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Dear KCAPA Member,

*Welcome to the April issue of the KC APA Newsletter. It is with sad hearts we say farewell to Brian as he continues his Planning journeys to lands far away. Here is a note to you from Brian:*

"I regret to inform you that I have resigned as President of the KCAPA. I have recently accepted a position with the City of Abu Dhabi, UAE Urban Planning Council as a City Planner in their Development Management Division. It was the opportunity of a lifetime and one that I could not refuse. I leave the organization in the most capable of hands under the leadership of Shannon Jaax. I have thoroughly enjoyed being on the KCAPA Board these past six years and am proud of the direction the organization has taken. I wish you all my best and continued success in the planning profession."

Brian Pitts



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## KU Galloway Lecture, Friday, April 16th

The Galloway Urban Planning Lecture Series presents Robert Cervero, Professor of City and Regional Planning at the University of California - Berkeley and Director, University of California Transportation Center. Professor Cervero's lecture will focus on transportation investments, place-making and economic development.

Friday, April 16, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, at the Kansas City Design Center, 1018 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City MO.

This lunch program is \$20 and you may register at [http://www.kcdesigncenter.org/aicp\\_luncheons.html](http://www.kcdesigncenter.org/aicp_luncheons.html). The lecture will focus on transit oriented development.

CM credits are pending.

## APA Audio Conference-Free CM Credits Offered at 3 sites! April 21st

"Development Finance and Pro Formas"

Wednesday, April 21 3:00 - 4:30 PM

This month you have three locations to attend the APA Audio Conference to earn 1.5 free CM credits.

1. Merriam, KS Location: BRR Architecture, 6700 Antioch Plaza, #300 (third floor). Contact Kathy Kem at [kathy.kem@brrarch.com](mailto:kathy.kem@brrarch.com) or 913-236-3385 to RSVP, or if you have questions.

2. Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), 600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO. Contact Eliza Waterman at [ewaterman@marc.org](mailto:ewaterman@marc.org) for more information, or register via the website at [http://www.marc.org/Sustain/Land\\_Use/apa\\_audio\\_conferences.asp](http://www.marc.org/Sustain/Land_Use/apa_audio_conferences.asp)

2. Ottawa City Hall Commission Chambers, 101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, KS. Parking is both south of city hall on the same lot, or across Hickory Street west of City Hall. The Chambers are to the left when you enter city hall. Contact Wynndee Lee at [wlee@ottawaks.gov](mailto:wlee@ottawaks.gov) if you have additional questions or if you plan to attend.

For a description of the session, which is approved for 1.5 CM

credits, visit

<http://www.planning.org/audioconference/series/finance>.

### **Modern Mobility: What is PRT and why You Should Care, April 23rd**



Designed for forward-thinking architects, planners and engineers, a mini-conference on Friday, April 23 outside Kansas City, Kansas at The Legends offers a breath of fresh air. Presentations and panel discussion will enhance career expertise with cutting-edge information on Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) and

the advantages it brings.

PRT uses modern communications to provide automated taxi-like service with small stations that can be located in building lobbies. Detailed study of the 27-station PRT mobility network for The Legends will be described, as many see the need for better circulation in this District. Bids for a casino proposal are required to include transit options for the area.

Program and registration information is available at [www.advancedtransit.org](http://www.advancedtransit.org).

For questions or further information contact Larry Fabian at [lfabian21@gmail.com](mailto:lfabian21@gmail.com).

WHEN: April 23, 2010

WHERE: Great Wolf Lodge at The Legends

10401 Cabela Drive

Kansas City, Kansas 66111

TIME: 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

COST: \$60 (lunch included)



## May Special Event! Legendary Places, May 6th

Celebrate with us on May 6th, 2010 for Ochsner Hare & Hare's 100th Anniversary! Join us at the Liberty Memorial (an historic OHH project) for "Legendary Places: A Regional Symposium about Placemaking". Speakers will include Fred Kent (Project for Public Spaces President), Bruce Knight (APA President), and Gary Scott (ASLA President).

The cost will be \$25 per person, including reception for reservations made through April 9. The cost will be \$30. For registration go to : <http://www.ohhkc.com>

**2.0 AICP CM credits are pending approval by Missouri APA.**

### The History behind the 100 years of OHH:

One of the nation's top planning and placemaking firms has called Kansas City home for 100 years. Ochsner Hare & Hare, the longest continuously operating landscape architecture firm in the U.S., is celebrating its centennial of service this year. At the core of firm services is creating legendary places here and around the world through planning and landscape architecture.

Much of the work of the founding firm, landscape architects Hare & Hare, is at the heart of what most Kansas Citians call home. In 1913, the firm partnered with the J.C. Nichols Company to create iconic neighborhoods and public places that shape the cultural landscape of Kansas City-places like the Country Club Plaza, Loose Park, the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Mission Hills and the Country Club District neighborhoods along Ward Parkway. The firm was noted for its work with cemeteries, parks and boulevards, neighborhoods and institutional campuses. The firm's first big planning project was in 1922, when it teamed with George Kessler and J.C. Nichols to plan the new 14,000 acre seaport town of Longview, Washington. This project established its reputation in the field of planning.

Hare & Hare worked closely for many years with Kansas City planner Ralph Ochsner, who ultimately added his expertise to the firm by purchasing it in 1979. As a result, the planning practice was expanded throughout the Midwest and south central states.

Ochsner Hare & Hare has completed nearly 100 comprehensive plans, helping communities large and small. Its planning portfolio also includes destination retail land planning, subdivision design, corridor studies and planning, neighborhood planning and revitalization, parks

and trails, mixed use, special districts, codes revisions, zoning and all other aspects of planning. The firm has established its expertise in helping communities apply economic incentives to achieve planning goals. Often, the firm is retained to help with implementation with some projects continuing for 15 years or more.

The firm currently is completing comprehensive plans, designing signature parks, working with developers on award winning destination retail, replanning corridors, updating zoning ordinances, preparing design guidelines, working to revive historic neighborhoods and preparing to offer the region a 100th anniversary symposium celebrating placemaking on May 6. The symposium will bring internationally-known placemaking expert Fred Kent, Project for Public Spaces, to Kansas City along with national presidents of American Planning Association and American Society of Landscape Architects.

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### **KU Urban Planning AICP Luncheon Series , May 21st**

"The View from the Other Side"

Bonnie J. Johnson, Ph.D., AICP

#### **Landscape Architects' Site Planning Advice for Planners**

Bonnie Johnson is assistant professor in the KU Department of Urban Planning. Her teaching and research interests include civic bureaucracy, transportation and land use policy related to sustainability, community visioning processes, and public participation. She is also active as the Indian Hills Neighborhood Association Chair in Lawrence.

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### **BWR 2010 Seminar Series**

#### **Trends in the New Economy - Panel Discussion**

**What Will the "New Normal" Look Like? May 21st**



**BWR** | Right in the Center

Tim Underwood - Moderator and Trends Analyst  
*What is the New Normal Beginning to Look Like*

Bill Ebel - Development Manager  
*What Are Emerging Trends for Cities in the New Economy?*

Brenner Holland - Construction Manager  
*What Are Trends for the Private Sector in the New Economy?*

Friday, May 21, 2010

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Community Center, 6901 N. Holmes Gladstone, MO 64118

The "New Normal" Seminar is set for MARC's monthly meeting of its 1st Suburbs Committee on Friday, May 21st in the Gladstone Community Center. Arrive early for the 1st Suburbs meeting (8:00 am) or at 9:30 am for the BWR-sponsored "New Normal" Seminar. AICP 1.5 CEUs (Submitted) · No Fee Charged · Refreshments Provided.

RSVP or Questions call BWR at 816.363.2696.



## **Kansas Planning Conference, October 7-8**

### **Reserve Your Hotel Room!**

Please mark your calendar for the Kansas Planning Conference, October 7-8 in Manhattan. We recommend making your hotel reservation early! Hotel rooms are available at the Holiday Inn at the Campus (the conference venue) and the Clarion. At the Holiday Inn at the Campus, rooms are held for Wednesday, October 6 and Thursday, October 7 at a rate of \$99.95 per night. Call 785-539-7531 and ask for the American Planning Association group rate. At the Clarion, rooms are held for Wednesday, October 6 and Thursday, October 7 at a rate of \$84 per night. Call 785-539-5311 and ask for the American Planning Association group rate.

## **KCAPA Member Spotlight-Berrin Nejad**



**Name:** Berrin Nejad

**Place of Employment:** City of Leavenworth, Kansas

**Describe your job and how it relates to planning:**

I moved to Arizona for my college studies at Arizona State University (A.S.U.) from Istanbul, Turkey and discovered Urban Planning in the

Architecture Department. My first professional working experience started as an intern for a local Architecture/Landscaping firm and subsequently I was hired full-time as a landscape designer. A position with the City of Phoenix - Transportation Team followed soon after and influenced me to pursue a master's degree at ASU in Architecture Department with an emphasis in Transportation Planning.

After graduation, I worked as a Transportation Planner for a private firm and followed by a City Planner position, which was the beginning of my public sector professional life. I have held positions in Texas, Idaho, Arizona, and now in Kansas. I have held Senior Planner, Planning and Zoning Administrator, Planning and Development Services Director, Planning and Development Services Division Manager positions previously. Presently, I am the City Planner with the City of Leavenworth, and it is my privilege to work with a professional and motivated team and be of service to citizens of Leavenworth, Kansas.

Beyond my professional experiences, I have also lived in Taiwan, Singapore and while there had an opportunity to visit Thailand, India, Bali, New Zealand, China, and Malaysia.

I am very excited to be in Kansas and to be a part of KCAPA. I attended the Second annual event on March 25, 2010 at Boulevard Brewing Company and was very impressed with my first impression of Kansas planners; "they know how to have fun".....

Berrin can be reached at [bnejad@firstcity.org](mailto:bnejad@firstcity.org)

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Sincerely,

Shannon Jaax, AICP, President  
Kansas City Section of the American Planning Association