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Recap: KC Design Week Event - Branding and Building a New New York

We had a successful KC Design Week event the afternoon of Tuesday, March 31st. The program was titled “**Branding and Building a New New York**” and focused on New York City’s waterfront transformation and revitalization over the past decade. Justin Garrett Moore, a Senior Urban Designer with the NYC Department of City Planning, was the guest speaker for the event and gave an intriguing presentation. A mix of over 60 planners, architects, and designers attended the event.

A big thanks to Ryan McKay and Amanda Anderson for helping coordinate the event, Corey Fischer for picking up our speaker from the airport and giving him a tour of Kansas City, and to the KCAPA Board for treating our speaker to dinner the evening of March 30th!



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Recap: Speed Networking Event

We had another successful KCAPA program on March 2, 2015 at the University of Missouri-Kansas City! The program was titled "Speed Networking". Approximately 10 UMKC students participated and we had 12 professionals volunteer. Students in the Urban Planning and Design program had their resumes critiqued by professional planners and received interview advice in a fun, fast, round robin format. UMKC was very appreciative of the event and said it was helpful for preparing students who are looking for internships. Thank you to Sara Copeland (North Kansas City, Community Development Director) for organizing Speed Networking!



2015 APA Webinar Conferences



Planning Commissioner Ethics

APA course description: "The decisions that come out of planning commissions need to be fair, inclusive, legal, and in sync with sound planning. Meeting those standards is the responsibility of every planning commissioner and official. What are the rules and roles? How should meetings and decisions be handled? Hear from veteran planning commissioners, an attorney, and planning directors and staff who work with commissioners. They'll share best practices, lessons learned, ways to avoid legal pitfalls, and insights into creating trust and mutual respect."

April 20, 2015 | 6:15pm - 7:45 pm

MARC Conference Center | 600 Broadway, Suite 200, KCMO

AICP CM | 1.5

Register:
No charge

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Big Chance Lecture

APA course description: "Delve into key topics on the AICP APA course description: "If you had one chance, what would you say to planners? Bruce J. Katz, founding director of the Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program, steps up to the challenge — and the microphone — in APA's inaugural Big Chance Lecture. Katz is one of America's most prominent and articulate voices for urban issues. His work focuses on how practitioners around the country are producing more and better jobs driven by innovation, exports, and sustainability. What he has to say is sure to resonate with planners everywhere."

May 13, 2015 | 3:00pm – 4:00pm
MARC Conference Center | 600 Broadway, Suite 200, KCMO
AICP CM | 1.0

Register:
No charge

[Register Online](#)

2015 Planning & Zoning Commissioners Workshops



Effective Meetings: Response to Common Citizen Concerns

"Be prepared for citizens' questions and you can have a viable outcome during the decision making process."

Planning and zoning commissioners hear concerns from residents during the development review process. Citizens are concerned about whether potential

developments will lower property values, increase traffic and cause school overcrowding. In this workshop, panelists will provide factual information that commissioners should know when addressing citizens' concerns. Attendees will learn how to evaluate the possible impacts of a proposed development and reasons for making a good record of the decision making process.

Moderator:

Dave Knopick has 25 years of experience in regulatory, planning, design, building and development projects. He is the past community development director for the city of Lenexa, Kansas, and served as urban planning and design studio leader with Gould Evans Architecture.

Speakers:

Paul A. Welcome serves as county appraiser for Johnson County, Kansas. In this role he manages a staff of approximately 86 employees and maintains the valuation and records for approximately 215,000 parcels. He holds a certified assessment evaluator (CAE) designation from the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) and is a registered mass appraiser for the state of Kansas.

Jeff McKerrow is a licensed professional engineer with nearly 20 years of experience in both the public and private sectors. As a consultant, he has worked for both developers and governmental entities. McKerrow was a traffic engineer for the city of Lee's Summit, Missouri, for three years and he currently serves as the area leader for the Kansas City and St. Louis offices of TranSystems Corporation, a national engineering firm headquartered in Kansas City.

May 13, 2015 | 6:00pm – 8:30pm

MARC Conference Center | 600 Broadway, Suite 200, KCMO

AICP CM | 2.0

Register:

\$25 per person.

\$20 per person for groups of three or more from the same organization.

A light dinner will be provided.

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Kansas City, Missouri

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Job/RFP Opportunities

The following jobs have been recently posted to KC APA's Website. [Click here](#) to view the current openings.

Job Opportunities

- City of Kansas City - Senior Planning Technician

RFP Opportunities

- Mid-America Alternative Fuels Corridor Study

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