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A WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT



WELCOME TO THE 2022 APA UTAH SPRING CONFERENCE

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the APA Utah Executive Committee, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2022 APA Utah Spring Conference on March 23 -25 in sunny Kanab, Utah.

We hope the conference will be of professional and personal benefit to all attendees as we proceed with our work creating resilient, sustainable, equitable, and inclusive communities throughout Utah.

Thank you for attending and supporting the Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association. We welcome you to this conference and look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kirsten A. Whetstone".

Kirsten Whetstone, AICP
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022
8:00 PM - 9:30PM

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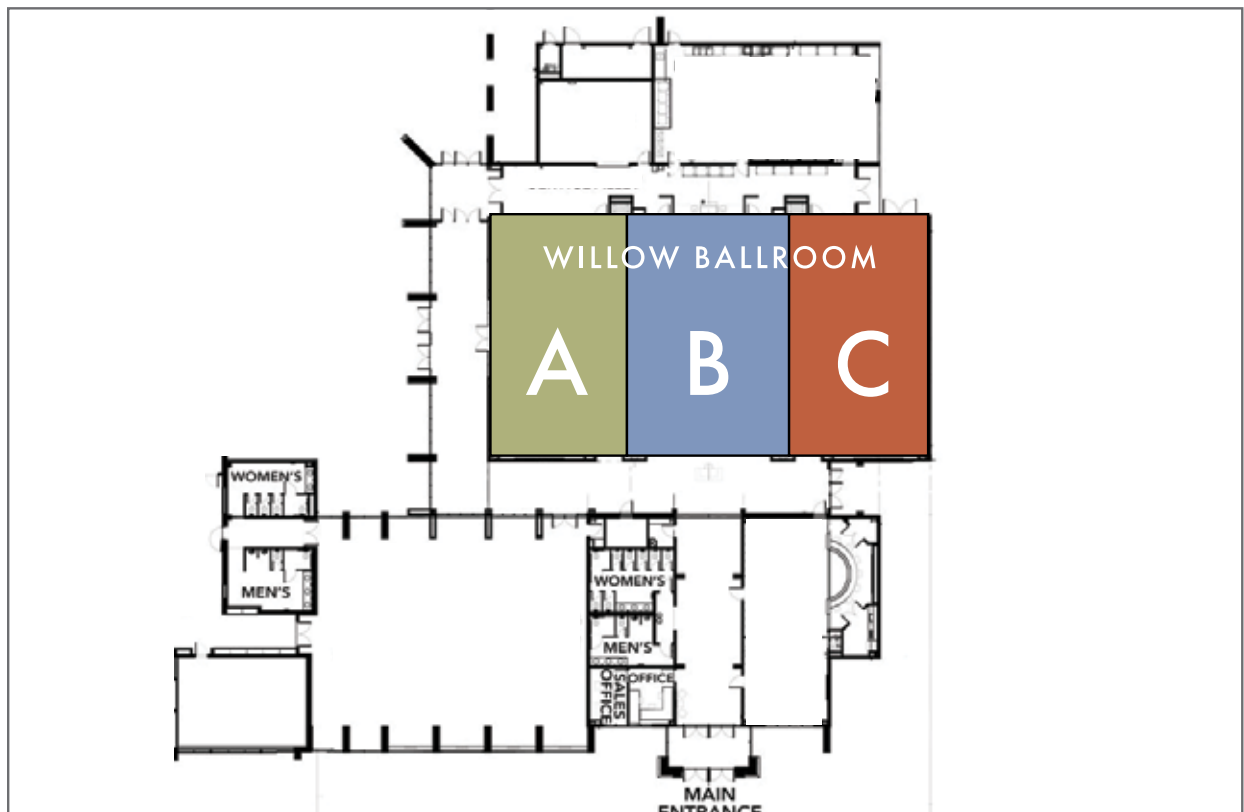
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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022

	WILLOW BALLROOM A	WILLOW BALLROOM B	WILLOW BALLROOM C
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1:00 - 1:10	WELCOME		
1:10 - 1:40	KANAB: ADVENTURE'S BASE  BOB NICHOLSON		
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2:45 - 3:30	INCLUSIVE PLANNING: CONNECTING WITH DIVERSE COMMUNITIES IN OUTREACH AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT JESS LUCERO	HINDSIGHT 20/20 2022 JOHN JANSON, BOB NICHOLSON	
3:45 - 4:45	DISASTER RESILIENCE PROJECT (THE BIG ONE) RYAN BECK	LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS  MARCIE JONES	BOOK CLUB EVICTED: POVERTY AND PROFIT IN THE AMERICAN CITY SUSIE PETHERAM
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8:00 - 8:30	WELCOME / WM SMART TRUCK BLAKE LEONELLI			
8:30 - 9:20	DESTINATION MANAGEMENT: RETHINKING THE ROLE OF TOURISM FLINT TIMMINS			
9:20 - 9:35	NETWORKING BREAK			
9:35 - 10:25	VERNAL DOWNTOWN: MAINSTREET PLACEMAKING ON UDOT HIGHWAYS RYAN WALLACE, DAN SMITH, ALISON LEWIS, QUINN BENNION	FAST & FUNNY PLANNING GAME BRIAN CARVER	LAND USE TRAINING 1 AN OVERVIEW OF LAND USE LAW CRAIG CALL	KANE COUNTY TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOUR CAMILLE JOHNSON, KELLY STOWELL
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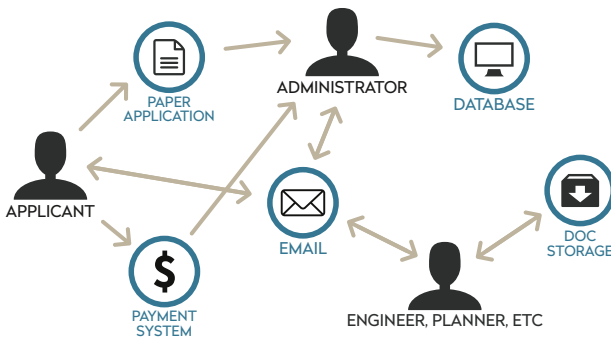


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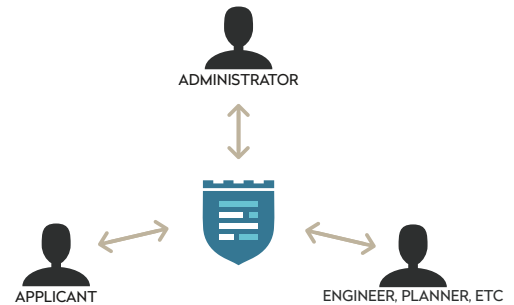
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SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022

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KANAB: ADVENTURE'S BASE 	WEDNESDAY 1:10 PM	BOB NICHOLSON	Kanab is at the center of region with incredible places to hike and camp. Thus tourism is the biggest employer in Kane County and vital to the economy. I will provide a personal perspective of hikes in some of the spectacular places around Kanab, including Grand Canyon and the Kaibab Forest, Zion and Bryce Canyon national parks, Grand Staircase and Lake Powell, etc. Following this some of the planning issues Kanab has dealt with will be discussed, including night sky protection, regulating short-term rentals, Hwy 89 thru downtown, a western development theme, and related issues will be briefly covered.
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE GNAR INITIATIVE	WEDNESDAY 1:50 PM WILLOW BALLROOM A	JAKE POWELL	Now more than ever, "gateway" communities in Utah and the West are facing unprecedented challenges that threaten the qualities that make them such desirable places to live. In this session you will learn how the Gateway & Natural Amenity Region (GNAR) Initiative empowers western communities to thrive while preserving the things that make them special. You will see real examples of how communities have benefited from our education resources, capacity building tools, and our evidence-based research.
EAST ZIONS INTER-LOCAL TRAIL SUCCESS—TRAIL PLANNING AND RESOURCES FOR RURAL UTAH	WEDNESDAY 1:50 PM WILLOW BALLROOM B	TARA MCKEE, PATRICK MORRISON, RACHEL TOKER, BETSY BYRNE	Utah is experiencing unprecedented legislative interest and support to fund trail projects throughout the State. How can your locality take advantage of these bolstered trail development programs? Speakers at this session will share exciting updates to existing funding programs and what this means for rural Utah. They will share their insights on how to leverage your localities strength to procure grant funding, from both state and federal sources.
ETHICS UPDATE 2022	WEDNESDAY 1:50 PM WILLOW BALLROOM C	BRUCE PARKER	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 Task Force has now finalized Report and the 2022 Ethics update is now in effect. Revisions include items regarding equity and social justice, sexual harassment, discrimination, and other issues related to the use and interpretation of the Ethics Code(s). This session will review the updated ethics issues and how these changes will affect the ethical responsibilities and obligations of all planners.

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INCLUSIVE PLANNING: CONNECTING WITH DIVERSE COMMUNITIES IN OUTREACH AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT	WEDNESDAY 2:45 PM WILLOW BALLROOM A	JESS LUCERO	Utah's growing diversity is a key contributor to the economic and social vibrancy of our cities and towns. Local governments and planning bodies are required to meet a minimum standard of public noticing and public engagement; but does the status quo unintentionally leave diverse voices out of planning conversations? What do we lose when this happens? Dr. Lucero will focus on the basics of inclusive public engagement – its benefits, challenges, design, and implementation. She will share insights from her community involvement and research in Cache County, and attendees will leave with actionable steps to more effectively engage diverse perspectives in the planning process.
HINDSIGHT 20/20 2022	WEDNESDAY 2:45 PM WILLOW BALLROOM B	JOHN JANSON, BOB NICHOLSON	We often hear the phrase “hindsight is 20/20”. As planners we regularly look 10-20 years into the future to do our work. This session will provide advice from urban counties on what they wish they would have known and/or done 20 years ago.
DISASTER RESILIENCEPROJECT (THE BIG ONE)	WEDNESDAY 3:45 PM WILLOW BALLROOM A	ARI BRUENING	<p>Utah's natural climate and geography put it at a high risk of a major disaster disrupting the state's economy and impacting the lives of millions. In fact, the Wasatch Fault has a 43% chance of experiencing a 6.75 or greater magnitude earthquake in the next 50 years, and experts project that such an event would be among the deadliest disasters in U.S. history. A major earthquake on the Wasatch Front would also leave hundreds of thousands of Utahns without shelter while interrupting power, water, sewer, and road service for most of the population—potentially for months.</p> <p>Envision Utah, recognizing the gaps in resiliency, launched a disaster effort in 2020 to convene key stakeholders and determine the best strategies to improve Utah's resiliency. During this effort, Envision Utah partnered with the Utah Seismic Safety Commission to present seismic recommendations during the 2022 Legislative Session to address the most urgent vulnerabilities.</p> <p>During the APA Utah Spring Conference Session, Ryan Beck from Envision Utah will present the seismic risk and resiliency gaps in the Wasatch Front, an overview of the Envision Utah stakeholder process, legislative recommendations, and next steps to continue to improve resiliency in Utah.</p>
LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS	WEDNESDAY 3:45 PM WILLOW BALLROOM B	MARCIE JONES	Looking to regulate short-term rentals? We'll talk about the changes to state statute made last year that affect regulating and enforcing violations for short-term rentals. We'll also talk about what you can (or, really what you cannot) do about existing short-term rentals in your areas.
BOOK CLUB: EVICTED: POVERTY AND PROFIT IN THE AMERICAN CITY	WEDNESDAY 3:45 PM WILLOW BALLROOM C	SUSIE PETHERAM	APA Utah has selected Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by sociologist Matthew Desmond for our next Chapter Book Discussion. In Evicted, Desmond follows eight different families in Milwaukee who are struggling to keep a roof over their heads. This critical work on poverty, housing, and economic exploitation in America today highlights many factors all planners should understand. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and lessons learned from reading Evicted. For more information about the book, and additional resources on the topic, please visit https://www.evictedbook.com/ .

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022

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DESTINATION MANAGEMENT: RETHINKING THE ROLE OF TOURISM 	THURSDAY 8:30 AM WILLOW BALLROOM A	FLINT TIMMINS	Over the past decade Utah has become a premier destination for visitors, introducing new challenges and opportunities to communities across the state. Join a discussion on how the Utah Office of Tourism is working to build a sustainable tourism industry that benefits and preserves our state. Learn how the state is pursuing destination management and development, strategic partnerships, and other ways to keep Utah Forever Mighty®.
VERNAL DOWNTOWN: MAINSTREET PLACEMAKING ON UDOT HIGHWAYS	THURSDAY 9:35 AM BALLROOM 1	RYAN WALLACE, DAN SMITH, ALISON LEWIS, QUINN BENNION (MHTN)	Vernal's Downtown Plan, recently completed in October 2021, focuses on thirteen blocks surrounding the intersection of Main St. (HWY 40) and Vernal Ave. (HWY 191). The City initiated this planning effort because although Vernal's Downtown character is both historic and charming, there are many vacant storefronts and evenings are relatively quiet. Additionally, these two major road corridors are noisy and due to the large volume of semi-trucks, can feel unsafe. This plan identifies strategies that aim to draw visitors and residents into the downtown and out of their cars to shop, dine and socialize. Through extensive public engagement and coordination with UDOT, this plan incorporates the diverse feedback received into a conceptual plan, design guidelines and implementation strategy. This presentation will cover the nine-month design process and actions taken by the city following its completion. You will hear from members of the design team and Vernal's City Manager.
FAST & FUNNY PLANNING GAME	THURSDAY 9:35 AM WILLOW BALLROOM B	BRIAN CARVER	Fast and Funny will connect you to peers around the state and expose the less glamorous aspects of land use planning. Come bond through shared suffering and laughter as contestants compete for fabulous prizes by sharing the infuriating, the outrageous, and the downright hilarious stories they've experienced in their planning careers. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll kiss 75 minutes goodbye. Crowdsourced solutions to coping with public clamor, out-of-order officials, and poorly-prepared presenters.
KANE COUNTY TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOUR	THURSDAY 9:35 AM MOBILE TOUR	CAMILLE JOHNSON, KELLY STOWELL	Join Kane County Tourism Director, Camille Johnson Taylor, and Executive Director of CEBA (Center for Education, Business, and the Arts), Kelly Stowell, for a tour of Kanab. Enjoy site visits while learning about the evolution of the county's tourism strategy and the overall efforts with economic development and outdoor recreation.
IT'S ALL LAND USE TRAINING—AN OVERVIEW OF LAND USE LAW	THURSDAY 9:35 AM WILLOW BALLROOM C	CRAIG CALL	Utah's Ombudsman, one of the most experienced planners in the state and the lawyer/author of Ground Rules - Your Handbook to Utah Land Use Regulation will conduct an engaging four-hour conversation about the statutes and case law that set the guardrails on local land use decision-making. These three experts will provide a general overview of land use law, based on the true-life stories of landmark cases handed down by the Utah Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. Actions by the 2022 legislature and the most recent case law will be discussed as well. There will be ample time for questions and comments. A complimentary copy of Ground Rules will be provided to those who attend.
ADUS/IADUS IN YOUR COMMUNITY	THURSDAY 10:35 AM WILLOW BALLROOM A	TRAVIS HAIR, JIM MCNULTY DREW ELLERMAN	IADUs in your community. HB-82 and mandates put in place to address affordable housing. Ordinance updates to allow for IADUs as a permitted use. The difference between IADUs, ADUs, and short-term rentals.

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SIX FEET AND BEYOND- FOSTERING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE COVID-19 ERA	THURSDAY 10:35 AM WILLOW BALLROOM B	THOMAS MCMURTRY, EMILIE JORDAO	The difference between a good plan and a great plan is often community buy-in. Since 2020 the newly implemented COVID-19 restrictions severely impacted the usual public outreach efforts which consisted of hosting varied in-person events. This session highlights several methods (with tips and tricks) we used to get the public involved in projects over the last 2 years. It is our hope that these examples can be helpful in getting meaningful interactions even during challenging times. We believe public participation can still thrive through the pandemic and we can be even better for it.
LUNCH KEYNOTE: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE	THURSDAY 11:35 AM WILLOW BALLROOM A	WILF SOMMERKORN SCOTT HESS	2022 Legislative Update—The APA UT Legislative Committee Co-Chairs will bring you up to speed on the latest and greatest, real-time happenings in the 2022 legislative session.
RELIGIOUS LAND USE AND INSTITUTIONALIZED PERSONS ACT- WHAT PLANNER NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RLUIPA	THURSDAY 1:15 PM WILLOW BALLROOM A	MARCIE JONES	The Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, commonly known by its acronym RLUIPA, is a federal law requiring local governments to implement land use regulations without (1) burdening the exercise of religion by religious institutions or (2) the rights of institutionalized persons. We'll briefly review the Act while highlighting best practices and issues to look out for. This should be a brief, highly practical session.
KEEPING THE MOMENTUM: SUCCESSES, LESSONS LEARNED, AND NEXT STEPS FOR THE GREATER ZION REGION	THURSDAY 1:15 PM WILLOW BALLROOM B	KELLY STOWELL, BRENT CHAMBERLAN, HARRY BARBER, DAN GUNN	Leaders in the Greater Zion area are tackling the challenges unique to their region by employing methods Utah planners, elected officials, and land managers can learn from. This session will focus on what happens after plans are made, hands are shook, and the ribbons are cut; it will focus on the grind of implementation. Speakers will use their experience working on the multiple initiatives underway in East Zion and the region beyond to illustrate the power of partnerships and collaboration to ensure a better future for their communities.
TELL YOUR CITY'S STORY: HOW HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLANNING AND INITIATIVE IN YOUR CITY CAN HELP CULTIVATE A MORE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY	THURSDAY 1:55 PM WILLOW BALLROOM A	PAUL LARSEN, GREG MONTGOMERY, AMBER ANDERSON, NAN ANDERSON	How Historic Preservation Planning in your city can help cultivate a more sustainable community and benefit generations to come." If you have feedback or edits to this title or description, please let me know.
ETHICS UPDATE 2022	THURSDAY 1:55 PM WILLOW BALLROOM B	BRUCE PARKER	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. The Task Force has now finalized Report and the 2022 Ethics update is now in effect. Revisions include items regarding equity and social justice, sexual harassment, discrimination, and other issues related to the use and interpretation of the Ethics Code(s). This session will review the updated ethics issues and how these changes will affect the ethical responsibilities and obligations of all planners.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022

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WHERE'S THE MARKET GOING AND HOW DO WE ADAPT?	FRIDAY 8:15 AM BALLROOM 1	BENJ BECKER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A changing retail and office landscape • Reconsidering highest and best use in a new environment • Why economic development tools are more important now than ever • Rethinking the approach to residential development • Know your city – what data determines your decisions
SMALL TOWN POLITICS, WHEN PUBLIC SAFETY IS ON THE LINE	FRIDAY 9:25 AM WILLOW BALLROOM A	DENNIS MARKER	Come hear about lessons learned when trying to relocate a small town police station and jail from the basement of a 1939 fire station turned city hall. How did positive public sentiment get checked against financial conservatism and the proverbial band aid approach to maintaining facilities? How were the citizens engaged, alternatives assessed, process made transparent, and elected officials involved?.
U.S. 89 PROGRESSIVE DESIGN BUILD'S DIGITAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT	FRIDAY 9:25 AM WILLOW BALLROOM B	AUBRY BENNION, LEAH JARAMILLO	The Utah Department of Transportation has set a high bar for public involvement and stakeholder outreach. UDOT's U.S. 89 project communications team supported the department's goal and raised the bar when we opened the gates of transparency and offered up an abundance of information through two digital engagement platforms: a PublicInput.com dashboard that hosted an online open house and a project-specific Facebook Group (6,100+ members strong as of December 2021). While digital engagement can be a critical tool to educate, inform, and collaborate with the public, the communications team was met with a spectrum of reactions, varying from frustration with a perceived lack of detail to praise for our unexpected transparency and willingness to incorporate public feedback. We will review our strategy, practice and results using multiple digital communication tactics and assess best practices, "hits" and "misses", and engage the group in a lively discussion about perfecting the craft.
SENSITIVE LANDS	FRIDAY 9:25 AM WILLOW BALLROOM C	ZAC COVINGTON, JOHN JANSON	Why so sensitive?- While some would argue that natural landscapes (like people) also have feelings, sensitive lands actually refer to areas where we should consider modifying or avoiding development in order to protect public health, safety, and welfare. If sensitive lands have you down, then this session is for you! Attendees will leave with a framework for understanding what sensitive lands are and why they should be protected as well as examples of "sensitive lands success" from across the state. Don't cry, just try to be sensitive.
PLANNING FOR PUBLIC LAND ACCESS AND RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP	FRIDAY 10:15 AM WILLOW BALLROOM A	DILLON HOYT, JASON WOLF	Utah's Public Land Policy Coordinating Office will discuss the updates to the State and County Resource Management Plans and will provide an overview of the Access Map 360° web application that highlights roads that provide access to Utah's public lands.

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UTAH WATER CHALLENGES IN THE AGE OF EXTREME WEATHER	FRIDAY 10:15 AM WILLOW BALLROOM B	SETH ARENS, RICK ROSENBERG, LAURA HANSON	This panel presentation will explore the increasingly important role that water planning has on communities – from the perspective of a scientist, local government and from the state. Seth Arens will discuss the two ends of hydrologic extremes in Utah, drought and flooding, which were both present in near-record forms during 2021, and projections of what to expect in the future. Laura Hanson will discuss the state’s long-term planning approach to help mitigate these extremes. And Mayor Rosenberg will discuss strategies and actions that can be taken within the local government to better prepare cities to navigate challenges of drought and flooding.
ANNEXATION - STATE LAW	FRIDAY 10:15 AM WILLOW BALLROOM C	JORDAN CULLIMORE, TONY KOHLER, CLINT SPENCER	State Law (handout of steps), Heber and Herriman examples stressing the ability to negotiate while in an annexation process through a development agreement
LOOKING FORWARD: THE RURAL LANDSCAPE IN 2032	FRIDAY 11:10 AM WILLOW BALLROOM A	MICHAEL HANSEN, RYAN ROBINS	To be “rural” means different things to different people. Likewise, to be a “planner” means a lot of different things to different people. One common identifier is that planners look ahead. The purpose of this session is to gather planners that work with rural issues (that’s you) for an interactive discussion (with you) on what rural Utah will look like in the next 10 years, and what we can do now to maximize its positive potential. Rural Community Consultants will moderate the session, and it will only be as inspirational, informative, and as irreverent as you make it. There might be a t-shirt cannon.
CIRCLING THE DRAIN: ADDRESSING UTAH’S CRITICAL WATER AND ENERGY CHALLENGES	FRIDAY 11:10 PM WILLOW BALLROOM B	BRYAN THIRIOT, NATHAN MOSES, ZACH RENSTROM	As the fastest growing and driest region of the state, Southern Utah water experts are tasked with proactive planning, management and conservation of the area’s limited water supply. Join in a panel discussion to discuss recent water-related legislation and policy, water right management and availability, infrastructure projects and conservation programs – and how all these collective efforts are essential for continued water resource stability.
YOUR TURN	FRIDAY 11:10 PM WILLOW BALLROOM C	WILF SOMMERKORN, JOHN JANSON, JORDAN CULLIMORE	Open forum session to answer PC and CC questions.



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PRESENTERS



AMBER ANDERSON

TELL YOUR CITY'S STORY

Amber Anderson manages the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Programs for the Utah State Historic Preservation Office. In this role she assists property owners in crafting appropriate rehabilitation plans for their historic properties while ensuring that they understand the application processes for the multiple financial incentive programs available to them. Prior to this position Amber worked in the Cultural Resource Management world for a number of years as an Architectural Historian.

Go Utah is outreach to rural counties and businesses in the Southern part of the state, and spearheading the Utah Main Street Program, marketing rural programs and business resources. She's had many different jobs in the economic development/tourism industry and has learned from all of them, loved most of them, and feels fortunate to be able to help foster economic development in the top state for business—Utah!



SETH ARENS

UTAH WATER CHALLENGES IN THE AGE OF EXTREME WEATHER

Seth Arens has worked as a research scientist for Western Water Assessment since 2015. At WWA, Seth works with resource managers, agencies and different levels of government in Utah to help the state understand, prepare for and adapt to changes in climate. Seth has a diverse background in science, including research experience in ecosystem and plant physiological ecology, snow hydrology and atmospheric science. He worked as an environmental scientist for the Utah Division of Air Quality, where he developed a research program to assess the extent and causes of ozone pollution in Utah from 2010-2015.



NAN ANDERSON

TELL YOUR CITY'S STORY

Nan is part of the Office of Rural Development at the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (Go Utah), and she works in the rural Go Utah location in Wayne County (200 miles from SLC!). Her focus at



HARRY BARBER

SUCCESSES, LESSONS LEARNED, AND NEXT STEPS FOR THE GREATER ZION REGION

Harry Barber is the Paria River District Manager for the Bureau of Land Management. Harry has worked for the federal government for over 30 years. He began his career as a wildlife biologist, having earned both a Bachelor of Science in Range and Wildlife and a Master of Science in Wildlife from Brigham Young University.



BENJ BECKER

WHERE'S THE MARKET GOING AND HOW DO WE ADAPT?

Benj Becker is a vice president in the special district group at Piper Sandler, focusing on the Utah and Intermountain West markets. He works with special districts and community reinvestment areas to raise and deploy capital for public infrastructure, and consults with developers and cities regarding implementation of tax increment financing. For 10 years, Becker worked in the San Francisco Bay Area with a real estate advisory group to provide highest and best use analyses and development strategies for a variety of public and private clients. Over the past several years, he has worked with Zions Bank Public Finance as a vice president of the municipal consulting group.



AUBRY BENNION

U.S. 89 PROGRESSIVE DESIGN BUILD'S DIGITAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Aubry Bennion is a Public Involvement Manager at David Evan and Associates with 16 years of experience in state and local government coordination and community outreach. She is dedicated to guiding strategic communication processes that involve and educate stakeholders while using public input to guide groups to make cohesive decisions. She is skilled at working alongside planners and designers to convey the benefits of proposed ideas to the public and answer the "whys" and "hows" of transportation projects to affected stakeholders in a simplified fashion.



QUINN BENNION

VERNAL DOWNTOWN: MAINSTREET PLACEMAKING ON UDOT HIGHWAYS

Quinn was hired as the Vernal City Manager, his hometown, in 2017. Quinn graduated from USU in civil engineering and then completed an MPA at the Univ. of Kansas. Educational and career opportunities led him to the Kansas City metro area, where he worked in city management for 20 years. He currently serves as a board member with the Utah City Manager Association. He contributes to efforts to improve the Vernal community and rural Utah.



ARI BRUENING

DISASTER RESILIENCY

Ari Bruening has extensive experience in visioning and implementation efforts for regions, large areas, and critical growth-related topics. At Envision Utah, he helped lead the Your Utah, Your Future statewide vision that engaged 52,845 Utahns to tackle eleven different topics, as well as the recommended State Water Strategy, the Point of the Mountain vision, the Vision for Teacher Excellence, and numerous other critical efforts. Prior to joining Envision Utah, he managed visioning and entitlement projects for the San Diego region; Laie, Hawaii; the Superstition Vistas Arizona state trust land parcel; and the Deseret Ranches of Florida landholding.



BETSY BYRNE

EAST ZIONS INTER-LOCAL TRAIL SUCCESS TRAIL PLANNING AND RESOURCES FOR RURAL UTAH

Betsy Byrne, PLA is a landscape architect at the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program. Betsy has worked at the RTCA for 7 years, supporting nonprofits, community groups, tribes, and government agencies to enhance their communities through recreation. Betsy holds a Bachelor of Arts in Film Studies from the University of Utah, and a Master of Landscape Architecture from Utah State University.



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CRAIG CALL, ESQ

IT'S ALL LAND USE TRAINING—AN OVERVIEW OF LAND USE LAW

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*. He has practiced law for private clients and also served as a city attorney. Craig is a Land Use Appeals Hearing Officer for Salt Lake City and several other cities and counties in Utah.



BRIAN CARVER

FAST AND FUNNY PLANNING: THE GAME!

Brian has provided community and economic planning and development services at Bear River Association of Governments for over 15 years. He has also served on the Hyrum City Planning Commission for 8 years. Despite having participated in hundreds of public meetings, he has never had a chair thrown at him. He finds his greatest professional purpose in helping elected officials and citizen planners make their best informed decisions.



BRENT CHAMBERLAIN

SUCCESSES, LESSONS LEARNED, AND NEXT STEPS FOR THE GREATER ZION REGION

Brent Chamberlain is a Commissioner for Kane County. He has served as a Kanab City Councilman and worked in the mining industry for 32 years. Brent was raised in Southern Utah, and attended Southern Utah State College, now Southern Utah University. He has served on numerous boards and Commissions at the federal, state and local level.



ZAC COVINGTON

SENSITIVE LANDS

Zac Covington was raised in the mountains of Summit Park near Park City, Utah. He attended Utah State University (Go Aggies!) where he earned both a Bachelor's of Landscape Architecture and a Master's of Science in Bioregional Planning. For the past 15 years, Zac has been working at Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG) providing regional and local community planning assistance to cities, towns, and counties in extreme northern Utah. In his spare time, he enjoys most things outdoors, trying to play various sports, and hanging out as much as possible with his wonderful wife and kids. While he may not always be considered "sensitive" by his peers, Zac has a passion for protecting sensitive lands in local communities.



JORDAN CULLIMORE, ESQ

ANNEXATION—STATE LAW

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.



DREW ELLERMAN

ADUS/IADUS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Drew Ellerman is the Community Development Director for Washington City, Utah. His work philosophy has been that of finding solutions to any challenge, and leaving things better than you found them. He has been at Washington City for the last sixteen years. Prior to that, he spent twelve years with the town of Snowflake, Arizona, where he was the Town Planner and Town Building Official. While at Snowflake, he had the opportunity to write and implement the town’s first zoning regulations and building codes.



DAN GUNN

SUCCESSES, LESSONS LEARNED, AND NEXT STEPS FOR THE GREATER ZION REGION

Dan Gunn is an Outdoor Recreation Planner based out of the Kanab Field Office. Dan develops plans and designs for recreation sites and trails, makes recommendations on recreational land use, and reviews travel management plans.



TRAVIS HAIR

ADUS/IADUS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Travis is currently with UDOT as the Transportation Project Manager for Emerging Areas. Previously, he worked for the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District and Wasatch County as a current planner. Travis has been in the planning field for 7 years and is often involved in ordinance updates and legislative tracking. He is currently looking for ways to assist growing rural communities with their transportation planning.



MIKE HANSEN

LOOKING FORWARD: THE RURAL LANDSCAPE IN 2032

Mike Hansen has worked in strategy, land use, and organizational development for 20+ years. His career has been marked by successful leadership of progressively difficult challenges. Working in all levels of government, he has worn the hats of a strategic planner, demographer, administrator, and change leader. He has led small entrepreneurial teams, statewide initiatives, and even served in the Utah Governor’s Cabinet. In the private sector, Mike has orchestrated projects with citizen groups, city staff, and engineers.



LAURA HANSON, AICP

UTAH WATER CHALLENGES IN THE AGE OF EXTREME WEATHER

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. She holds bachelor degrees in urban planning and environmental studies, and a master degree in urban planning from the University of Utah. Post graduate certificates include public involvement, leadership, conflict resolution, and visual resource management. Her work has been recognized with numerous awards from the Quality Growth Commission, and the Utah Chapters of the American Planning Association and American Society for Landscape Architects.



DILLON HOYT

PLANNING FOR PUBLIC LAND ACCESS AND RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

Dillon Hoyt is the Resource Management Plan Program Manager at Utah’s Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO). Over the past decade, he has managed state parks operations in Utah, Wyoming, and Nevada. Immediately prior to working for PLPCO, he was the Park Manager at iconic Dead Horse Point State Park. Dillon enjoys working with diverse groups of stakeholders to find common ground and sustainable solutions that promote access to public lands and that facilitate responsible stewardship of public land resources.



SCOTT HESS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Scott Hess is the Planning Director for North Ogden City, Utah. He leads a department whose work covers General Plan development, short range planning, business licensing, building permit review, and economic development. He brings fifteen years of experience spanning positions in Municipal, County, and Regional Planning. In his free time he enjoys spending time outdoors, and riding bikes around the neighborhood with his wife and three daughters. He holds a B.S. in Urban Planning and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Utah.



JOHN JANSON

HINDSIGHT 20/20 2022: URBAN COUNTY ADVICE FOR RURAL COUNTIES

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. His consulting work includes: general plans, area studies, Form Based Codes (the Utah Template), and general ordinance updates and implementation.



UTAH RAIL PASSENGERS

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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.

290
How many hours Americans spend on the road annually.*



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How much Americans spend a year to own and drive a car.*



23
Utah counties not served by the Utah Transit Authority.



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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.



LEAH JARAMILLO

U.S. 89 PROGRESSIVE DESIGN BUILD'S DIGITAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Leah Jaramillo is a Public Involvement Manager at David Evans and Associates and has 16 years of experience providing communication and public engagement services to a range of public sector clients in Utah. Leah has facilitated project visioning, planning, team partnering, and public engagement for projects ranging from transportation to civic engagement and community arts. Leah is an IAP2 Certified Public Participation Practitioner (CP3) and former IAP2 USA Board Member.



MARCIE JONES, ESQ

RELIGIOUS LAND USE AND INSTITUTIONALIZED PERSONS ACT - WHAT PLANNERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RLUIPA

Marcie is an attorney for the Office of the Property Rights Ombudsman (her favorite job ever). Her first professional love is urban planning and the laws surrounding good development. Her background includes a Masters in Planning, AICP certification, and work as a public and private city planner. After working as a planner for several years, she went to law school so that she could focus on the nuts and bolts of land use law.



CAMILLE JOHNSON TAYLOR

KANE COUNTY TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOUR

Camille Johnson Taylor is the Executive Director of Tourism for Kane County. She's been with the Kane County Office of Tourism for over seven years. Camille is a 7th-generation local of Kanab and is a direct descendent of the first European-American explorer of Zion Canyon, Nephi Johnson. Her roots are deep in southern Utah and so is her passion and love for this area. Camille graduated from Weber State University in Communications and Business and has worked in TV and radio news, finance, real estate, marketing and now tourism which she has enjoyed the most and considers her home industry. Camille currently serves on several committees and boards including the Utah Tourism Industry Association (UTIA) board of directors, and the Utah Association of Destination Marketing Organizations (UADMO) executive committee.



EMILIE JORDAO

SIX FEET AND BEYOND – FOSTERING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE COVID-19 ERA

Emilie is a Project Manager with Avenue Consultants. Her transportation planning journey started with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, a Master of Landscape Architecture, and working experience as a Planner. Utilizing science, design, and planning as the three pillars of her work, Emilie strives to use the Geodesign framework and a myriad of tools to integrate clients, stakeholders, and the public into real participative, value- and science-driven design processes.



TONY KOHLER, AICP

ANNEXATION—STATE LAW

Tony 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 in the capacity of Planning Director with Heber City in 2011.



BLAKE LEONELLI

WM SMART TRUCK

Blake Leonelli has worked for WM for over seven years and is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with franchise cities and jurisdictions. As the WM representative to municipal, state, and federal public officials and community organizations, he is the manager and editor of external communications content for customer public education and outreach campaigns and publications and the director of all community engagement events and activities.



PAUL LARSEN

TELL YOUR CITY'S STORY: HOW HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLANNING AND INITIATIVE IN YOUR CITY CAN HELP CULTIVATE A MORE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY AND BENEFIT GENERATION TO COME...

Paul Larsen is the Community and Economic Development Director for Brigham City, Utah. Mr. Larsen earned a B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife in 1986 and a Master of Landscape Architecture in 1993, both at Utah State University. Mr. Larsen is a graduate of the Economic Development Institute and the Main Street America Institute. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, Main Street America Revitalization Professional, and a Full Member of the Urban Land Institute. .



ALISON LEWIS

VERNAL DOWNTOWN: MAINSTREET PLACEMAKING ON UDOT HIGHWAYS

A landscape architect and urban designer, Alison thinks holistically about site design from street furnishings to regional planning efforts. Her process includes identifying ways to celebrate a place's cultural identity, while being sensitive to environmental constraints. With extensive public outreach experience, Alison's great love is learning from community members what their vision is for a place and incorporating these collective stories into the final design in meaningful ways.



DR. JESS LUCERO

INCLUSIVE PLANNING: CONNECTING WITH DIVERSE COMMUNITIES IN OUTREACH AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Dr. Jess Lucero is the Chair of the Social Work Department at Utah State University where she teaches community practice courses and conducts community-based research on issues related to housing access, affordability, and insecurity. Her work has been published in planning journals like Urban Affairs Review and Housing Studies. She serves on Logan City's Planning Commission and has been an active university partner with Logan City's Community Development Department, Bear River Association of Governments, the Utah Division of Fair Housing, the Bear River Local Homeless Council, and the Utah Balance of State Continuum of Care Board.



DENNIS MARKER

SMALL TOWN POLITICS, WHEN PUBLIC SAFETY IS ON THE LINE

Dennis Marker has over 20 years of experience in various levels of government work. He is currently the Operations Analyst for Santaquin, Utah. Prior to his current position he served as the City Manager for Caribou, Maine. His career as a public servant includes working in real estate on behalf of the US Forest Service in parts of Utah and Idaho, working as a Planner/GIS Specialist for Sandy, Utah, and as the Community Development Director and Assistant City Manager for Santaquin. He graduated from Weber State University with a degree in Geography with Urban Planning Emphasis and received his Masters of Public Administration from Brigham Young University.



TARA MCKEE

EAST ZIONS INTER-LOCAL TRAIL SUCCESS TRAIL PLANNING AND RESOURCES FOR RURAL UTAH

Tara McKee is the Program Manager at the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation. In this role, Tara administers the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant program, as well as the Recreational Trails Program from FHWA. She was involved with writing Utah's Outdoor Recreation Vision, and has served on various recreation boards and advocacy groups. Tara holds a BS from BYU in Geography with an emphasis in Travel and Tourism.



THOMAS MCMURTRY

SIX FEET AND BEYOND – FOSTERING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE COVID-19 ERA

Thomas is a planner with 18 years of experience leading transportation projects. Thomas has a wealth of experience conducting all kinds of analysis for community visions, corridor studies, long range plans, land use analysis, master plans, and multi-modal plans. He is very familiar with all aspects of civic engagement and community outreach in the planning process. Thomas has personally been involved in over 50 plans that included community engagement.

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JIM MCNULTY

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Jim was hired as the Santa Clara City Planning & Economic Development Manager in 2021. Jim has worked in Northern Utah as a professional planner for 20 plus years. He has experience with both current and long-range planning for multiple communities. Jim is currently working on updating the Santa Clara City Zoning Ordinance & Development Standards to allow for the city to grow in an efficient and sustainable manner.



PATRICK MORRISON

EAST ZIONS INTER-LOCAL TRAIL SUCCESS TRAIL PLANNING AND RESOURCES FOR RURAL UTAH

Patrick Morrison is a Program Specialist with the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation. A Utah native, he is an avid climber, fly fisher, and backpacker. Previously, he served as Trails Director for the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation advocacy group in Salt Lake City. He has a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Utah and a Master’s degree from New York University.



GREG MONTGOMERY

TELL YOUR CITY’S STORY

Greg Montgomery is the Planning Division Manager for Ogden, Utah. Greg earned a Bachelors of Landscape Architecture from Utah State University in 1980. Greg received his American Institute of Certified Planners certificate in 1991. He has worked with Ogden City for 40 years and has seen many changes take place. At the beginning of his career, Historic 25th Street was an assemblage of 45 buildings on a two block area with only 8 of the buildings being occupied. Its preservation and redevelopment lead to it be awarded the designation of “A Great American Street” from the American Planning Association in 2014. The preservation of Ogden’s historic resource, especially 25th Street, has been a career-long passion.



NATHAN MOSES

CIRCLING THE DRAIN: ADDRESSING UTAH’S CRITICAL WATER AND ENERGY CHALLENGES

As a representative of the Utah State Engineer, Nathan is tasked with managing water rights in the southwestern area of the state. The region is composed of eleven basins of which three have been declared critical management areas where withdrawals consistently exceed safe yield. He graduated in 2004 with a Master’s Degree of Civil Engineering from Utah State University, beginning a career with the State of Utah in 2006.



BOB NICHOLSON

KANAB: ADVENTURE’S BASE

Bob Nicholson’s planning experience includes Weber County (3 years), Vernal city/Uintah County (4 years), Community Development Director for St George city 1985 - 2014, and planning consultant to various small cities since 2014. He was a member of AICP for approximately 35 years.



SUSIE PETHERAM

BOOK CLUB: EVICTED: POVERTY AND PROFIT IN THE AMERICAN CITY SPEAKER

Susie Petheram is a planning, policy, and design consultant. Her professional focus is working with communities to implement context-sensitive planning strategies and create more livable, vibrant, and diverse places. Susie is a Senior Planner and Senior Associate with FFKR in Salt Lake City, Utah.



BRUCE PARKER, AICP

ETHICS UPDATE 2022

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. He also provides litigation support and expert witness testimony for public and private sector clients. Bruce serves Utah Chapter – APA as the Chapter’s Professional Development and Ethics Officer.



JAKE POWELL

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE GNAR INITIATIVE

Jake Powell, MSLA, is the GNAR Initiative Lead, Assistant Professor, and Extension Specialist in the Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning Department at Utah State University. He is a native of Utah, and received his Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from Utah State University, and his Master of Science in Landscape Architecture from Penn State University. In his current position as Extension Specialist and associate professor, Jake works to bring design and planning solutions to Utah’s communities. As the lead for the Gateway and Natural Amenity Initiative, Jake works with an amazing team to bring attention, resources, and new opportunities to the gateway communities of the Intermountain Wes



ZACH RENSTROM

CIRCLING THE DRAIN: ADDRESSING UTAH'S CRITICAL WATER AND ENERGY CHALLENGES

Zach Renstrom is the general manager for the Washington County Water Conservancy District. In this capacity, he oversees all operational and financial activities for the district and its employees. Prior to joining the district in 2019, Renstrom served as a Washington County Commissioner and worked as an attorney for Lincoln, Gustafson & Cercos. He was also a principal owner at a local engineering firm. Renstrom is a licensed professional and structural engineer in Utah with more than 20 years of experience; and a member of the Utah and Nevada state bars with more than 15 years of experience.



RICK ROSENBERG

UTAH WATER CHALLENGES IN THE AGE OF EXTREME WEATHER

Mayor Rosenberg has worked in the engineering and surveying field since his graduation from Utah State University in 1984. Rick spent his early career years as a project design and field engineer, working in Cedar City and in St. George, Utah. In 1989, Rick founded Rosenberg Associates a full-service civil engineering and land surveying firm in St. George. He is committed to improving the quality of life for community residents through public service and involvement.



RYAN ROBINSON

LOOKING FORWARD: THE RURAL LANDSCAPE IN 2032

Ryan is originally from Parowan, Utah with a passion for working with rural communities. He has worked with various government agencies, including multiple municipalities as well as the Utah State legislature. His professional experience includes being a City Planner, Field Representative for a federal political office and campaign, leadership team for a University political center, and working in construction management. Ryan has successfully worked on numerous projects on a local municipality level and brings experience on rural issues for a variety of projects. Prior to his current role, he was with Francis Town in Summit County, Utah.



DAN SMITH

VERNAL DOWNTOWN: MAINSTREET PLACEMAKING ON UDOT HIGHWAYS

As a planner and landscape architect, Dan contributes to projects on a variety of scales from broad master plans to site details. Joining MHTN in 2017, his previous experience included working primarily on municipal streetscape and park projects throughout New Mexico. He enjoys collaborating to find creative site-sensitive solutions that address the needs of communities and environment.



WILF SOMMERKORN

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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. He was a planner in various positions with that Department from 1981. 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. Wilf has served as Legislative Chair for the Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association since 1990. He was President of the APA Utah Chapter from 1986 to 1988.



KELLY STOWELL

KANE COUNTY TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOUR

Kelly Stowell is the Executive Director of the Center for Education, Business, and the Arts, (CEBA) headquartered in Kanab, Utah, where he works to advance economic development, outdoor recreation, and film commission initiatives in Kane County, Utah. Before moving to Kanab, he was the Executive Director of the Utah Student Association, within the Utah System of Higher Education and his background also includes time working in Washington D.C. for U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch from Utah, the State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, and the Senate in the State of Utah Legislature.



CLINT SPENCER

ANNEXATION—STATE LAW

As a Utah native growing up in Salt Lake Valley. Clint attended Utah State University and graduated with an emphasis in GIS which led to his first job in Orem. While working in Orem, he graduated from Indiana State University (online) with an MPA focusing on the effects of the built environment on health. Shortly after graduating, and after 14 years in Orem, He accepted a planning job in Ogden. Working in Ogden widened his view to historic preservation, and downtown revitalization and design.



BRYAN THIRIOT

CIRCLING THE DRAIN: ADDRESSING UTAH'S CRITICAL WATER AND ENERGY CHALLENGES

Bryan Thiriot was appointed as the Executive Director of Five County Association of Governments on May 1, 2013. Bryan received a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Utah where he researched the proposed annexation of Wendover, Utah into West Wendover, Nevada. Professionally, Bryan has over 15 years of experience working in the Congressional arena. He worked for two United States Senators, Orrin G. Hatch and Robert F. Bennett, spending time in Washington D.C. on Capitol Hill, and in the Northern and Southern regions of Utah.



FLINT TIMMONS

DESTINATION MANAGEMENT: RETHINKING THE ROLE OF TOURISM

Flint is the destination development lead with the Utah Office of Tourism where he assists local governments to develop and manage the amenities, infrastructure, and leadership necessary to become welcoming destinations for visitors. He previously worked for the State’s Division of Housing and Community Development where he conducted rural research, provided local government planning assistance, and supported the division’s infrastructure funding programs. Flint graduated with a master’s degree in public administration from the Romney Institute of Public Management at Brigham Young University.



RYAN WALLACE

VERNAL DOWNTOWN: MAINSTREET PLACEMAKING ON UDOT HIGHWAYS

Ryan is an associate principal with MHTN and is the urban design director. He is an architect and planner with significant experience in higher education and municipal projects including campus master planning, programming, design and construction. With a combined background in urban planning and architecture, he is able to work at multiple scales simultaneously.



RACHEL TOKER

EAST ZIONS INTER-LOCAL TRAIL SUCCESS TRAIL PLANNING AND RESOURCES FOR RURAL UTAH

Rachel Toker is the State OHV Grant Administrator at the Utah Department of Natural Resource’s Division of Recreation. In this position she administers both the State OHV Fiscal Incentive Grant and OHV Access & Education Grant programs.



JASON WOLF

PLANNING FOR PUBLIC LAND ACCESS AND RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

Senior Project and Portfolio Manager specializing in GIS and data-driven solutions for public land use policy and litigation matter. Eleven years of professional experience working in state and local government. Litigation support specialist with experience developing various geospatial solutions for projects related to public land, conservation and stewardship. Demonstrated extensive knowledge of all ESRI ArcEnterprise, ArcPro, and WebGIS products. Enjoys creating solutions to meet the challenge of all types of problems. Experienced remote field operation team leader and manager of multi-faceted hybrid office environments; working with various colleagues in all levels of government. Continuously challenges self to improve efficiencies, strategies and apply new solutions to problems, whether they are geo-spatial, political, or law-based.



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