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SPO Student Planning Organization

SPO NEEDS NEW E-BOARD MEMBERS, ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS, MEMBER SUGGESTIONS & MORE! (SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS)
Professionals within the planning field are realizing more and more, with each passing year, how necessary it is to create comprehensive plans and sustainable designs.

The push for comprehensive planning is a push for recognizing numerous factors that impact the functioning of our physical environment, especially if their natural significances are disregarded or devalued. The added push for sustainable designs and innovative thinking on top of this, especially in respect to our physical infrastructure, is a push for designing for resilience, regeneration, and most importantly, sustainability, as efficiently as possible.

Europeans, in particular, have embraced these concepts, challenges, and goals, by having their planners focus heavily on promoting the integration between urban, environmental, and land use planning intermixed with extremely innovative architectural designing measures in order to move their countries towards greater sustainability.

One of the newest Dutch designs created suggests integrating an apartment complex, a silent/motionless wind turbine, a rain water capture system, a tap water recycling system, and a bio gas collector all together into one piece of infrastructure, one that would be surrounded by a wetland.

Tampa Bay is about to get a little more crafty. Rudy Ciccarello, Founder of Florida Infusion Services, will invest over $35 million to capitalize a Downtown St. Petersburg parcel, for the construction a 100,000 square foot building. This building will serve as the future home of the Museum of the American Arts And Crafts Movement.

The museum will house an eclectic collection of over 1,300 handcrafted objects, with work dating from the 1900s to the 1930s. While the new museum is not officially scheduled to open until 2017, grounds will be breaking soon.

In February of 2007, the City of St. Petersburg’s Department Review Commission approved the first phase of development, by constructing a designated parking lot space for a portion of the parcel. Ciccarello’s choice of housing the Museum of the American Arts And Crafts Movement in St. Petersburg was far from accidental. “I looked at other possible sites for the museum but for a number of reasons I felt St. Petersburg was the ideal location... The Museum will be close to the Dali, Chihuly, fine dining, and a great community that is very supportive of the arts.” he proudly stated.

As someone who studies and tracks the cultural and economic impacts of arts-centered development initiatives around the Tampa Bay region, this land use update was quite a delight for me to hear about! Since their inceptions, complimentary arts development enterprises, such as St. Petersburg’s Warehouse Arts District, and the Tampa Museum of Art, have already played significant roles in furthering Tampa Bay’s reputation as an emerging cosmopolitan destination for social and cultural enrichment. I look forward to continue following the updates for the inception of this new museum.

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INHABITAT
AUTOMOBILE DEPENDENCY  
written by: TIA CLARIDGE

The development of the automobile has made us excessively auto-dependent. Cars are used for almost every type of trip, including short trips which would otherwise be easy to walk or bike.

The automobile has had such a tremendous impact on how we travel that we design cities to accommodate the automobile more than we design them to accommodate people.

Luckily, many cities are realizing the importance of multimodal transportation and most significantly the importance of the walkability and bikeability of their communities.

The article below highlights some of the misconceptions that have led many cities to remain behind the curve by failing to create communities that support pedestrians and bicyclist.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
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Planetizen  
http://www.planetizen.com/node/66268

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
written by: ROBERT BOYD

Transportation planning is an important aspect of planning for the future. With that, careful considerations must be made to accommodate the needs of a growing population.

In essence, it is essentially the confluence of a number of different disciplines coming together in the first stages of the development of plans, policies and legislative activities, funding, and project development.

It is the evaluation, assessment, design and siting of transport facilities to meet growing demands. This comes to include roadways, highways, parking, as well as bike lanes and public transport.

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DOT  

ITE  
http://www.ite.org/planning/

KPBS  

Deseret News  

TACTICAL URBANISM  
written by: KATRINA CORCORAN

Tactical urbanism is an emerging field in the area of planning. It is meant to improve the livability of cities through inexpensive, quick projects that may spark long-term change and improve the lives of inhabitants.

Projects can be temporary, guerrilla, pop-up, and DIY, just to name a few. The projects are often community-based with realistic goals. An example of a widespread project is called Park(ing) Day, in which parking spots are turned into temporary parks.

Due to economic challenges and lack of funding, tactical urbanism is becoming a more well-known way for planners to interact with their communities while improving the city on a budget.

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Planetizen  
http://www.planetizen.com/node/54838

City Lab  
http://www.citylab.com/design/2012/03/guide-tactical-urbanism/13877/
**Messages from Dr. Linkous**

**APA NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

WHEN: April 18-21, 2015
WHERE: Seattle, Washington

*Interested in going?*

For further details about attending with fellow SPO members and possible travel assistance contact Mara Latorre

mlatorre@mail.usf.edu

**APA FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

WHEN: September 8-11, 2015
WHERE: Hollywood, Florida

*Interested in going?*

Start making your plans to attend the APA Florida annual conference!

This is a great opportunity to network with planning students from around the state, as well as professionals.

We’ll keep you posted about opportunities to do student presentations and receive scholarships!

Check with current MURP students Mara Latorre (mlatorre@mail.usf.edu) and Matrell Everett (matrell@mail.usf.edu) about the great time they had attending this conference in 2014!

**Plan ahead!**

The APA Florida annual conference is coming to the Tampa Bay area in 2016. Get involved with APA Sun Coast if you’d like to be part of helping plan this event!

Contact Tia Claridge (tclaridge@mail.usf.edu) or Dr. Linkous for more information (elinkous@usf.edu).

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**SPO SPRING 2015 COLLOQUIUM**

*Interested in attending?*

The Student Planning Organization in conjunction with the LiveMove Student Group is inviting students to attend and participate in the Spring 2015 Colloquium on Tuesday, March 24th, 2015 from 12:30pm - 4pm in MSC 2707.

This event was developed to bring together individuals from diverse educational backgrounds with related interests and allow them to exchange ideas and knowledge.

Keynote speakers include Rick Kilby, author of “Finding the Fountain of Youth: Ponce de León and Florida’s Magical Waters” and Dr. Mark Hafen, Senior Instructor at USF and Assistant Director of the School of Public Affairs.

**RSVP**

[http://goo.gl/forms/Mx8lDZsVFM](http://goo.gl/forms/Mx8lDZsVFM)

**Interested in presenting?**

Participating in this colloquium allows you to share your research, interests and projects with USF students, faculty and staff.

Presentations can include course projects, conference presentations, personal research, etc.

Presentations can be related to:

- Planning
- Environmental Issues
- Transportation
- Livability

Participants will have 10 minutes to present their topic and 5 minutes to answer any questions given by the audience.

If you are interested in presenting, **RSVP** [http://goo.gl/forms/Mx8lDZsVFM](http://goo.gl/forms/Mx8lDZsVFM) and follow the steps to sign up as a presenter.

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SPO END OF THE YEAR SOCIAL

THE SCHOOL YEAR IS ALMOST DONE... ARE YOU EXCITED? WE ARE! Celebrate with us!

WHEN: Friday, April 3, 2015
WHERE: Stantec
2205 N. 20th Street
Tampa, FL, 33605
TIME: 2:00 PM - 5 PM

Our end of the year social will be in conjunction with the APA Suncoast section! It will be a two part event.

FIRST PORTION: At 2:00 PM
It will consist of an interactive discussion panel with APA Suncoast planning professionals. Be on the lookout for more information on the panelists portion!

SECOND PORTION:
The second will be a meet and greet/mixer, which will be an excellent opportunity to network, socialize and have fun! Further details to come as we get closer to the event.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER

We're here for you, so we listen! If you have any suggestions for us in terms of what you're looking to see in the newsletters, what you're looking to see from the e-board, or what you're looking to see from the organization overall, please let us know!

We are looking for student submissions and this will be on-going! The field of planning encompasses so much more than you know... and because of this, we want to showcase as many as we can through this newsletter.

No matter what aspect of planning that you're interesting in, or through research you find that you are now interested in, we want to hear/read about it! Educate the rest of us on one (or more) of the many different subsets of this field.

If you have any questions or are interested in contributing to the newsletter content, please email Monica Martin (monicamartin@mail.usf.edu) for further details!

SUGGESTIONS FOR US?

Interested in writing with us?

Interested in becoming an e-board member? Looking for an opportunity to get involved, make professional connections and have a title to add to your resume?

The SPO is currently looking for e-board members!

We currently have two new positions that need to be filled as soon as possible:
- Communications Chair
- Events Chair

As well, we will be taking nominations for our open voting on all of our currently held positions:
- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Membership Chair
- Historian
- Treasurer

If you are interested in knowing more about any of these positions before nominating yourself, please e-mail Tia Claridge (tclaridge@mail.usf.edu) ASAP!

Interested in nominating yourself?

REGISTER:
March 16-30, 2015
VIA:
http://goo.gl/forms/xOF7pp1Oj9
Elections (voting) will happen from April 6-10, 2015.

Good luck!

https://www.linkedin.com/groups?id=8157939&mostPopular=&trk=tyah&trkinfo=idx%3A1-1%2Ctclrd%3A1425529189694%2Ctas%3Ausf+urban