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Dear KCAPA Member,

Welcome to the May issue of the KC APA Newsletter. There's a lot going on locally in the field of planning, so check out some of the great trainings and seminars that KC APA's sponsors and partner organizations are hosting in May and June. Members can earn up to 10.5 CM credits from 7 eligible events. And be sure not to miss our member highlight this month - Ralph Ochsner - whose firm Ochsner Hare & Hare is the oldest continuously operating planning and landscape architecture firm in the nation and is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2010. Thanks for reading!



KCAPA Gives Back-Come Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity! Saturday, June 19th

Members have expressed an interest in the KCAPA Section offering opportunities to volunteer in the community. For our first KCAPA-sponsored event on Saturday, June 19th, we will be partnering with Habitat for Humanity. We are looking for 15 volunteers interested in helping a low-income family fulfill their dream of home ownership.

The work day will be from 8am - 3pm and volunteers will need to bring their own work gloves and appropriate footwear. This will be a great opportunity to give back while getting to know your fellow



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KCAPA members. Please email Shannon Jaax, shannon_jaax@kcmo.org, if you are interested. Sign-up will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Kansas APA Call for Proposals

Conference Session Proposals Due May 19

Build your resume and share your expertise with others by submitting a conference session proposal. Session proposals on any topic are welcome and anyone is eligible to submit a proposal, whether or not they are a member of APA-Kansas. If you have recently completed a planning initiative that others may be interested in, or if you would like the conference to include a particular topic, we encourage you to submit a session proposal. Additional information and the complete Call for Sessions is available online at

<http://www.planning.org/chapters/kansas/conference/>. If you have questions, contact Chad Bunger, the 2010 conference chair, at 785-587-2412 or bunger@ci.manhattan.ks.us. Session proposals must be made using the form available online and are due by Wednesday, May 19.

BWR 2010 Seminar Series

Trends in the New Economy - Panel Discussion What Will the "New Normal" Look Like? May 21st



BWR | Right in the Center

Tim Underwood - Moderator and Trends Analyst *What is the New Normal Beginning to Look Like*

Bill Ebel - Development Manager
What Are Emerging Trends for Cities in the New Economy?

Brenner Holland - Construction Manager
What Are Trends for the Private Sector in the New Economy?

Friday, May 21, 2010

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Community Center, 6901 N. Holmes Gladstone, MO 64118

The "New Normal" Seminar is set for MARC's monthly meeting of its 1st Suburbs Committee on Friday, May 21st in the Gladstone Community Center. Arrive early for the 1st Suburbs meeting (8:00 am) or at 9:30 am for the BWR-sponsored "New Normal" Seminar. AICP 1.5 CEUs (Submitted) · No Fee Charged · Refreshments



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RSVP or Questions call BWR at 816.363.2696.

Maya 22nd: ASLA Awards Event; Keynote Speaker NYC Planner Keith O'Connor



The Prairie Gateway Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architecture is having our annual awards event and speaker on May 22nd.

21st Century Infrastructure: Enhancing Livability through Urban Design

Keith will draw from his experiences working on the design of the High Line Project, the East River Waterfront

Esplanade, the Financial District Streetscape and Security projects to discuss the role of urban infrastructure in the 21st Century. Keith will highlight how landscape architecture and urban design is enhancing the livability of dense urban environments through innovative projects that are both open space design, as well as infrastructure projects.

RSVP at www.pgasta.org by May 12th.

Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach-May 25th, 11:00 am-12:30 pm

In partnership with the Kansas City Chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (KCITE), MARC is hosting a free viewing of the webinar "Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at MARC, 600 Broadway, KCMO 64105.

This webinar is presented by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). ITE has recently released a groundbreaking new recommended practice, *Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach*. This Web briefing will provide a detailed overview of the contents of this newly released report along with supplemental information and case studies to demonstrates real world implementation of the concepts included in this report. This report was produced by ITE and the Congress for the New Urbanism with financial support from FHWA and EPA. This Web briefing is ideal for transportation professionals including, urban architects, planners, landscape architects, land use planners, street design professionals and consultants and

government agencies.

Presenters: James M. Daisa, P.E., Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc., Pleasanton, California, and John Norquist, Congress for the New Urbanism, Chicago, Illinois

Credit: 1.5 PDH/Approved AICP Certification Maintenance (CM) credits for this activity.

Lunch will not be provided, but you are welcome to bring yours to eat during that time if you.

Please RSVP before the scheduled presentation by contacting Heidi Schallberg <hschallberg@marc.org>.

Infrastructure 2010: Investment Imperative **Friday, May 28th, 7:30-9:30 am**



Infrastructure 2010: Investment Imperative challenges the United States and other countries to start treating infrastructure like the investment that it is. With future economic prosperity on the line, strategic, long-term, and integrated investments in transportation, water, and energy infrastructure are imperative.

Building on extensive research, interviews, and data collection, Infrastructure 2010 reviews the specific water issues and concerns confronting 14 metropolitan areas throughout the country, including Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, New York, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami-Dade, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Seattle, San Francisco, St. Paul/Minneapolis, and Washington, D.C.

Guest speaker Ed McMahon holds the Charles E. Fraser Chair on Sustainable Development at the Urban Land Institute in Washington, DC where he is nationally known as an inspiring and thought provoking speaker and leading authority on topics related to sustainable development, land conservation, smart growth, and historic preservation.

The program will be rounded out with a responder panel discussion by leading local experts who will comment on the big picture, as well as discuss local trends.

Registration includes breakfast plus one complimentary copy of Infrastructure 2010: Investment Imperative (retail value \$15)

Registration Fees
(when pre-registered by May 26*)

ULI Members / Non-Members, Private\$35 / \$45
Public Sector, Nonprofit\$25 / \$35
Young Leader, (under 35)\$20 / \$30
Student (full-time)\$10 / \$20

Register Online: www.uli.org/register -or- Phone: (800) 321-5011
Meeting Code: 8114-1006

Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center
6200 Martway
Mission, KS 66202

1.5 CM Credits Pending

3 LEED-ND Webinars on 3 Fridays in June, 10:30-Noon



BWR sponsored Webinar Series 2010

Green Communities: Bringing Smart Growth and New Urbanism into LEED - **June 4th** - Compare the principles of smart growth and New Urbanism.

LEED for Neighborhood Development: Strategies for Urban Infill & Brownfield Redevelopment - **June 11th** Pilot projects located in urban locations or on former brownfields.

LEED for Neighborhood Development: A Tool to Retrofit the Suburbs - **June 18th** - Certified pilot projects located in suburban locations.

The "LEED-ND" Webinars are presented by the US Green Building Council (USGBC) in collaboration with others (see below).

The USGBC's mission statement: "To transform the way buildings and communities are designed, built and operated, enabling an environmentally and socially responsible, healthy, and prosperous environment that improves the quality of life."

AICP 1.5 CM Credits for Each Webinar
No Fee Charged
Refreshments Provided
10:30 to Noon

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RSVP Today! (816) 363-2696

APA Audio Conference-Free CM Credits Planning Law Review (1.5 CM Law Credits)

Wednesday, June 30 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Assess the legal landscape of the past year. Did changes on the Supreme Court result in a new direction? How have states been addressing planning issues-are we seeing the demise of ballot box initiatives? What progress has been made on climate change legislation? Have any new cases changed the course of planning? A panel of attorneys and legislative experts provides analysis. CM 1.5 LAW1.

Merriam, KS Location: BRR Architecture, 6700 Antioch Plaza, #300 (third floor). Contact Kathy Kem at kathy.kem@brrarch.com or 913-236-3385 to RSVP, or if you have questions.

KCAPA Member Spotlight-Ralph Oshsner

OHH-Chief Executive Officer



Ralph Ochsner is a native Oklahoman, who attended the University of Oklahoma and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology in 1957, and his Master of Regional and City Planning in 1960. He received a PhD. in Public Policy Analysis and Administration in 1984 from St. Louis University.

Ralph was the City Planner for the City of Stillwater, Oklahoma, from 1959-1963, when he accepted the position of Director of Planning for the City of Independence, Missouri. In 1967, he left Independence and directed Kansas City's planning program during the turbulent end of that decade in Kansas City. Ralph left the City of Kansas City, Missouri, in 1969 to start his own private planning consulting firm, Ochsner and Associates.

Ochsner and Associates focused on comprehensive plans,

community plans, ordinance writing, redevelopment planning, and community planning department assistance. In 1979, Ralph purchased the landscape architecture and city planning firm of Hare & Hare. Hare & Hare had been started by the standout father-son team of Sid and Herbert Hare, icons of the Kansas City Design scene in 1910. Their work included most of the significant important public places in Kansas City, including: Ward Parkway, The Country Club District, The Country Club Plaza, Loose Park, and the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art, to name a few.

As Ochsner Hare & Hare, the firm has provided clients a broad range of planning and landscape architecture services from project start-up, conceptualization, financing, funding, and entitlements, to full land planning and design services through construction. The ability to think big and then focus on detail has been a key to Ralph's success as a planner.

Ralph has been involved in many service organizations including the Missouri Planning Association, Rotary Club 13 and Friends of the Library at UMKC. He also has been very active in his alma mater as a member of the Board of Visitors for both the College of Architecture and the Regional and City Planning program. Additionally he has been Past Chairman, Curriculum Review Committee, Regional and City Planning for the Graduate Program, The University of Oklahoma, and is a member of the Professional Advisory Council, Landscape Architecture Program, Oklahoma State University.

Ralph also has held faculty appointments at Oklahoma State University, Rockhurst University, University of Missouri - Columbia, and the University of Kansas, helping to pass along his over fifty years of experience to young planners.

Ralph's list of awards is long and distinguished. Some of them include: Outstanding Alumni, College of Architecture, University of Oklahoma (2009), for contributions and achievements in city planning, landscape architecture and higher education; Distinguished Service Award (2004) Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture - Oklahoma State University; Excellence in Planning for Implementation Award (2001) Midtown/Truman Road Corridor Revitalization Plan - Missouri Chapter, APA; Excellence in Planning Award (1994), Midtown/Truman Road Corridor Revitalization Plan - Missouri Chapter, APA, Excellence in Planning Award (1994) Comprehensive Housing Study, Independence, Missouri - Missouri Chapter, APA, Excellence in Planning Award (1989), Kansas City 353 Study - Missouri Chapter, APA

Ralph was a Charter Member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, and is a Member, American Planning Association, and an Associate Member of the Urban Land Institute.

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Sincerely,

Shannon Jaax, AICP, President
Kansas City Section of the American Planning Association
