budgets, tracking of personnel, and the coordination of reporting requirements throughout the contract or grant lifecycle. This position will provide administrative assistance as required to the individual principal investigators and to the Assistant Director to ensure effective management of contract and grant resources and compliance with applicable policies, procedures, rules, and regulations of the sponsoring agency, the university and applicable state and federal requirements.

Bachelors degree required with 2 years experience with financial management, accounting and/or budgeting, preferably in a research/development setting. Must have strong communications ability, good interpersonal and organizational skills. Must be proficient using Microsoft products including Word and Excel. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in UIC financial systems, the research grant process, and related policies and procedures. AA/EOE

To Apply: Please email your resume and statement of interest to cdesignc@uic.edu, T. Abraham Lentner, Assistant Director, City Design Center, University of Illinois at Chicago, (312) 413-2651, www.uic.edu/aa/cdc

MISSISSIPPI

Summer Internship Opportunity Carl Small Town Center Mississippi State, MS

The **Carl Small Town Center** is seeking applicants for a **Planning Intern Position** for summer 2009. A qualified applicant would demonstrate coursework towards an advanced degree, or recent completion of a degree in urban planning or urban design; small and rural town issues are a must. Experience making public presentations, conducting research, computer and hand rendering, graphic design and writing planning documents for use by laypeople are critical.

The Intern will work with the existing staff and be responsible for summer undergraduate architecture interns. The Intern will work on various projects throughout the State of Mississippi, including conference organization and planning, development of downtown revitalization plans, design work and administration. Knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel and Adobe Design Suite required. Some intra-state travel will be required, so a valid driver's license is necessary. Salary will be \$15 per hour.

The Carl Small Town Center (CSTC) is a non-profit organization within the College of Architecture, Art, and Design at Mississippi State University. It was established in 1979, responding to its geographical position within a rural landscape and to the school's focus on the American small town.

Interested applicants should submit a resume, cover letter, references and portfolio via USPS to: Tracy Quinn, Summer Internship, Carl Small Town Center, Mississippi State University, PO Box AQ, Mississippi State, MS 39762, tquinn@caad.msstate.edu, 662.325.2207

NEW YORK

Program Officer for Environment

Surdna Foundation
New York, NY

Surdna is currently searching for a **Program Officer** for our Environment Program. The Program Officer will report directly to the Environment Program Director. Our Environment Program supports a healthy natural environment, the foundation upon which human communities flourish. We believe that the social and economic concerns of communities are inextricably linked to the natural world. Today, the environment is at great risk due to the interrelated threats of global climate change, biodiversity loss and unsustainable levels of resource consumption.

Responsibilities: Maintaining a breadth of knowledge about current trends, emerging issues, policy interventions, and innovations in the program's areas of focus to enhance the effectiveness of program strategy and understanding of staff and board; Monitoring and tracking ongoing grants and initiatives, including evaluating and reporting to staff, board, and external colleagues on performance; Working closely with other programs at Surdna and facilitating cross-program collaboration; Reviewing, assessing and proactively cultivating grantmaking opportunities, Assisting grantees in improving proposal quality. Recommending grants for funding by soliciting peer reviews and providing critical analysis of project strengths, weaknesses and risks.

For more responsibilities and other additional information, please visit http://www.surdna.org/resources/resources_show.htm?doc_id=671365. A first review of applications will occur on **March 29**, but applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. E/O/E