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Dear KCAPA Member,

Welcome to our first monthly newsletter from the Kansas City Section of the American Planning Association (KCAPA). We hope that you will enjoy this inaugural issue and encourage your participation in future issues. Please feel free to contact us anytime.

KCAPA 2nd Annual Event!

Mark your calendar for the Second KCAPA Annual Event to be held on Thursday, March 25th from 5 PM to 8 PM. More details and reminders to follow, but you can bet it will include free beer and food!



We are looking for sponsors for this event. If you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity, please contact Shannon Jaax at Shannon_Jaax@kcmo.org or 816-513-2855 for more information.

Upcoming APA Audio Conferences-Free CM Credits!

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BRR is continuing their offerings of the APA Audio Conferences in the coming months. Mark your calendars with the following dates. All of these sessions are approved for 1.5 CM credits. All sessions are from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

in the offices of BRR Architecture located at 6700 Antioch Plaza. The conference room is located on the 2nd floor. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Kathy Kem at 913-236-3385, or kathy.kem@brrarch.com

3/17/10 Redevelopment and Revitalization for a New Era

4/21/10 Development Finance and Pro Formas

5/12/10 Design Graphics for Planners

6/30/10 Planning Law Review.

Did you attend our November luncheon in Lee's Summit?



If you attended the luncheon in Lee's Summit in November, you can now claim your 1.5 CM credits for the event. Go to www.planning.org and sign in to record your credits.

APA National Registration is now open!

Registration is now open for the APA National Convention in New Orleans. Are you doing a presentation? Let us know and we'll pass it on to the membership so they can be sure to attend your session. Go to www.planning.org to register.

The ABCs of Form Based Codes

Wednesday, March 24, 2010 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM (Central Time)

Increasingly, Americans are choosing to live and work in walkable, diverse communities with transit options - when such communities are available. Policy makers are beginning to realize the best way to reduce carbon emissions is to develop in a more compact urban pattern. Nevertheless, poor urban design persists. Why? Unless the right implementation tools are used, better design is difficult to mandate.

Join us to learn about Form-Based Coding, the widely accepted solution. The Form-Based Codes Institute is offering an abbreviated

version of its acclaimed Introduction to Form-Based Coding at a greatly reduced registration fee.

9.0 AIA CES and AICP credits are available for this course.

For more information contact MARC or go to:

<http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=817337>

KCAPA Membership Survey

Did you take the membership survey back in November and wondered what the results were? Well, just follow this link to see what you had to say. We had a 34% response rate, or 129 out of 378 of you responded. We appreciate your feedback and are working hard to meet your needs.

http://data.memberclicks.com/site/ecoun/KCAPASurveySummary_11032009.pdf

Call for Articles/Announcements-March Newsletter

Calling for Entries and Announcements for our March issue. If you have an event or article you would like to include in next month's issue, please forward it to us. We'll be happy to consider it.

Interested in spotlighting a fellow KCAPA member?

Interested in becoming a guest author of next month's article?

You may email your entries, announcements, questions, comments, etc. to Kathy Kem at kathy.kem@brrarch.com. If you'd like to call instead, her number is 913-236-3385.

March KCAPA Luncheon

**When Good Plans Meet a Tough Economy:
Case Studies of Mission Gateway and Merriam Village**

Friday, March 12 - Sylvester Powell Community Center, Mission KS

11:30 - Registration begins
12:00 - Luncheon & program

\$20 includes lunch and 1.5 CM credits (approval pending)
RSVP to Jim Hubbell at jhubbell@marc.org by Monday, March 8

The development plan is great. The project has received all the necessary approvals. Public response has been positive. Perhaps the developer has even broken ground. But what happens when the economy creates an unexpected obstacle?

Join us to learn how two cities - Mission and Merriam - are addressing the challenges created by the recession regarding two key redevelopment projects.

Mission Gateway was first proposed in 2005 (and was the subject of a previous Luncheon program). This mixed use development was planned to replace the Mission Center mall, which was demolished as part of the project. The development was planned to include an upscale hotel, retail and office space, a parking garage, and residential units, as well as the Kansas Aquarium. STAR bonds were approved for the development.

Merriam Village is immediately south of the successful Merriam Town Center development, which was completed in the 1990s. This project involved the redevelopment of an older residential neighborhood into a predominately retail development which included a 90 room hotel and future residential component. A Circuit City store which was an anchor of the development briefly opened in 2009 before closing.

Speakers:

Martin Rivarola, AICP - Community Development Director, Mission KS
Bryan Dyer, AICP - Community Development Director, Merriam KS

Kansas APA Chapter Events

It is with great pleasure that the KCAPA passes along an invitation from the Kansas APA Chapter to attend two upcoming events on March 5th and 6th in Lawrence, KS.

APA-Kansas Spring Symposium & Mobile Workshop

The Kansas - Missouri Border War and the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area

RSVP Required by Tuesday, March 2 - 50 person maximum
Friday, March 5, 8 am - 4 pm
Eldridge Hotel, Lawrence
\$30 payable on-site (cash or check only); Registration fee includes lunch
6 CM Credits Pending Approval from AICP

The Spring Symposium will begin with an overview of the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA) at the historic Eldridge Hotel, followed by a guided walking tour of downtown Lawrence. Then, hop on the bus to visit several other historic sites in Douglas County and Shawnee County and learn more about the FFNHA. Non-members are welcome to join us.

RSVP to Annie Driver at adriver@topeka.org or 785-368-3010 to save a seat on the bus! Don't wait until all the seats are taken!

KU - MU Men's Basketball Watch Party

Maceli's in downtown Lawrence, KS
1031 New Hampshire
Saturday, March 6, 1-4 PM
\$10 payable on-site (cash or check only)

RSVP to Lisa Koch at lisak@ksdot.org.

APA KS Invites you to attend:

KU - MU

Men's Basketball Game Watch Party

Saturday, March 6th
1pm - 4pm

\$10 at the door
Appetizers Provided
Cash Bar

Maceli's
Downtown Lawrence
1031 New Hampshire

RSVP to lisak@ksdot.org

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Sincerely,

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