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On behalf of the APA Utah Executive Committee, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2021 APA Utah Fall Conference.

This conference is designed to connect us as a community of planners, policy makers, advocates and problem solvers.

Relevant sessions and mobile tours provide multiple opportunities to learn, share, and explore together those critical issues facing our communities. A citizen’s planner track provides a full day of training opportunities for our planning boards and commissions. Keynote speakers enhance our local experiences and perspectives. Social networking, in person, and safely distanced, allows us to better understand what others are facing, allowing us to share ideas and experiences, and to have meaningful conversations about possible solutions. New this year is a discussion on the second book of our newly formed APA Utah book club, “A City is Not a Tree – 50th anniversary edition.” Join the discussion or listen in if this sounds like an intriguing premise. Spend a couple of days out of the office, home or otherwise, and enjoy this beautiful new venue while reconnecting with colleagues and friends.

Please join me in thanking our generous sponsors, who truly do make our conferences possible. Stop by their exhibits and take a moment to learn who they are and what they do. Please also thank Judi Pickell, our chapter administrator, for her tireless devotion and hard work as a conference organizing committee of one. Judi really did go above and beyond to pull this one together.

I hope you all take time to reach out and connect with someone new to you, that you ask our presenters those tough questions you grapple with every day, and that you leave on Friday feeling energized and hopeful for the state of planning in Utah.

Thank you for attending and for supporting the Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association.

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VENUE MAPS

MIDVALLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
PERFORMANCE HALL, STUDIO 5400 AND CENTENNIAL ROOM TRACKS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MID-VALLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

TAYLORSVILLE CITY HALL & OTHER
CITIZEN PLANNER TRACK WILL TAKE PLACE IN TAYLORSVILLE CITY HALL. FOOD TRUCKS AND THE PICK UP FOR MOBILE TOURS ARE INDICATED ON THE MAP.
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300 COMMUNITIES*
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<td>SUSAN MADSEN</td>
<td>Research shows that teams and organizations will increasingly thrive when they attract, retain, promote, and empower both men and women. This keynote will focus on practices, initiatives, and strategies that have been shown to help all employees—no matter gender, race, ethnicity, age, and ability—flourish in ways that benefit entities and communities. Discover ways to create belonging and community for yourself and others, while continuing to advance your own career.</td>
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<td>COMMUNITY</td>
<td>THURSDAY 10:00 AM</td>
<td>STEVE LEHMAN</td>
<td>With interest in townhomes growing, come tour several recently constructed townhome developments in West Valley City. During this mobile workshop participants will see different examples of modern and more traditional townhomes with heights ranging from 1 to 3 stories. Learn how the City is steering townhome developments to specific areas of the City. Hear about the tools West Valley is using to improve the design and amenities of townhome projects.</td>
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<td>Water is essential to quality of life, economy, and our beautiful natural environment in Utah. Historically water and land use planning have occurred separately with land development expecting the tap to run after lots are built and plumbing is installed. The purpose of this session is to cover the absolute essentials of why and how integrating water and land use planning occurs, including some case studies and best practices, with a focus for land use planners. Attendees will come away with specific action items they may be able to implement within their own communities to better integrate water into the development process.</td>
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<td>Sign ordinances are always needing an update every few years due to changes in the industry and changes in case law. Recent case law, in Reed vs. Gilbert, determined that we can not make distinctions between sign types based on content. What sort of changes does this suggest that requires communities to modify their sign ordinances?</td>
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<td>This session is designed to help you learn how to strengthen your influence by understanding more about confidence, identity, purpose, and common challenges. Dr. Madsen will also discuss how understanding and effectively navigating bias is particularly beneficial as well. Tips and tools will be shared so that you can immediately begin to strengthen your influence in your home, workplace, and community. Men who want to learn more about how they can help and encourage women are also welcome to join!</td>
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<td>MARK MCGRATH, TODD KELSEY</td>
<td>Tour Taylorsville’s new Centennial Plaza and experience an open space specially designed for community gatherings such as farmers markets, arts festivals, movies in the park, live performances, food truck gatherings, and more. Also observe the architectural and urban design techniques utilized to help meld two significant and distinct community buildings into a unified place.</td>
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<td>MATT TAYLOR, RYAN CLARK, CHAD THOMAS</td>
<td>We take a look back at local examples of small business incubation in the community, from public partnerships to farmers’ markets, lessons learned, and success stories. This panel discussion will then discuss the need for local small business support to help make more economically resilient communities. This presentation will also hear via video the stories of small businesses that have succeeded with the support of incubator venues.</td>
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<td>SHAWN TEIGEN, JAKE YOUNG</td>
<td>Middle housing building types play a critical role in the housing market and yet they’re underrepresented in the Utah market. This session will cover: what is Missing Middle Housing (MMH), availability in current housing stock, role of MMH for growth and attainability/affordability, and best practices. This session will include time for cities to share their MMH experiences and Q/A.</td>
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<td>JOHN BERGGREN, MATTHEW STARLEY</td>
<td>Integrating water and land use planning is essential for smart growth in Utah, but many communities lack the time and resources necessary to successfully integrate these two processes. Accordingly, the Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy and Western Resource Advocates developed a toolkit called the Utah Framework for Community Action. The Blacksmith Fork Soil Conservation Districts and the Bear River Association of Governments have developed a Water Quality Toolkit for Utah Planners. This session will detail the toolkits and attendees will come away with an understanding for how these toolkits can be utilized in their own communities.</td>
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<td>CAMERON DIEHL, JUSTIN LEE</td>
<td>#CitiesWork is a call to action for all cities and towns initiated by the Utah League of Cities and Towns. This effort will strive to connect and establish relationships between State Legislators and Cities in order to help educate them on how we work and the challenges we face as we plan for the future. Because many legislators have not served in local government, they may not understand the concept of local control or the impacts of legislation on local communities, including the unintended consequences of statewide policies. The #CitiesWork resource guide outlines three easy steps to tell your local story and develop a relationship with state leaders.</td>
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<td>KATE KOPISCHKE, GARY URESK, GARY R. CRANE, DAVE PETERSEN, LYNN PACE</td>
<td>Come listen to the story of billboards in Utah from a planner’s perspective – from Lady Bird Johnson’s 1965 highway beautification efforts to where we are today. This session is designed as an open-source ‘toolkit’ for use at the local level, enabling planners to inform and educate their respective city and county councils, planning commissions, state representatives, chambers of commerce, and others about Utah’s billboard laws, and the impacts of those laws on their local planning and community development efforts.</td>
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<td>TED KNOWLTON, RIKKI SONNEN, STEPHANIE TOMLIN</td>
<td>As we all begin to recover from COVID-19 we will see transportation behavior, along with land use markets and ways of recreating, find a new normal. Let's come together to discuss the latest data and share ideas for how communities can shape and build upon these new dynamics to build a better future.</td>
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<td>MARK MCGRATH</td>
<td>Taylorsville’s original 1997 General Plan called for the area surrounding Taylorsville City Hall to be a community “gathering place and activity center.” Now, nearly 25 years later, that 1997 vision has been realized with the construction of Centennial Plaza. This new community open space integrates Taylorsville City Hall and the newly constructed Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center and creates a place specially designed for future community gatherings. Learn how architecture, landscape, and urban design unite to help create a place of both beauty and function.</td>
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<td>JOHN JANSON, WILF SOMMERKORN, FRANCIS LILLY</td>
<td>When a community is considering a zone change for a developer, they often see pretty pictures of what the current vision for a project is. This can result in an easily approved change of zone, but then the developer sells the land and the community is left with processing whatever the new developer brings under the written provisions of your ordinances. Should we be doing these all the time? Learn about the use of Development Agreements by communities that often use them. Take home a template where you can “fill in the blanks” with a project proposal.</td>
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<td>REID EWING</td>
<td>In studies for the Utah Transit Authority and Utah Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Research Center at the University of Utah has quantified the impacts of fixed guideway transit lines on traffic in transit corridors. The session will delve into reasons why the BRT impact was less than the LRT impact, and implications for transit investments in the region. It will also discuss the recent decline in LRT ridership, the recent increase in traffic on 400 South, and the lack of affordable housing in those new apartment buildings along 400 South.</td>
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<td>BEN LEVENER</td>
<td>As communities are looking to reinvest in their traditional downtown cores and commercial districts, there are many questions in reference to “the best” process and what some of the expected return on investment will be. Enter the Main Street model, a four point approach adopted by the National Main Street Center over 40 years ago and still being used today across the country to drive grass roots or locally based downtown revitalization. Our lecture will provide participants with a high-level oversight for the main street model, benefits of implementation, processes for being included in the newly adopted UT Main Street program.</td>
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<td>CRAIG CALL, BRENT BATEMAN, JORDAN CULLIMORE</td>
<td>In 2006 the Utah Legislature charged the Office of the Property Rights Ombudsman with resolving land use disputes by preparing advisory opinions on land use law when asked to do so by a party. This session will discuss an overview of the issues resolved by the 235 opinions published in the first fifteen years as well as a general discussion on land use law topics raised by the audience.</td>
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<td>BRUCE PARKER</td>
<td>Two years ago, the APA and AICP Boards appointed a Task Force to consider possible revisions to the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct. The Code’s “Aspirational Principles” and “Rules of Conduct” have not been reviewed since 2005. The Ethical Principles in Planning have not been updated since 1992. Discussions are now occurring that the Code of Ethics (revisions pending) may apply to all planners, whether AICP members or not. This session will review the ethics issues being discussed and how these changes will affect the ethical responsibilities and obligations of all planners.</td>
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<td>REP. STEVE WALDRIP</td>
<td>For several years now, Utah and many other areas have been in the midst of a housing affordability crisis. While there are many reasons for it, one that has garnered particular attention has been local land use practices, prompting regulatory and legislative initiatives. In Utah, the crisis has, among other things, led to the formation of task forces by business and government groups, and the establishment of a state level Commission on Housing Affordability. Rep. Steve Waldrip currently serves as the House co-chair of this Commission, which has been considering a number of policy proposals for recommendation for legislative action. Rep. Waldrip will talk about some of these policy considerations, their relative strengths and weaknesses, and their potential for legislative action in the upcoming session of the Utah State Legislature.</td>
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<td>SOREN SIMONSEN; ERIC MCCULLE</td>
<td>The Jordan River is a unique river and watershed. It is 50 miles in length, connecting Utah’s two largest water bodies — from Utah Lake to the Great Salt Lake. Over the past two decades the cities, counties, special service districts, and state and federal agencies that have regulatory and jurisdictional oversight of the river are increasingly working together to revitalize and improve the river corridor, commonly known today as the Jordan River Parkway. This mobile workshop series will introduce participants to some of the best emerging elements of the Jordan River Parkway in West Jordan, Murray and Taylorsville.</td>
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<td>STEVE PASTORIK</td>
<td>Come learn about and tour Fairbourne Station, West Valley City’s downtown. During this mobile workshop participants will learn about the genesis of Fairbourne Station and tour the mix of office, residential, hospitality, medical, and civic uses that are the result of many years of redevelopment efforts. Learn how the City’s involvement in this development has been critical to its success.</td>
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<td>MATT TAYLOR</td>
<td>Utah has become the leader of dark-sky tourism in the world and many national and state parks have been certified “dark sky” parks, including two rural communities. However, continued urban growth will increasingly threaten Utah’s remote places’ ability to retain their dark skies despite their steward’s best efforts. This session will explore strategies that urban communities can engage in to limit the expansion of light pollution and skyglow from the Wasatch Front.</td>
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<td>CHRISTY DAHLBERG, ANGELA PRICE, MEGAN RYAN</td>
<td>October 1st triggers the compliance date for HB82 internal accessory dwelling units. Open discussion to share implementation and discussion with fellow members. December 1 triggers the reporting requirement for submittal of the Moderate Income Housing Plan. We will share resources and provide any updates on the form and what changes may occur in 2022. Come with your story to share and questions as we all navigate these requirements together.</td>
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<td>TED KNOWLTON, LAURA HANSON, CODY LUTZ, ROBERT GILLIES</td>
<td>2021’s heat and extreme weather have been a wake-up call, but experts say in fact Utah’s climate has undergone a long-term change. What will this change mean for communities? How can we prepare for it? What will it mean for our economy, for the environment and how people live their lives? Can we do anything to slow or reverse the change?</td>
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<td>CHRISTIE OOSTEMA, TONY KOHLER</td>
<td>Learn about the importance of Visioning in your general planning process through the Heber Vision/General Plan story. Consider this innovative planning process that can work for your community.</td>
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<td>JANNA WILKINSON, ERIC MARTINEAU, KATHY HOLDER, MAX JOHNSON</td>
<td>Members of the Utah Division of Emergency Management’s (DEM) Mitigation and Recovery team will be discussing disaster resilience, what it means for Utah, and how planners can leverage existing resources and opportunities to develop comprehensive resilience plans for their communities.</td>
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<td>MEGAN RYAN</td>
<td>IZ? TOD w/MIHPR? Confused? Let’s decipher the acronyms into action! Come to a rapid fire introduction to the housing programs, and tools to consider in your community.</td>
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<td><strong>RE-ENVISIONING INTERMOUNTAIN WEST CEMETERIES</strong></td>
<td>FRIDAY 11:20 AM MAIN STAGE THEATRE</td>
<td>MCKENNA MARCHANT</td>
<td>The Re-Envisioning of Intermountain West Cemeteries aims to create environmentally rich, thoughtfully planned, walkable green spaces that celebrate the macro (community) and micro (individual) history of an area. This is done in three parts: 1. Planning, through policies and procedure to ensure cities allow for best practices; 2. Landscaping, creating water-wise, eco-beneficial landscapes that highlight an area’s native flora and fauna; and 3. History and Preservation, memorializing community and individual histories through art, memorials and intentional care of records and headstones. By weaving these three project aspects together, communities will be empowered to create impactful community spaces.</td>
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<td><strong>THE ASSET-BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE TRAINING</strong></td>
<td>FRIDAY 11:20 AM CENTENNIAL ROOM</td>
<td>IVIS GARCIA ZAMBRANA, ERIK FRONBERG, SADIKA MAHERUMA KHAN, ANTHONY BIAMONT</td>
<td>Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) is a strategy for sustainable community-driven development. The appeal of ABCD for planners lies in its premise that planners can facilitate communities to drive the development process themselves by identifying and mobilizing existing, but often unrecognized assets, and thereby responding to and creating local opportunities. The six assets we will discuss are (1) individuals, (2) associations, (3) institutions, (4) physical space, (5) exchange and economy, (6) culture, history, and stories. The key is for planners to begin to use what is already in the community.</td>
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<td><strong>THE POWER OF PLANNERS AND PLANNING</strong></td>
<td>FRIDAY 12:30 PM MAIN STAGE THEATRE</td>
<td>RALPH BECKER</td>
<td>We are all struggling with the challenges of this time in history. The environmental, social and political challenges are all acute - both nationally and at the local level throughout Utah. In this moment planners have never been more important! Becker will talk about the role we might now play and how we might “lean into” our current challenges.</td>
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<td><strong>EXPLORE THE JORDAN RIVER PARKWAY PART 2: MURRAY-TAYLORSVILLE PADDLING TOUR</strong></td>
<td>FRIDAY 1:30 PM MOBILE TOUR MEET OUTSIDE NORTH LOBBY</td>
<td>SOREN SIMONSEN, AIMEE HORMAN</td>
<td>Part 2 will include paddling a scenic stretch of the Jordan River from Winchester Park, located at 1250 W Winchester (approximately 6700 South) to Little Cottonwood Creek Confluence at Little Confluence Trailhead Park, located at 677 W 4800 South. Participants will learn about current efforts underway to address water quality, open space preservation, restoration, weed management, bank stabilization, and outdoor recreation development efforts by the Jordan River Commission, Murray City, Salt Lake County, Utah Division of Water Quality and other partners. Participants should wear casual clothes and shoes that might get damp or wet during the paddle tour.</td>
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<td>HUGH VAN WAGENEN, JAKE YOUNG, MIKE CHRISTENSEN, AUSTIN TAYLOR</td>
<td>Planning Commissioners play a critical role in shaping growth, land development, neighborhoods, and downtowns. This session will cover the most important elements of planning and design for cities and land development. Every planning commissioner should be familiar with these areas and planning/design principles. The rapid fire presentations will be given by multiple professionals from various backgrounds. Topics to include: historic patterns, centers, active transportation, street networks, housing choices, parks, transect methodology, densities in the right place, walkability, and water wise design.</td>
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<td>FRIDAY 1:40 PM MAIN STAGE THEATRE</td>
<td>REID EWING</td>
<td>In a study funded by the National Institute for Transportation and Communities, the Metropolitan Research Center at the University of Utah has surveyed transit agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, and city transportation departments to compile a complete inventory of TODs across the nation that are served by rail and meet eight other criteria: (1) adjacent or nearly adjacent to rail stations, (2) dense and multistory, (3) mixed-use with residential and commercial, (4) pedestrian-friendly with public space, (5) built after rail opened, (6) largely built out, (7) with their own parking facilities, and (8) master-planned.</td>
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<td>TAKING REGIONAL SOLUTIONS INTO LOCAL HANDS: TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IN SOUTHWEST SALT LAKE COUNTY</td>
<td>FRIDAY 1:40 PM STUDIO 5400</td>
<td>MEGAN TOWNSEND, STEVE SCHAERFMEYER, NATALIA BROWN</td>
<td>The Southwest Salt Lake County Transportation Analysis and Solutions Development project is an example of an innovative approach to a common issue among fast-growing cities along the Wasatch Front: the time gap between planned transportation infrastructure improvements and the pace of population and employment growth. The Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), and the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) in partnership with Salt Lake County and the cities and townships in the southwest corner of Salt Lake County successfully completed this study to analyze potential solutions that would help minimize congestion, provide transit alternatives, and connect the bicycle network.</td>
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<td>THE CREATING COMMUNITIES GUIDE: PLANNING MIXED-USE CENTERS</td>
<td>FRIDAY 1:40 PM CENTENNIAL ROOM</td>
<td>RYAN BECK, MAKAYLAH RESPICIO</td>
<td>Envision Utah’s long-awaited guide to mixed-use centers is here! Learn more about the Creating Communities Guide and how to use it to creative vibrant places in your community. The guide is a resource for city councils, city planners and staff, mayors, and anyone looking to learn more about planning to preserve our quality of life. Our walk through of the guide will cover what centers are, how to implement them, and the benefits of centers from housing to transportation to open space.</td>
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<td>GROUP DECISIONS</td>
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<td>WILF SOMMERKORN</td>
<td>The dynamics of interacting with your fellow council or commission members, as you deliberate in front of the public.</td>
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<td>LAURA HANSON</td>
<td>During the 2021 legislative session, HB 326 re-introduced planning into the name of the Governor’s Office of Planning &amp; Budget (formerly Governor’s Office of Management and Budget). The office will streamlined planning, budgeting, efficiency improvement, and economic functions as Utah grows, understanding that proactive planning leads to cost-effective investments into quality of life for future generations. This session will be a workshop format.</td>
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<td>BICYCLING CITIES: NEXT STEPS IN UTAH’S BICYCLE EVOLUTION</td>
<td>FRIDAY 2:35 PM MAIN STAGE THEATRE</td>
<td>JON LARSEN, JIM PRICE, HUGH VAN WAGENEN</td>
<td>The cities you know as bike meccas had to create those conditions. Can communities in Utah achieve similar results? Utah’s obstacles to building bike infrastructure here are unique and will require customized strategies. Come join the roundtable to discuss key challenges and solutions. Let’s share and network.</td>
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<td>NIKKI NAVIO, BLAINE LEONARD, CLINT HARPER, ALEX BEIM, TOM MILLAR, LUKE PETERSON</td>
<td>Transportation is changing, and so should our planning. Our the last year, Utah’s Unified Transportation Plan partners have been studying the external forces (for instance, telecommuting, autonomous vehicles, e-commerce, micromobility, and high-tech transit) that may significantly change our regional transportation systems and travel behavior. How will our travel change? What does this mean for our future plans and anticipated projects?</td>
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<td>CUP’S - CAREFUL USE PRECISELY!</td>
<td>FRIDAY 3:15 PM CITY HALL</td>
<td>JOHN JANSON, MEGAN RYAN</td>
<td>Think you have the CUP process down? Come to a discussion of the major principles required by State Law, new processing options, and creating standards. We will also do a quick review of one communities current ordinance that we will mutually evaluate for meeting State Code. Prizes will be awarded for the communities who don’t have the word “May Deny” in their codes!</td>
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<td>APA UTAH BOOK CLUB: INTRODUCTION &amp; DISCUSSION OF A CITY IS NOT A TREE: 50TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION</td>
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<td>MICHAEL MALOY</td>
<td>City planners across the country have been organizing and participating in book discussions on city planning and related literature for AICP certification maintenance (CM) credit. These educational events have provided lively group discussions, professional development, and socializing opportunities. Likewise, APA Utah recently selected A City is Not a Tree: 50th Anniversary Edition for review and discussion. Whether you have read this landmark critique of modern urban design or not, everyone is welcome to attend this session and be inspired by great ideas and friendly discussions.</td>
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<td>CRAIG M CALL</td>
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<td>MARCIE JONES, JORDAN CULLIMORE</td>
<td>Municipal governments can require contributions of land or improvements as a condition of development as long as the developer’s constitutional rights aren’t violated. What does this mean in real life and plain English? Can government require the dedication and improvement of roadways, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks? How about bike trails, traffic signals, flood control measures, and highway on-ramps? We’ll go over the current legal standard then walk through several examples so developers and government officials alike can see what constitutes a legal exaction.</td>
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<td>YOUR TURN: CITIZEN PLANNER QUESTION AND ANSWER</td>
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<td>JOHN JANSON, WILF SOMMERKORN, MEG RYAN, JAKE YOUNG</td>
<td>Bring your questions on any planning topic and we will do our best to answer them. Jake Young, Wilf Sommerkorn, and John Janson with experience in many communities and on many topics can help you think through your issues. This open conversation about planning issues in your community, will be “Your Turn” to get answers to your most pressing issues that you want to talk about!</td>
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BRENT BATEMAN, ESQ
OMBUDSMAN - FIFTEEN YEARS OF ADVISORY OPINIONS

Brent Bateman is a partner in Dentons Durham Jones Pinegar’s Salt Lake City office. Brent is a zoning and land use lawyer and a member of the firm’s real estate practice group. He handles land use, zoning, property rights, real estate and government regulatory matters. After nearly thirteen years as the Utah State Property Rights Ombudsman, Brent has a thorough and nuanced command of the laws that govern land development, eminent domain, impact fees, roads, constitutional takings, boundaries, trees, easements, among other property issues.

RYAN BECK
THE CREATING COMMUNITIES GUIDE: PLANNING MIXED-USE CENTERS

Ryan Beck began working with Envision Utah in 2008. He serves as the Vice President of Planning. Ryan is currently involved with Envision Utah’s work to update the Your Utah Your Future statewide vision and Valley Visioning- an effort to establish a community-supported vision for future growth in Utah County. Prior to working at Envision Utah Ryan worked with a local private transportation planning firm. While there, he prepared city transportation plans and operated travel demand models. Ryan’s education includes a B.A in History from the University of Utah and a master’s degree in Environmental Law and Policy from the Sturm College of Law at the University of Denver.

RALPH BECKER, FAICP
THE POWER OF PLANNERS AND PLANNING

Ralph Becker is a FAICP planner. He is a 47-year resident of Salt Lake City where he served two terms as mayor (2008-2015). He served in the Utah State Legislature as a member of the House of Representatives for 11 years (1996-2007), including five years as House Minority Leader. In 2015, Ralph served as President of the National League of Cities. In June, 2018, Ralph Becker was selected as the first Executive Director of the Central Wasatch Commission, an inter-local governmental entity consisting of elected leaders of jurisdictions with responsibilities for the Wasatch Mountains. Ralph was an adjunct professor in the University of Utah College of Architecture and Planning. Ralph holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and from the University of Utah he has a JD and a MS degree in Planning.
**ALEX BEIM, AICP**

**DR. STRANGEPORTATION OR: HOW I LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING AND PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE**

Alex Beim is a Strategic Planner at the Utah Transit Authority (UTA), where his work focuses primarily on long-range planning issues along the Wasatch Front, including leading an effort to develop UTA’s first agency wide Long Range Transit Plan (LRTP). Alex’s background includes extensive experience in both transportation and land-use planning, having worked in the Planning Division at the City of Columbus, Ohio, and as a Transit Service Planner at the Central Ohio Transit Authority. Alex holds Bachelor’s degrees in Landscape Architecture and City and Regional Planning and a Master’s Degree in City and Regional Planning, all from the Ohio State University. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

**JOHN BERGGREN**

**INTEGRATING WATER AND LAND USE / WATER QUANTITY AND QUALITY TOOLKITS FOR UTAH PLANNERS**

John Berggren is a Water Policy Analyst for Western Resource Advocates, where he works to advance water conservation and efficiency policies at the state and local levels by engaging with municipalities, water managers, state officials, and other stakeholders throughout the region. Much of this work is at the intersection of water and land use planning with the hopes of helping communities become as water efficient as possible. John serves on the City of Boulder’s Water Resources Advisory Board, is a member of the Colorado Water and Land Use Planning Alliance, and is certified as a Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper (QWEL). He has a Ph.D. in Environmental Studies and Water Policy from the University of Colorado at Boulder, a MHS degree in Environmental Health Sciences from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and a BA in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University.

**ANTHONY BIAMONT**

**THE ASSET-BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE TRAINING**

Anthony Biamont grew up in Las Cruces, NM and Bentonville, AR and completed his Bachelor of Architecture degree at Oklahoma State University. Anthony spent the last 4 years working as a licensed architect in Oklahoma City and is now pursuing a Master of City and Metropolitan Planning at the University of Utah.

**NATALIA BROWN**

**TAKING REGIONAL SOLUTIONS INTO LOCAL HANDS: TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IN SOUTHWEST SALT LAKE COUNTY**

Natalia Brown is a Transportation Engineer at Fehr & Peers in Salt Lake City. She is the Rocky Mountain Region Travel Forecasting and Modeling Practice Leader and has extensive experience with models throughout the Mountain West. Natalia’s passion is leading complex technical analyses, particularly for transit studies and multi-modal transportation planning projects involving roadway and transit forecasting. In her spare time, she is also a member of the Riverton Planning Commission helping her own community and is otherwise busy raising two rowdy boys.
CRAIG CALL, ESQ
OMBUDSMAN - FIFTEEN YEARS OF ADVISORY OPINIONS / LAND USE ETHICS FOR PLANNERS
Craig Call is an attorney and Executive Director of the Utah Land Use Institute. He was the Private Property Rights Ombudsman for the State of Utah from 1997-2007 where he assisted in the mediation and arbitration of several thousand land-related disputes. Craig served four years in the Utah Legislature and on the City Council in Provo. He authored The Utah Citizen’s Guide to Land Use Regulation (2005, 2021), the comprehensive Utah Law of Eminent Domain (2008), and jointly authored the Utah Land Use Regulation Deskbook and the Utah Impact Fee Handbook and Checklists.

MIKE CHRISTENSEN, AICP
CRITICAL CITY DESIGN ELEMENTS TO KNOW FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONERS
Mike has been employed as the Executive Director of the Utah Rail Passengers Association since its creation in 2018. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Geography from Brigham Young University, a Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Science from Northwest Missouri State University, an Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Sustainability from the University of Utah, and a Master of City and Metropolitan Planning from the University of Utah.
RYAN CLARK, AICP
COMMUNITY SUPPORTED SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATION RETROSPECTIVE: LESSONS AND SUCCESS STORIES
Ryan Clark, AICP, is the Development Services Director for the City of Orem where he has been employed for 23 years. Prior to his current position, he was the Economic Development Manager where he worked with and assisted new and existing Orem businesses. He was significantly involved in the creation of the University Place Community Development Area (CDA) and continues to be involved in the $500 million master-planned redevelopment project as it progresses forward. Ryan holds a Master of Public Administration degree, is a licensed land surveyor with the state of Utah, and is a certified planner (AICP).

GARY R. CRANE, ESQ
OMBUDSMAN - 15 YEARS OF ADVISORY OPINIONS / EXACTIONS - HOW FAR IS TOO FAR? / BILLBOARDS IN UTAH—INFORMATION FOR THE LOCAL LEVEL
Gary R. Crane is City Attorney for Layton City. He received both his Juris Doctorate and Master of Public Administration from Brigham Young University. Prior to his current position, he worked as Assistant City Attorney, RDA Project Manager, and as a Planner for West Valley City. He was Counsel to Bluffdale City and Morgan City, and also served as special counsel on Planning and Zoning issues for local governmental entities throughout the state. He is actively involved in drafting and lobbying for new legislation in the area of Land Use at the Utah State Legislature.

JORDAN CULLIMORE, ESQ
OMBUDSMAN - FIFTEEN YEARS OF ADVISORY OPINIONS / EXACTIONS - HOW FAR IS TOO FAR?
Jordan Cullimore serves as the Lead Attorney in the Office of Property Rights Ombudsman, a neutral, nonpartisan state agency that helps to resolve property rights disputes in Utah. Prior to his appointment as Lead Attorney, he served as a Staff Attorney in the Office. He has been with the Ombudsman’s Office since September 2015. Jordan has also worked as a city planner in Utah.

CHRISTY DAHLBERG
HOW ARE WE DOING? UPDATES ON MODERATE INCOME HOUSING PLANS AND ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT ORDINANCES
Christy is a Utah native with a Bachelors in Urban Ecology and Master of Public Administration, both from the University of Utah. She has worked at the Wasatch Front Regional Council for four years working on the Transportation Land Use Connection Program as well as the Community Development Block Grant Program. She is passionate about preserving the quality of life Utahns know and love. She also enjoys all things mountains and traveling, from mountain bikes to motorcycles. Time by a river with a book, fishing pole, her dog, family and friends is time well spent.
Cameron Diehl became the Executive Director of the Utah League of Cities and Towns on October 16, 2017. Cameron studied political science at the University of Utah, was the Editor of the Hinckley Institute Journal of Politics, and later graduated from the University of Colorado School of Law. He started his career at ULCT as a legislative intern and returned to ULCT in 2010. During his time at ULCT, he has also been an administrative assistant, policy analyst, attorney, and Director of Government Relations. He previously worked for the Boys and Girls Club in Salt Lake City and coached basketball and football at Justice (CO), Fairview (CO), and Murray (UT) High Schools.

REID EWING, PH.D.
EFFECTS OF LIGHT-RAIL TRANSIT AND BUS RAPID TRANSIT ON TRAFFIC IN A TRAVEL CORRIDOR / IS TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT AFFORDABLE FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS?
Reid Ewing, Ph.D., is Distinguished Professor of City and Metropolitan Planning at the University of Utah, Distinguished Research Chair for Resilient Places, associate editor of the Journal of the American Planning Association, and columnist for Planning magazine. He holds master’s degrees in Engineering and City Planning from Harvard University, and a Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Transportation Systems from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Ewing’s 10 books include Pedestrian and Transit Oriented Design, co-published by the Urban Land Institute and American Planning Association; Growing Cooler: Evidence of Urban Development and Climate Change, published by the Urban Land Institute; and Best Development Practices, listed by the American Planning Association (APA) as one of the 100 “essential” books in planning over the past 100 years.

ERIK FRONBERG
THE ASSET-BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE TRAINING
Erik Fronberg is from Farmington, UT and is completing a combined BS in Urban Ecology and Masters in City and Metropolitan Planning. While studying at the University of Utah Erik has interned with UTA and the Governor’s Office. He currently works as a Community Development Grant Specialist for Salt Lake City’s Housing Stability Division.

DR. ROBERT GILLIES
PLANNING FOR UTAH’S NEW CLIMATE
Dr. Robert R. Gillies is the Director of the Utah Climate Center at Utah State University (USU) and State Climatologist for the State of Utah. He is an associate professor in meteorology and geography in the Department of Plants, Soils and Climate at USU. His research focuses on land surface processes and remote sensing integrating the fields to study various aspects of the earth’s environments.
The Problem

Many people in Utah lack access to good transportation options. While the majority of Utah’s more than 3 million residents live along the Wasatch Front and enjoy access to FrontRunner, TRAX, and bus service, more than a fifth of Utah’s residents live beyond the Wasatch Front and lack adequate public transportation options.

The Solution

Imagine — if Utah had a better rail system — how residents might save money, time, and improve their overall quality of life.

“As a business owner, I need Utah to be competitive. To recruit talent from out of state, sustainable transit options are crucial.”

“As a USU student, I would love to go home for a weekend to SLC and have time to get my homework done.”

“I love Moab, but traffic is terrible down there. All I need for a weekend getaway is my bike and my luggage — on a train.”

“In our small town, we don’t have many options for medical care, but those options open up if I can get to a city by train.”

LinkUtah

LinkUtah is a transportation initiative introduced by the Utah Rail Passengers Association — the first phase of which would bring state-sponsored Amtrak service to Utah connecting Salt Lake City and the Wasatch Front north to Logan, southeast to Moab and Grand Junction, and southwest to Cedar City with intermediate stations. Motor coach service would connect Cedar City to Saint George. Frequency is envisioned to be at least three round trips per day on each segment. Capital costs would be minimized by using existing Union Pacific freight infrastructure with Amtrak as the operator — as is done by 17 other states. The initial phase is summarized by the map on the next page.

Subsequent phases of LinkUtah could expand passenger rail service into neighboring states and connect to cities such as Las Vegas, Reno, Boise, Idaho Falls, and Denver via Cheyenne.

Subsequent phases of LinkUtah could also expand bus service within Utah to provide basic transit service to all of Utah’s 29 counties.

To help us LinkUtah, please support the Utah Rail Passengers Association with a financial donation or reach out to get involved. Our goal is to fund a comprehensive study that will guide the next steps to fully linking Utah with sustainable transit options.
The Utah Rail Passengers Association works to promote the broader diversity of transportation options for residents of and visitors to Utah by educating citizens and policymakers about available transportation options. Our organization seeks funders, volunteers, and others interested parties to help us connect Utahns across miles and geographies in a more cohesive and sustainable way.
TODD GODFREY, ESQ
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS
ULCT Legal Counsel for Land Use, Todd J. Godfrey focuses his practice on the representation of public agencies. He advises clients on matters including, but not limited to, public entity administration, personnel, land use, community development and reinvestment area projects, contracts, procurement, and eminent domain. He has considerable experience negotiating complex agreements using traditional private financing and public financing methods. Mr. Godfrey is a skilled litigator, providing excellent outcomes in claims against cities, local districts, and towns. He has represented clients in litigation at all levels of the Utah Federal and State Court system.

LAURA HANSON, AICP
(RE)INTRODUCING THE GOVERNORS’ OFFICE OF PLANNING & BUDGET / PLANNING FOR UTAH’S NEW CLIMATE
Laura joined the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget (GOPB) in 2021 with over 20 years of experience as a professional planner in both the public and private sectors. Prior to joining GOPB, Laura served as the Planning Director for the Utah Transit Authority. In this role, she assisted in the development of a strategic plan to guide the future direction of the agency, defined a new approach service planning policy, helped to guide the development of long-range, regional visions and transportation plans, and contributed to the development and presentation of major policy decisions.

CLINT HARPER
DR. STRANGEPORTATION OR: HOW I LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING AND PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE
Clint Harper synthesizes 23 years of diverse aviation experience with a passion for urban design and community engagement. An Air Force veteran, Clint’s military experience includes aircraft dispatch, airport operations, airport planning, heliport planning, and unmanned aerial vehicle operations. After his military career, he pursued his love of cities with a Master of City and Metropolitan Planning degree and a graduate certificate in Urban Design, where he studied new aviation-based urban form concepts, such as the aerotropolis and airport urbanism.

ANDERS HART
PLANNING FOR COMMUNITY RESILIENCY: LOOKING BEYOND HAZARD RESPONSE
Anders is a second-year master’s student in the City and Metropolitan Planning program at the University of Utah. With a bachelor’s degree in ecology, he is interested in the interplay of land-use and transportation planning in creating more resilient, sustainable communities. He completed an apprenticeship with Salt Lake City’s Planning Division, mapping housing inventory and an internship with the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District in long-range planning. He is also the vice president of the Point B Student Transportation Group at the University of Utah and a member of Salt Lake City’s Transportation Master Plan Community Advisory Committee.
KATHY HOLDER
DISASTER RESILIENCE IN UTAH
Kathy Holder is currently Utah’s State Hazard Mitigation Officer. Previously Kathy was the Floodplain Manager/National Flood Insurance Coordinator for the State of Utah. She held this position for over 5 years. While holding this position, she more than doubled the number of CFM’s in the State of Utah. She believes planning, education, and outreach are keys to building a stronger more resilient Utah. She is a Certified Floodplain Manager. She has had 14 years’ experience in Emergency Management. Kathy has held a position on the board of the Utah Floodplain and Stormwater Management Association (UFSMA) for the past 6 years. She holds degrees in Masters of Business Administration, Bachelors of Public Administration, and a General Science degree. She has taught at the University level for over 11 years.

AIMEE HORMAN
EXPLORE THE JORDAN RIVER PARKWAY
PART 2 : MURRAY-TAYLORSVILLE PADDLING TOUR
Aimee Horman is a lifelong river lover and staff member of the Jordan River Commission where she has the opportunity to engage with the community to learn, conserve, and restore the Jordan River and Jordan River Parkway Trail. For the past 20 years she has worked with youth and the community in educational settings and as a planner of community and sporting events.

JOHN M. JANSON, AICP
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS / CUP’S - CAREFUL USE PRECISELY! / YOUR TURN: CITIZEN PLANNER QUESTION AND ANSWER / SIGNS OF THE TIMES
John M. Janson graduated from the University of Utah in 1975 with a degree in Geography. He received a Master of City and Regional Planning from the Ohio State University in 1977. Having worked as a consultant and then in Davis County, Utah, the majority of his career was with West Valley City, Utah, where he was employed as the Planning Director for 25 of his 30 years there. As a frequent local conference speaker, and having performed consultant projects throughout the State, he has significant exposure to regional and city issues.

MAX JOHNSON, AICP
DISASTER RESILIENCE IN UTAH
Max Johnson is currently a Mitigation Planner for the State of Utah, Division of Emergency Management. He has over 20 years of experience in the planning field in a variety of management, transportation, long-range visioning and implementation, EOC support, and current planning duties. He holds his Professional Certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). Max has a Masters of Public Administration from Southern Utah University, with an emphasis in State and Local Government, and a Bachelor degree in Urban Planning from the University of Utah. Max served as the Professional Development and Ethics Officer for the APA Utah Chapter for over twelve years, and Chair of the Wasatch Front Regional Council’s Technical Advisory Committee for seven years.
MARCIE JONES, ESQ
EXACTIONS - HOW FAR IS TOO FAR?
Marcie is currently an attorney for the Office of the Property Rights Ombudsman (her favorite job ever). Prior to her current post, she worked as a real estate attorney with Holland & Hart (also an amazing job). She has broad experience in many facets of real estate development including work with commercial appraisers, an international investor overseas, as a landlord, and losing money investing in residential real estate in 2008. Her first true (professional) love is urban planning and the laws supporting good development. Her background includes a Masters in Planning, AICP certification, and work as a public and private city planner.

TODD KELSEY, AIA, LEED AP
THE ARCHITECTURAL STORY OF MID VALLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TOUR
Todd has always had a strong interest in how things go together, starting from when he was a child, disassembling and reassembling random household objects and toys into new, creative forms. This curiosity stayed with him through the years in various scholastic and job endeavors. Eventually, Todd found that architecture was a perfect fit for his inquisitive nature. For Todd, the built environment is the ultimate kit of parts to play with.

TED KNOWLTON, AICP
UNMASKING TRANSPORTATION AFTER COVID-19 / PLANNING FOR UTAH’S NEW CLIMATE
Ted Knowlton is Deputy Director at the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) the metropolitan planning organization for the Salt Lake and Ogden/Layton metropolitan areas. Prior to joining WFRC, he worked with Fregonese Associates, Envision Utah and The Planning Center (now PlaceWorks). His experience includes efforts in Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles and Salt Lake City that have garnered two prestigious Daniel Burnham awards from the American Planning Association. Ted has a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from Portland State University, is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Utah, and is a distinguished Alumni of the College of Architecture + Planning at the University of Utah. He is the Planning Commission chair for North Salt Lake City.

TONY KOHLER, AICP
THE HEBER VISION, GENERAL PLAN AND ORDINANCE WORK
Tony Kohler graduated from Central Washington University with a degree in Geography and minor in Environmental Studies in 1997, after which he returned to Heber Valley to work with the Wasatch County Planning Department. He moved to the Heber City Planning Department in 2001 and helped prepare the City for the Olympics and served in the capacity of Code Enforcement, later moving to the Senior Planner position. After graduating from the University of Utah with an MPA, he obtained the AICP credential from the American Planning Association and began serving as Planning Director with Heber City in 2011.
KATE KOPISCHKE
BILLBOARDS IN UTAH—INFORMATION FOR THE LOCAL LEVEL
Kate Kopischke, a Wyoming native who worked for 20 years as a mediator and dialogue facilitator in the international development arena, co-founded Scenic Utah with her husband, Ralph Becker. As an affiliate of the national organization Scenic America, Scenic Utah is a state-wide grassroots organization working to protect and enhance the scenic qualities of our communities, countryside, and roadways. Kate serves as Director of Scenic Utah, and as a social and environmental safeguards specialist with the United Nations’ Green Climate Fund.

JON LARSEN, PE
BICYCLING CITIES: NEXT STEPS IN UTAH’S BICYCLE EVOLUTION
Jon is the Director of the Transportation Division for Salt Lake City, leading a dynamic group of professionals who are actively working to create a more safe, sustainable, multi-modal, and human-scaled transportation system. Prior to joining the City, Jon lead the technical group at the Wasatch Front Regional Council that provided forecasting, modeling, and data analytics support. While Jon’s training is in traffic engineering, he has spent much of his career focusing on walkability and the transportation/land use interaction. Prior to joining WFRC, Jon worked as a consultant where he managed projects and performed travel demand modeling, traffic engineering, and transportation planning.

JUSTIN LEE
SHAPING THE FUTURE BY SEEING HOW #CITIESWORK
Justin is the Director of Government Relations for the Utah League of Cities and Towns. Prior to joining the League, Justin spent 11 years working for three different lieutenant governors (Bell, Cox, and Henderson), serving the past 4 years as Director of Elections for the State of Utah. During that time Justin once accidentally tackled the Governor during a game of flag football and still kept his job. Justin has a BA in Political Science from the University of Utah, and a MA in Political Science from Utah State University.

STEVE LEHMAN, AICP
TOWNHOME TOUR – MOBILE WORKSHOP
Steve received a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Urban Planning from the University of Utah. Upon completion of his education, he began his career as a planning intern with Sandy City. He continued to work for Sandy City for the next 5 years working in current planning. In 1996, Steve moved to West Valley City where he has served as Principle Planner, Senior Planner, and is presently the Current Planning Manager. He assists with all current planning efforts in West Valley City and is the primary planner responsible for subdivision development. Steve values the planning process and enjoys meeting with residents, developer’s, engineers, and elected officials to facilitate good planning practices for the communities in which he has worked.
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BLAINE LEONARD

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Blaine Leonard is the Transportation Technology Engineer at the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) in Salt Lake City. In this role, he leads the planning and deployment of connected and automated vehicles and related traffic management technologies. His team is on the forefront of operational, connected vehicle deployments. He is co-chair of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Technology Subcommittee, the co-chair of the Cooperative Automated Transportation (CAT) Coalition Strategic Initiatives Working Group. Prior to joining UDOT in 2001, Blaine spent 20 years in the consulting engineering business.

BEN LEVENGER, AICP

MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION - AN OVERVIEW AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Mr. Levenger is an AICP Planner, registered landscape architect, and certified economic developer. He is the president of Downtown Redevelopment Services, a small planning firm focused on helping communities with main streets revitalization and small scale economic development projects. After working with 200+ communities in 28 states over the past decade he brings national experience to small communities, leveraging best practices in municipalities under 5,000 in population. His passions in the planning industry include attainable economic development and adaptive reuse projects that provide catalysts for community revitalization.

FRANCIS LILLY, AICP

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS

Francis Xavier Lilly grew up in the Salt Lake Valley, attended Judge Memorial Catholic High School, and went to the University of Utah -- twice! He has a BS in Urban Planning and a Master of Public Administration. Ever since he was a kid, he wanted to be involved in government and urban planning. He was the Deputy Director of Community Development and the Housing Administrator for South Salt Lake City, Utah. Currently, he is the Planning Director for Millcreek When he’s not planning, he loves to cook, garden, read, ride his bike, keep up with politics and current events, and -- most importantly -- spend time with his family and friends. He loves to travel whenever he can, he is a proud Star Trek geek, and he still plays with Legos.

CODY LUTZ

PLANNING FOR UTAH’S NEW CLIMATE

Cody Lutz joined Envision Utah in 2018 and has worked on research, analysis, stakeholder and public engagement, and land-use modeling for several Envision Utah Projects. He acted as the lead modeler for the Valley Visioning county-wide planning process and managed the visioning and public engagement for the Blueprint Jordan River. His education includes a B.S. in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics from Utah State University, a Graduate Certificate in Sustainability, and a Master’s in City and Metropolitan Planning, both from the University of Utah. His graduate work with gateway communities in the Mountain West was recognized with the Swaner Medal for Excellence in Ecological Planning.
**DR. SUSAN MADSEN**

**BETTER TOGETHER: CREATING BELONGING AND COMMUNITY**

Dr. Susan R. Madsen is considered one of the top global scholars and thought leaders on the topic of women’s leadership, has authored or edited six books, and has published hundreds of articles, chapters, and reports. Her research has been cited in the U.S. News and World Report, The Atlantic, The New York Times, Parenting Magazine, Chronicle of Higher Education, and The Washington Post. She is also a regular contributor to Forbes and other local and state newspapers. Professor Madsen is the Inaugural Karen Haight Huntsman Endowed Professor of Leadership in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business at Utah State University and serves on many nonprofit and community boards. She is also the Founding Director of the Utah Women & Leadership Project, and her passion is to strengthen the impact of girls and women in Utah and worldwide.

**SADIKA MAHERUMA KHAN**

**THE ASSET-BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE TRAINING**

Sadika Maheruma Khan is from Bangladesh. She completed her undergraduate in Urban and Regional Planning in Bangladesh while working at a Development Authority. She has come to the US to pursue Masters in City and Metropolitan Planning at the University of Utah and works as a teaching and research assistant in various planning projects.

**MICHAEL MALOY, AICP**

**APA UTAH BOOK CLUB: INTRODUCTION & DISCUSSION OF A CITY IS NOT A TREE: 50TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION BY CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER**

Michael Maloy, AICP, is Planning Director for Herriman City and a Committee Member for the Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association with more than 20 years of professional planning experience in urban and suburban communities. He has presented at various local and national planning conferences, published numerous articles and book reviews, and mentored city planning students. Since 2009, Michael has also been an adjunct instructor for the City & Metropolitan Planning Department in Salt Lake City at the University of Utah.

**MCKENNA MARCHANT**

**RE-ENVISIONING INTERMOUNTAIN WEST CEMETERIES**

From rural southern Utah, McKenna has found her passion in ensuring rural communities have the knowledge and resources they need to thrive. She joined Utah’s Community Development Office shortly after finishing her Master of Public administration degree. With experience in planning, finance, and law, her current projects include re-envisioning Intermountain West cemeteries, capital asset planning, and university and student outreach.
ERIC MARTINEAU
DISASTER RESILIENCE IN UTAH
Eric began working for the Utah Division of Emergency Management’s Mitigation and Recovery Section in 2012. He is a mitigation specialist who helps manage the PDM, BRIC, and HMGP grant programs. He oversees the update of the local mitigation plans for the whole state and helps assist in recovery efforts following disasters. Eric holds an MS in Geography from the University of Utah with a focus on natural hazards and is a Certified Floodplain Manager.

KAYLA MAULDIN
PLANNING FOR COMMUNITY RESILIENCY: LOOKING BEYOND HAZARD RESPONSE
Kayla is the Senior Long Range Planner for the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD). She has six years of planning education under her belt, with a bachelor’s degree from Michigan State University and a master’s Degree from the University of Utah. Prior to joining the MSD team, Kayla served as a research analyst on a Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) grant program, a research assistant with the University of Utah’s Center for Ecological Planning and Design (CEPD), and a planning consultant with Utah-based Planning + Development Services, LLC. Although considering herself a generalist, Kayla is most passionate about housing and community development, particularly the role that each play in building and maintaining a community’s social infrastructure.

ERIC MCCULLEY
EXPLORE THE JORDAN RIVER PARKWAY
PART 1 : BIG BEND PRESERVE WALKING TOUR
Eric has managed restoration projects on streams, rivers and wetlands across the Intermountain West for more than 15 years. His expertise is in the design and implementation of river and riparian projects that balance the needs of communities and the environment. He routinely helps people identify and solve issues where rivers and infrastructure meet and work toward solutions that balance the complex interaction of people and water.

MARK MCGRATH, AICP
THE ARCHITECTURAL STORY OF MID VALLEY
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TOUR / CENTENNIAL PLAZA TOUR / CREATING A COMMUNITY GATHERING PLACE
Mark McGrath, AICP, is employed by the City of Taylorsville, Utah. Mr. McGrath is also an associate instructor at the University of Utah Department of City and Metropolitan Planning and is a member of the APA-Utah executive committee as the Chapter Historian. Prior to his appointment at Taylorsville in 2000 he served as the City Planner for the City of Midvale for nine years. Mr. McGrath is a graduate of the University of Utah and is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).
TOM MILLAR  
**DR. STRANGEPORTATION OR: HOW I LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING AND PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE**  
Tom has been a transportation planner and designer in the private and public sectors for ten years. His professional and educational work focuses on social, complete, and beautiful transportation systems and cities for all people. Tom believes that the most successful cities of the future will have three things in common: human scale and speed, gentle density, and walkability.

NIKKI NAVIO, AICP  
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Nikki Navio is a Transportation Planner at the Wasatch Front Regional Council, where her days are dedicated to working with communities and alongside partners to develop the Regional Transportation Plan for the Wasatch Front. Prior to her current role at WFRC, Nikki worked at HDR in Denver, Colorado where she analyzed a broad range of transportation projects and their impacts, particularly to environmental justice communities. Nikki holds a bachelor’s degree from University of Alaska Fairbanks and a master’s degree in City and Regional Planning from Clemson University.

ERIN O’KELLEY  
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Erin O’Kelley is a University of Utah graduate who has been working as an urban planner in the Salt Lake Valley for the last 4 years. More recently, she worked for one of Utah’s newest Cities, Millcreek, and contributed to new policies and planning initiatives which included: planning for urban development, city center plans, ordinance writing, community engagement, and residential development.

CHRISTIE OOSTEMA, AICP  
**THE HEBER VISION, GENERAL PLAN AND ORDINANCE WORK**  
Christie Oostema Brown is an urban planner with nearly two decades of experience in conceptualizing and implementing large-scale community-engaged visioning and planning projects encompassing environment, recreation, transportation, economy and related urban/urban edge issues. She recently opened People + Place, dedicated to community engaged, community building projects. Prior to starting her own business, Christie was the planning director for Envision Utah, where she served on the management teams for Your Utah Your Future, Utah’s statewide visioning effort; and Wasatch Choice for 2040, a land use and transportation vision for the five county area surrounding Salt Lake City. Christie also served HUD Sustainable Communities grantees nationwide, providing training and advising for nearly four years. Christie has a masters’ degree in Urban Planning.
LYNN PACE, ESQ  
BILLBOARDS IN UTAH—INFORMATION FOR THE LOCAL LEVEL  
Lynn Pace is City Attorney for Sandy City. Prior to joining the Sandy City administration, he served in Salt Lake City government for more than 20 years. He worked as an attorney and policy advisor under mayors Ralph Becker and Jackie Biskupski, and coordinator of SLC's legislative efforts and intergovernmental relations under Mayor Erin Mendenhall. He also was a City Council member in Holladay, where he served as Council President, and served a term as President of the Utah League of Cities and Towns. 

ALAN PACKARD  
INTEGRATING WATER AND LAND USE  
Alan Packard is an Assistant General Manager and the Chief Engineer at the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District. He received a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Utah State University and has worked for Jordan Valley Water for over 30 years on a variety of water supply planning, groundwater development, water treatment, pumping, conveyance, and storage projects. 

BRUCE PARKER, AICP  
PLANNER ETHICS—CHANGE IS COMING  
Bruce is principal of Planning and Development Services, LLC, Salt Lake City providing various planning services to public and private sector clients located throughout Utah and the West. He is also an instructor of planning courses at the University of Utah, including Small Town and Resort Community Planning. Bruce advises state and local officials on statutory laws affecting planning and development matters and serves as a special projects manager for community (municipalities and counties) general plans and plan implementation. Bruce serves Utah Chapter – APA as the Chapter’s Professional Development and Ethics Officer. 

STEVE PASTORIK, AICP  
FAIRBOURNE STATION—MOBILE WORKSHOP  
Steve has been employed with West Valley City for 24 years, assumed the Planning Director position in 2010, and was made the Community Development Director in 2021. Steve began his career in planning as an intern for West Valley, Utah’s second largest city, and worked his way through the ranks. Steve was the principal author of several design related ordinances for West Valley including standards for multi-family residential and commercial as well as a form-based zoning district for Fairbourne Station, West Valley’s downtown. Steve received a bachelor’s degree in urban planning and a master’s degree in business administration from the University of Utah.
DAVE PETERSEN, AICP
BILLBOARDS IN UTAH—INFORMATION FOR THE LOCAL LEVEL
David Petersen, AICP, has been the Community Development Director for Farmington City since 1994. He has an uncommon interest in cities and how they grow and develop. David received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from the University of Utah in 1986. In 1992, he graduated from the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Planning in Knoxville. He worked for the City of Wichita Falls, Texas MPO for 2.5 years before moving back to Utah.

LUKE PETERSON
DR. STRANGEPORTATION OR: HOW I LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING AND PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE
Luke Peterson, Director & Editor of the Innovation Lab, Salt Lake Tribune and a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School, has worked for local governments in five states, built a civic innovation network with the Cities of Boston and Philadelphia and helped actor Richard Dreyfuss launch a nonprofit to advance civic education. He enjoys old maps and plans family trips around visits to Presidential Libraries.

ANGELA PRICE
HOW ARE WE DOING? UPDATES ON MODERATE INCOME HOUSING PLANS AND ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT ORDINANCES
Angela Price is a Policy Director for Salt Lake City’s Department of Community and Neighborhoods (CAN). Angela’s work for Salt Lake City provides her the opportunity to work on a myriad of policy issues both at a local and state level. She views cities in a holistic manner and works to build the nexus between land use, housing, transportation, and economic development while breaking down systemic inequities. She is driven by impact, collaboration, and inclusivity in her quest for more equitable communities.

JIM PRICE, AICP, MPA
BICYCLING CITIES: NEXT STEPS IN UTAH’S BICYCLE EVOLUTION
Jim Price earned a Masters of Public Administration in 1992, and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). He has been the Active Transportation Planner/Project Manager for Mountainland Association of Governments since 1999, and assists local governments in development of A/T plans and infrastructure. He lives in Lehi, UT with his wife Kris.
MAKAYLAH RESPICIO-EVANS
THE CREATING COMMUNITIES GUIDE: PLANNING MIXED-USE CENTERS
Makaylah joined the Envision Utah team in 2018. As a Planning Project Manager and Community Engagement Specialist, she focuses on building relationships that get people involved and engaged. She has managed several projects including the Utah Inland Port public engagement and a vision for improved statewide disaster resilience. She is passionate about increasing the accessibility of planning and centering the community within the planning process. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in Urban Studies from Tufts University.

MEGAN RYAN
CUP’S - CAREFUL USE PRECISELY! / HOUSING TOOLS 101 FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS / YOUR TURN: CITIZEN PLANNER QUESTION AND ANSWER / HOW ARE WE DOING? UPDATES ON MODERATE INCOME HOUSING PLANS AND ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT ORDINANCES
Meg Ryan has over 35 years of experience in land use planning and holds a Master’s Degree in City Planning from UC Berkley. She has worked in Boston, New York, the Bay Area and for Utah municipalities for the last 28 years. She is presently assists the Utah League of Cities and Towns in land use trainings, the management of the Land Use Academy of Utah. In addition to her work at the League she serves as the Appeal Authority for Morgan County and North Ogden. Meg also served on the State Board of the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund for 10 years.

STEVE SCHAEFERMeyer
TAKING REGIONAL SOLUTIONS INTO LOCAL HANDS: TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IN SOUTHWEST SALT LAKE COUNTY
Steven Schaefermeyer has been the Director of Planning for the City of South Jordan since 2017. He started his career in planning as Planning Analyst for Draper City before attending law school. After law school Steven clerked for a U.S. Magistrate Judge and worked for Smith Hartvigsen, PLLC where he represented clients in land use and water law matters. He returned to municipal work in 2014 and became the Assistant City Attorney for South Jordan. Steven is grateful for his varied experiences with local planning issues and enjoys the challenge of working in the dynamic and growing southwest Salt Lake Valley.

SOREN SIMONSEN, AICP, FAIA, LEED AP
BIG BEND HABITAT RESTORATION AREA WALKING TOUR / EXPLORING THE JORDAN RIVER PADDLE TOUR
Soren Simonsen is the Executive Director of the Jordan River Commission, a regional inter-local cooperation entity working to improve the 50-mile Jordan River Parkway. His career includes extensive cross-disciplinary work — as a professional planner, elected and appointed official, urban designer, architect, educator and social entrepreneur — to create safe, healthy, beautiful, prosperous and resilient communities.
WILF SOMMERKORN
GROUP DECISIONS / YOUR TURN: CITIZEN PLANNER QUESTION AND ANSWER / SIGNS OF THE TIMES/ DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS
Wilf Sommerkorn retired as the Director of Regional Planning and Transportation for Salt Lake County in 2019, where he served from 2014. Prior to that, he was Salt Lake City Planning Director from 2008 to 2014, and Director of the Davis County Community & Economic Development Department for 14 years prior to that. Wilf has also served as the Community Development Director for Centerville City, and as an adjunct professor of urban planning at the University of Utah, where he taught a class in The Politics of Planning. Wilf has served as Legislative Chair for the Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association since 1990, where he has had a role in writing the state codes regarding land use. He was President of the APA Utah Chapter from 1986 to 1988. Wilf holds a BS in Physical Geography and Geology from the University of Utah, and an MS in Urban Planning from the University of Tennessee.

RIKKI SONNEN
UNMASKING TRANSPORTATION AFTER COVID-19
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MATTHEW STARLEY
WATER QUANTITY AND QUALITY TOOLKITS FOR UTAH PLANNERS / PLANNING FOR COMMUNITY RESILIENCY: LOOKING BEYOND HAZARD RESPONSE
Matthew Starley is a Landscape Architect and Bioregional Planner currently working for the Bear River Association of Governments and will be joining the Great Salt Lake Municipal Services District full time in October. He graduated with a master’s degree from Utah State University in 2019 where he was honored as the Graduate Olmsted Scholar. His professional experience includes; Regional planning, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning, Scenic Management Planning, Transportation and Trails Planning, Urban Design and District Master Planning, as well as Site Planning and Design. He is motivated by the intersection between natural systems and the developed world and hopes to promote the health and resiliency of the physical and social ecology at all scales.

AUSTIN TAYLOR
CRITICAL CITY DESIGN ELEMENTS TO KNOW FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONERS
Austin is a leader of Provo’s urbanist advocacy movement, founding or serving in leadership roles for BikeWalk Provo, YIMBY Provo, and Provo Bicycle Collective. Austin has three years of experience working as a planner for two city governments and is Master of Real Estate Development student at the University of Utah. Austin is passionate about urban design, environmentalism, and active transportation. He serves as a board member for the Congress of New Urbanism Utah Chapter.
MATT TAYLOR, AICP
DARK SKY PLANNING ALONG THE WASATCH FRONT
Matt Taylor, AICP, is a Senior Planner for the City of Orem and has previously held executive and senior planning positions with Provo City, Taylorsville, and Cottonwood Heights cities. Matt has been involved with the Provo Farmers Market in various capacities since 2010 and has discovered the value of this community venue as a prolific small business incubator. Matt holds a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Brigham Young University.

SHAWN TEIGEN
IS YOUR CITY MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING?
Shawn Teigen, Research Director and Vice-President at Utah Foundation. Shawn holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management and a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Utah. Shawn worked as a housing policy analyst with Community Action Partnership of Utah and has worked for Utah’s chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials. During much of his career, Shawn provided consulting services to early-stage businesses in addition to executing an extensive research effort to found an organization focused on foreign investment-related economic development. He serves on the board of directors of several public-sector, private-sector and non-profit organizations, including having served as chairperson of the Salt Lake City Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board.

CHAD THOMAS
COMMUNITY SUPPORTED SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATION RETROSPECTIVE: LESSONS AND SUCCESS STORIES
Chad Thomas is the Director of Business Development for Iredell County Economic Development Corporation. He has previously worked as an Economic Development Manager for Provo City from 2016 to 2019 where he coordinated commercial development projects through various regulatory processes and provided advocacy services to downtown businesses. Chad holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Appalachian State University.

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MEGAN TOWNSEND
TAKING REGIONAL SOLUTIONS INTO LOCAL HANDS: TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IN SOUTHWEST SALT LAKE COUNTY
Megan manages the Community and Economic Development team of the Wasatch Front Regional Council. She leads the Transportation and Land Use Connection program, a planning technical assistance program administered by the Wasatch Front Regional Council, partnered with the Utah Department of Transportation, Utah Transit Authority, and Salt Lake County. In addition to her work at WFRC, Meg serves as Board Treasurer for the Seven Canyons Trust non-profit organization, and is currently the Community Outreach Chair of the Utah Chapter of the Urban Lands Institute. She has a Master of City and Metropolitan Planning (MCMP) from the University of Utah with a Graduate Certificate of Real Estate Development.

GARY URESK
BILLBOARDS IN UTAH—INFORMATION FOR THE LOCAL LEVEL
Gary Uresk has served as the City Administrator of Woods Cross City for 28 years. Prior to his current position he served as the Community Development Director and City Manager of Clinton City. He has a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science from Brigham Young University and a Master’s Degree in City and Regional Planning from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He serves as the chair of the Great Salt Lake Scenic Byway and has an active interest in Outdoor Advertising Legislation.

HUGH VAN WAGENEN
CRITICAL CITY DESIGN ELEMENTS TO KNOW FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONERS / BICYCLING CITIES: NEXT STEPS IN UTAH’S BICYCLE EVOLUTION
A Utah native, Hugh has BS and MPA degrees from Brigham Young University and is currently employed by Wasatch Front Regional Council as the Active Transportation Planner. Previously he spent six years with Lindon City as the Planning & Economic Development Director. Hugh enjoys membership in the Utah Chapter of the APA, Utah Chapter of the Congress for the New Urbanism, and Utah Chapter of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals.

REP. STEVE WALDRIP
DENSITY, INVENTORY AND PRICE: POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS UTAH’S HOUSING CRISIS
Steve brings experience in real estate development, law, and government operations and public/private partnerships to his service in the Utah Legislature. He completed his undergraduate studies in English at Brigham Young University, received a law degree from the University of Utah and a Master’s in Taxation from the University of Washington. After practicing law for a short time, he joined the Boyer Company in Utah at the beginning of the Business Depot Ogden. Steve was elected to represent Utah House District 8 in 2018, and serves as vice chair of the Education Appropriations subcommittee. He also serves on Public Education and Government Operations Committees.
JANNA WILKINSON
DISASTER RESILIENCE IN UTAH
Part of a dynamic and collaborative team, Janna Wilkinson joined the Utah Division of Emergency Management’s Mitigation and Recovery Section in 2015, and currently works as the Section Manager. Janna holds an M.Sc. in Hazards and Disaster Management from Kingston University, London; a Bachelor of Social Work from Wheelock College, Boston; and is a Certified Floodplain Manager. She has varied experience living, working, and volunteering in many countries around the world, and has deployed to assist in disaster recovery for both local and national disasters - most recently working on the Utah COVID, Magna earthquake, and September windstorm events.

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