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### Letter from the KC-APA President

Dear Members & Sponsors,


Well, it's been quite a year! 2015 was busy with a lot of activity. As I'm sure everyone is aware, we've spent the better part of the year planning the 2015 Quad State Planning Conference. Over the course of the Conference we had 550 attendees from the four core sponsor states, but also from Illinois, New York, Florida, Arizona, Iowa, Ohio, Nebraska, Texas and Colorado. The conference also offered a total of 105 credit hours of continuing education. It turned out to be quite the successful conference. A special thank-you to Diane Binckley and Ryan McKay for their Co-Chair leadership, as well as the rest of the Conference Committee.

KC-APA has also continued to provide numerous continuing educational opportunities to our membership. As with 2014, the KC-APA has continued its partnership with MARC to provide continuing educational opportunities for local professionals and interested parties. In 2015 we partnered on 15 events with over 43 hours of CM credits. KC-APA has sponsored an additional 7 events for over 400 individuals providing 8 hours of CM credits. This local continuing education opportunity provides a low-cost opportunity to maintaining certifications for our membership.

Beginning 2015, the KC-APA has also become a charter member of the Center for Architecture and Design (CfAD). The CfAD is a joint collaboration of the local chapters of the AIA (architects), IIDA (interior designers), AIGA (graphic artists), PGASLA (landscape architects), APA (urban planners) and the IDSA (industrial designers). The CfAD mission is to serve as an association of design-minded individuals, advancing and promoting the design profession, and providing a forum for discussion, collaboration, and the promotion of quality design. With this collaboration the KC-APA has had the opportunity to further promote the planning professional amongst our peer design organizations.

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from Shawn Strate and Chris Chiodini will take over Treasurer duties from Joe Rexwinkle. Tom Worker-Braddock retained his At-Large seat. We'd like to thank Shawn and Joe for the many years of contribution to make KC-APA a successful organization. They will be sorely missed!

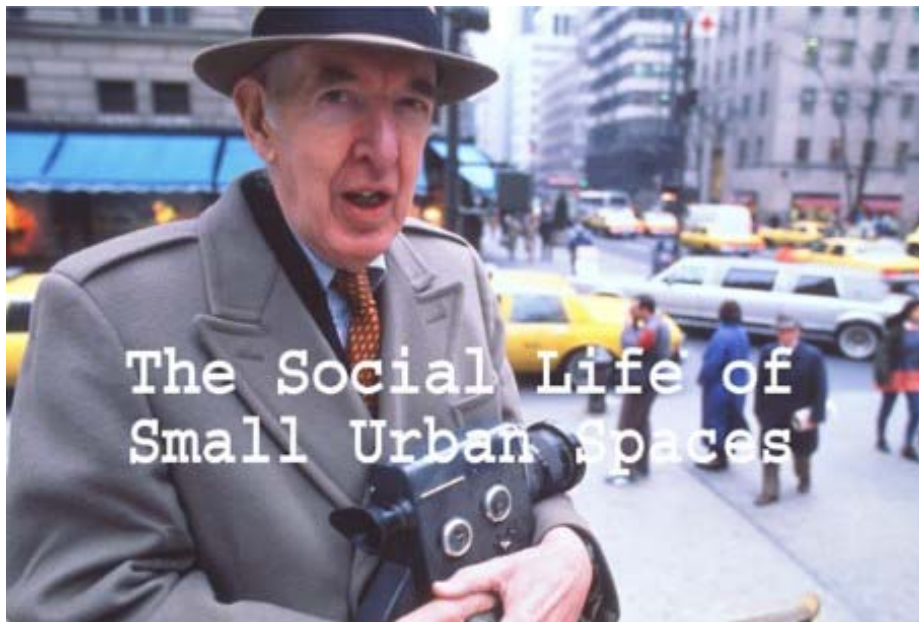
Lastly, thank you to all of our 2015 sponsors! Without their support many of the activities I've mentioned would not be possible. We had a great response this year and sponsorship support is essential to providing events and educational opportunities.

Happy New Year!

Jim Potter, AICP

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## January Event: Social Life of Small Urban Spaces



January 25, 2016 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Center for Architecture & Design | 1801 McGee, Suite 100, KCMO

Join the Kansas City Metropolitan Section of the American Planning Association (KCAPA) and University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) Architecture, Urban Planning + Design program as we view William H. Whyte's highly influential architecture and planning film "Social Life of Small Urban Places". Whyte's classic 1980 study of New York Plazas presents an engaging and informative tour of the urban landscape; he covers a total of 16 plazas, 3 small parks and discusses the successes and failures of each.

The film is approximately 58 minutes in length. Following its viewing, a discussion on urban space, form, public and social interaction will be facilitated

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legacy of William H. Whyte's work and how it's still taught in academic settings today.

**Cost: Free**

**Food/Drinks: KCAPA will be providing snacks and beverages**

**Professional Credits: 1.5 CM (pending)**

We hope to see you there!

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## MARC | Transportation Futures Symposium

**February 17, 2016 | 12:30pm - 3:00pm**

**Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts**

It's a remarkable time for human mobility in both Kansas City and across the country, as we are at the dawning of significant transformation. New technologies — ranging from driverless cars to connected freight convoys — will create profound benefits and implications for our cities, economies, and infrastructure.

These new technologies hold the promise of safer, greener, and more efficient transportation, yet also raise questions about planning and public policy. To understand and prepare for these coming advancements, the Mid-America Regional Council, the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City, and a number of community partners are launching a series of events to expand community dialog around transportation.

Please join us for our kickoff event on February 17, featuring William Clay (Bill) Ford Jr., Executive Chairman of Ford Motor Company, followed by a panel discussion and Q&A with prominent local leaders. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. [Reserve your spot today.](#)

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## March Event: 8th Annual Planning Celebration

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**8th Annual Planning Celebration**

Please join the Kansas City Section of the American Planning Association for its 8th Annual Event. It's an opportunity for planning & design professionals to gather, socialize and network with one another.

Free for APA Members and Sponsors  
\$10 for Non-APA Members

Muehlebach Suite,  
Boulevard Brewing Co.  
2501 Southwest Boulevard  
Wednesday, March 23rd  
5:00-9:00 pm

Drinks and catering provided

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