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PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FALL PLANNING WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12
8:30 A.M. — 12:30 P.M.

AGENDA

- 8:30 – 9:00Registration, Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 – 9:10**Establishing the Framework: Why Sustainable Growth?**
*Jeff Taebel, FAICP, Director of Community and Environmental Planning,
Houston-Galveston Area Council*
- 9:10 – 9:20 **Welcoming Remarks**
The Honorable Glenn Beckendorff, Waller County Commissioner, Precinct 4
- 9:20 – 10:15 **Revitalization as an Economic Engine**
Economic Development and Sustainable Planning
Steven R. Spillette, Principal, Spillette Consulting
- How to bring communities back to life**
How to create downtown public spaces
The Honorable Tommy Kuykendall, Mayor, City of Fulshear
- 10:15 – 10:30**Break**
- 10:30 – 11:10 **Dealing with Density**
Creating codes that allow for a variety of housing types
Overcoming political or public resistance to density
James D. Hill, AIA, AICP, Managing Principal, Civic Design Associates
- 11:10 – 11:25**Dealing with Density Reality Check**
Lata Krishnarao, AICP, Planning Director, City of Pearland
- 11:25 – 12:15 **Successful Strategies for Designing with Nature**
Why and how should planning integrate conservation?
What tools exist for local governments and local case studies?
Gary Mitchell, AICP, Vice-President, Kendig Keast Associates
- 12:15 – 12:30 **H-GAC Tools and Concluding Remarks**
Jeff Taebel, FAICP, H-GAC

PLANNING RESOURCES

SMART GROWTH

Smart Growth Online: www.smartgrowth.org/Default.asp?res=1280

Coalition of national, state, and local organizations promoting Smart Growth:
www.smartgrowthamerica.org

Policy Guide on Smart Growth:
www.planning.org/policy/guides/adopted/smartgrowth.htm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/REVITALIZATION

Economic Development Toolbox: www.planning.org/eda/toolkit

DENSITY

Compact Development for More Livable Communities:
www.lgc.org/freepub/docs/community_design/focus/compact_development.pdf

Creating Density in Your Neighborhoods:
www.lgc.org/freepub/docs/community_design/reports/density_manual.pdf

RURAL PLANNING AND CONSERVATION PLANNING

Conservation Subdivisions: www.landchoices.org/conservationsubs.htm

Conservation into Local Plans/Ordinances: www.greenerprospects.com/gg_d.html

Conservation Subdivision Case Study:
www.downloadtheordinance.org and
www.downloadtheordinance.org/westvincent2008-03.pdf

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Historic Preservation Frequently Asked Questions (and implementation tools):
www.preservationnation.org/resources/faq

Texas Main Street Program: www.thc.state.tx.us/mainstreet/msdefault.shtml

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

The Transportation Planning Process – for Decision-makers, Officials, and Staff:
www.planning.dot.gov/documents/briefingbook/bbook.htm#1BB

SPEAKERS



Gary Mitchell

facilities, public services, parking, bicycle/ pedestrian circulation, downtowns, neighborhoods, special districts, environmental and cultural resources, park systems and trail networks, historic preservation, urban design, and transit-supportive station area planning.

Gary Mitchell, AICP, is Vice President of Kendig Keast Collaborative, based in Sugar Land. Over his 21-year career, Mr. Mitchell has had the opportunity to complete a wide variety of plans and special studies addressing: land use, transportation, growth management and annexation, housing, economic development, infrastructure, community

Prior to consulting, Mr. Mitchell was with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (1990-99), eventually serving as Chief Regional Planner. Mr. Mitchell earned his Master of Urban Planning at Texas A&M University and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics at the University of Texas at Austin.

PLANNING RESOURCES

PLANNING

Planning overview: www.planning.org/aboutplanning/whatisplanning.htm

Current planning topics and news: www.planetizen.com

H-GAC's Planning Toolbox: subregional.h-gac.com/planning_tools.html

H-GAC Call for Studies: subregional.h-gac.com/planning_tools.html

SUSTAINABILITY

Environmental Protection Agency's definition: www.epa.gov/sustainability/basicinfo.htm

H-GAC's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant:
www.h-gac.com/community/sustainability/default.aspx

Audubon International Community Initiative: www.sustainablecommunityinitiative.com

SPEAKERS



Jeff Taebel

Jeff Taebel FAICP, is Director of Community and Environmental Planning at the H-GAC, where he oversees the agency's community and environmental planning, socioeconomic modeling, economic development, community enhancement and disaster recovery initiatives. He has 28 years of experience in urban and regional planning, including 23 in his current position.

Actively involved in community service, professional development and planning education, Mr. Taebel is a former President of the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association and in 2008 was inducted as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Mr. Taebel received a Master of Urban Planning from Texas A&M University and a Bachelor of Science in Life Sciences from the University of Nebraska.



The Honorable
Glenn
Beckendorff

Glenn Beckendorff, Waller County Judge-elect, has served Waller County as Precinct 4 Commissioner for more than four years.

Mr. Beckendorff holds a Master's Degree in Education and taught vocational agriculture/Future Farmers of America at the high school level for many years. He was voted Outstanding Young Agriculture Teacher in Texas in 1976.

He is an honorary member of Texas FFA. He has served on founding committees for the district livestock judging contest and the district Ag Mechanics contest (which is now the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo State Ag Mechanics Contest). In addition, he has been a licensed auctioneer for over 30 years, where he helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to benefit a variety of civic, church and youth organizations. He served on the Board of Trustees for Katy Independent School District and on the Board of Directors for the Texas Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. He is a member of the H-GAC Board of Directors.

SPEAKERS



Steven R. Spillette

Steven R. Spillette is an urban development strategist providing real estate and urban planning guidance to both public and private sector clients. He evaluates the options available for obtaining desired market-supported results to create better developments, districts, towns and cities. The application of extensive urban development knowledge aids clients in creating and realizing strategic visions for properties and communities.

Mr. Spillette has engaged in a wide range of services and products for his clients, including development codes, market analysis, economic development agreements, and special district planning. He holds economics, city planning and business administration degrees from Stanford University, UC Berkeley and Texas A&M. Prior to starting his own firm, he worked for the national research and analysis firm Economics Research Associates, the Uptown Houston Improvement District and the Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M University. He currently has a business alliance with CDS Market Research.



The Honorable
Tommy
Kuykendall

Mayor Tommy Kuykendall was elected to serve the City of Fulshear in May 2010. Mr. Kuykendall was re-elected as the president of the Fulshear Development Corporation in July 2010 and previously served the City of Fulshear on the Fulshear Planning Commission from 2002 to 2010.

Mr. Kuykendall graduated from B.F. Terry High School in Rosenberg, Texas. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He has volunteered in various roles with the American Society of Engineers Houston Branch, serving as president of this 3,000 member organization in 2007. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Central Fort Bend Chamber Alliance and is a member of the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Kuykendall is a licensed Professional Engineer working as Vice President and Manager of the Houston Branch of CivilCorp, LLC, providing civil engineering and surveying services to governmental, municipal and private clients.

SPEAKERS



James D. Hill

James D. Hill, AIA, AICP, is the managing principal of Civic Design Associates, an urban planning and architecture firm in Houston.

His firm engages in a wide range of community master plans, traditional neighborhood design plans and pattern books, and urban infill architecture, although he considers the firm's specialty to be the complex, multivalent problems of large scale urban redevelopment and its regulation.

Mr. Hill is a graduate engineer, architect, and planner, which together with growing up in Europe and living in unzoned Houston, lends a broad and multi-disciplinary perspective to his work.



Lata Krishnarao

Lata Krishnarao, AICP, is the Planning Director for the Planning Department of the City of Pearland. In this position, she is responsible for current and future planning; assisting the public in all planning and zoning matters; providing staff support to the Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council and Zoning Board of Adjustments; and working on the update of the Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Code Ordinance.

Ms. Krishnarao's educational background includes a Master's Degree in Architecture and a Master's Degree in Urban Planning. She has worked in Planning for the past 20 years, with seven of those years in Pearland. Prior to Pearland, she was employed by the City of Meriden, Connecticut, as Assistant Director of Planning.