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Letter From the KC APA President

Dear Members,

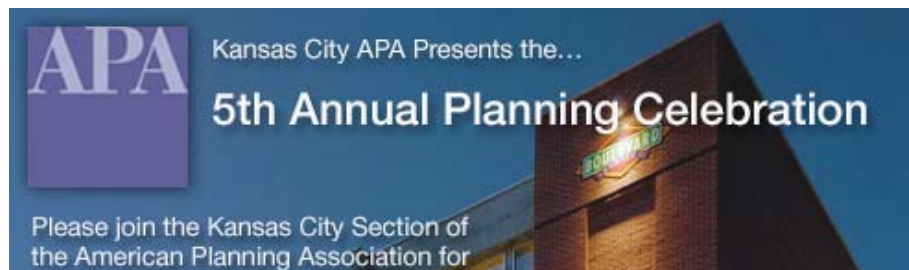
The 2013 year has kicked off with a lot of activity. The committees are in full swing generating ideas to serve the section as well as the community. This month, we have the annual Celebration of Planning at the Boulevard Brewery on March 6th. We hope you will all be able to make it. We also have Speed Networking at UMKC to help the students prepare for the internship fair. This is scheduled for March 15th and we are looking for volunteers (more detail below). Speaking of the Internship Fair, this is scheduled for April 5th and we have had a great response from employers, but there is still room for more. Lastly, thank you to all of our 2013 sponsors! He had a great response this year and with your support we will be offering many more exciting events and educational opportunities.

I am hopeful that all of the members can feel the momentum building for the section. We encourage you to get involved and help to make our section stronger.

See you at Boulevard Brewery!

Diane Binckley, AICP

5th Annual Planning Celebration at the Boulevard



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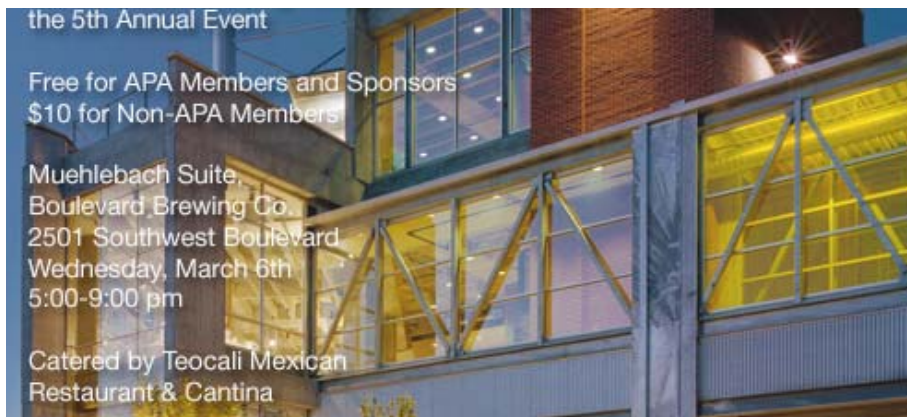


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Join us for the largest event of the year, our Annual Planning Celebration, on March 6th from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm. We will have food, drinks and prizes, but you must be present to win. Looking forward to seeing you there.

[Register Today and Pay Online](#)

Planning for the Professional World

UMKC students enrolled in the Urban Planning + Design program are invited to participate in a KCAPA program on advice for preparing for the professional world after school. This includes "speed" resume critiques and mock interview questions with planning professionals from both the public and private sector.

A panel of planning professionals will facilitate a follow-up discussion with the group and provide students tips on preparing for interviews and advice on proper dress attire.

Friday, March 15 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

UMKC Katz Hall

5005 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, MO 64111

KCAPA Internship Fair - Call for Employers

KCAPA, in partnership with UMKC, KU, KSU and our newest university partner, Missouri State, invite planning agencies, firms and non-profits to participate in an internship fair to connect local planning students with planning practitioners who are interested in offering paid or unpaid internship opportunities in Summer 2013. The internship fair will be held at UMKC, Katz Hall, on April 5th, from 1:00-4:00pm. If your firm/agency is interested in participating, please submit a summary of your internship opportunity using [this form](#) to Sungyop

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CM Approvals

The Pathway to Transition: Efforts of NATO Training Mission was approved for 1.5 CM Credits.

Kim at kims@umkc.edu or Shannon Jaax at sjaax@kcmsd.net by March 15.

Friday, April 5 from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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KC APA Legislative Update

Kansas Legislature

Last week, two important deadlines passed in the Kansas legislature. February 13th was the last day for individuals to introduce bills for the session and February 15th was the last day for committees (except the following: House Appropriations, Calendar and Printing and Taxation, House and Senate Federal and State Affairs, and the Senate Ways and Means) to introduce bills.

Friday March 1st is Turnaround Day – the last day to consider bills in the house of origin. If bills are not considered in either the House or Senate by Friday, the bills are considered dead by the session.

One of the potential bills that falls into this category of “Dead by Session” is **House Bill 2366** which has been introduced by the Chairman of the Energy and Environment Committee, Rep. Dennis Hedke. The bill would prohibit the use of public funds to support promote, mandate, require order, incentivize, advocate, plan for, participate in or implement sustainable development. As the committee hearing scheduled for February 26th was cancelled early last week, this bill will likely not be considered in 2013. However, as the session runs through 2014, the bill could potentially be considered in the next calendar year. The Kansas Chapter of the APA does not anticipate this bill passing through committee. Regardless, KS APA is currently drafting a written statement opposing the proposed bill to be included in the record if and when a hearing regarding HB 2366 is conducted.

Other bills of interest include **SB 32** regarding local environmental protection programs; **HB 2086** concerning eligible infrastructure costs for tax increment financing, community improvement districts and bond repayment tax revenue pledge requirements; **HB 2367** related to the siting and setback requirements of wind turbines; **SB 45** and **SB 109** prohibiting the use of state appropriated moneys and public funds to lobby at the state and local government level; **SB 170** regarding county abatement of nuisances, **HB 2075** regarding city qualifications and rehabilitation of abandoned property, **SB 10** regarding limited charges related to Open Meetings requests, **HB 2012** and **HB 2128** related to exemptions to Open Records Act and the disclosure of public records, **HB 2054** the Community Defense Act related to sexually oriented businesses, **HB 2089** concerning the preservation of historic properties, **HB 2310** related to the Highway Advertising Control Act and unzoned commercial or industrial area qualifications for billboard signs, and finally several bills that were introduced looking to move local elections to the fall, while requiring the election of all officers of municipalities be on a partisan basis. One of these bills currently being considered is **HB 2271**.

KCAPA will keep its membership apprised of legislative happenings as the 2013 session progresses. To learn more about current bills, details related to specific legislation, the legislative process and what it means for your community, please visit the Kansas Legislature webpage at www.kslegislature.org. Additionally, if there is a specific bill or legislation you would like KCAPA to follow, please contact the KCAPA Board members. Contact information is located on the KCAPA website at <http://www.kc-apa.org> under the “About APA” tab.

Missouri Legislature

Transportation: As expected, legislation has been proposed to address the state’s transportation financing needs. A bill calling for a temporary, 10-year, one-cent general sales/use tax dedicated specifically to transportation needs has been submitted and is gaining support. The tax, requiring voter approval, would generate approximately \$8 billion over its 10-year life. Initial plans call

would generate approximately \$2 billion over its 10 year life. Initial plans call for 10% of this funding to be distributed to cities and counties consistent with past state funding models to be spent on local transportation and multi-modal projects. Investing \$1 billion of the new funds would allow MoDOT to build a new I-70 within the first five years of the tax. The remaining funds will be allocated by MoDOT to address statewide transportation needs.

MoDOT has initiated a statewide engagement effort called “On the Move” to update Missouri’s long-term transportation plan. The Department is seeking direction regarding transportation priorities from Missourians across the state through a series of Listening Sessions, a mobile tour and virtual forums over the next several months. More information can be found at:

www.MissouriOntheMove.org

Tax Credits: The General Assembly has begun debate on the State’s various tax credit programs. Senate Bill 120 creating the Missouri Export Incentive Act

now contains clauses that significantly lower caps on historic preservation and low-income housing tax credits. The bill has been voted out of committee and is expected to be the vehicle for additional tax credit reform proposals as further revisions are made on the Senate floor.

“Sunshine Law”: Missouri lawmakers endorsed measures aimed at providing greater notice of government meetings and information. Senate Bill 122 would require that most governmental bodies give notice 48 hours before meetings, instead of the current 24 hours. The bill also reverses the burden of proof declaring there is a presumption that all public meetings, records and votes are open unless proven otherwise by the governmental body. The House proposal would make records and flight logs pertaining to flights by lawmakers and statewide officials a public record after the trip.

Solid Waste Management Districts: Senate Bill 13 would eliminate the State’s Solid Waste Management Districts, reduce tipping fees for waste haulers and consolidate the solid waste management grant program directly under the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. This program funds regional initiatives throughout the state to reduce the waste stream going into Missouri’s landfills and are currently administered and governed locally by SWM Districts that cover the entire state – including the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District www.marc.org/environmental/solidwaste/. While the bill has been voted out of committee, several key legislators have expressed their concern with total elimination of the regional program and are evaluating other alternatives.

Agenda 21: Following their Kansas colleagues, the Missouri House is responding to certain anti-United Nations sentiments by considering House Bill 42 that would prohibit the state and all political subdivisions from adopting or implementing United Nations or international environmental and developmental policies that infringe or restrict private property rights without due process. It is not certain this bill will gain momentum in the House and its practical effect if approved would appear questionable on standard community development activities.

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