



President's Corner



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ANNUAL REPORT!

Hello fellow ALAPA members!

I hope this communication finds you all well. 2021 was a challenging year with the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, according to the 2020 Census, Alabama still grew beyond expectations. Said growth kept our state's planning community quite busy. A great sampling of this work was evident in the multiple comprehensive plans that received awards at our 2021 Annual Awards Ceremony.

The Chapter continues to work through its own planning efforts to strengthen the organization for the long term. Our Chapter Development Plan and Work Program covers a timeframe of 5 years and features a number of goals and objectives that we set out to accomplish. I'm proud of the work the Executive Committee and additional volunteers from the Chapter have put into completing so many of the tasks outlined in the plan. The current plan can be found on our website (more about that in a moment). With the plan's closing year being 2022, the Executive Committee plans to engage in the planning process anew as we look to the next 5 years.

One of the goals of the plan was to improve communications with the Chapter's members. One method was resurrecting this newsletter, which I hope you all find informative and helpful. Another was to revamp the Chapter's website. Thanks to the yeoman's work of our IT Specialist, Phoenix Robinson, the new website is up and running. Cont. pg 2.

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2021 Award Recipients

Distinguished Leadership Award for an Elected Public Official



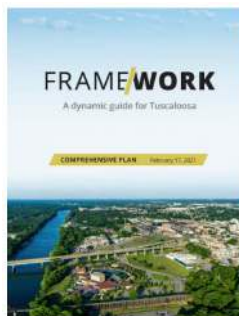
Mayor Walt Maddox,
City of Tuscaloosa

Chapter Leadership Award



Todd L. McDonald, AICP, Director
of Planning and Development,
City of Dothan

Outstanding Planning Award for a Comprehensive Plan (Pop. 50,000+)



City of Tuscaloosa "Framework
Tuscaloosa"

Outstanding Planning Award for a Comprehensive Plan (Pop. Under 50,000)



City of Prattville | "Project
Prattville 2040"



President's Corner *Continued*

Now we must turn our attention to populating this great website with content and features that will keep the planning community informed and engaged. We've started by placing information concerning the annual conference, adopted budget, Chapter Development Plan, as well as archived information on the site. We also anticipate adding information of interest to the planning community under the "Resources" section of the website. Please give the new site a visit at alabamaplanning.org.

We look forward to continuing to serve you in 2022. If you have ideas about how we can better serve our planning community with resources and programming to meet these various challenges and opportunities, feel free to reach out to me at mac.martin@hooveralabama.gov.

2021 Awards *Continued*

Franklin M. Setzer Outstanding Urban Design Project Award



City of Montgomery | "Rotary Park, Downtown Montgomery"

Outstanding Planning Award for a Project or Implementation Tool



City of Tuscaloosa
"Elevate Tuscaloosa"

Congratulations to the recipients for their outstanding contributions to planning in Alabama!

Other Important Announcements!

- The ALAPA Executive Committee has elected to partner with the Alabama Association of Regional Councils to jointly host the 2022 AL-MS APA annual conference on October 23-26, 2022 in Gulf Shores-Orange Beach. Stay tuned!



University Updates



The Department of Community and Regional Planning hosted Dr. Robert D. Bullard for the Spring 2022 Lecture Series. Dr. Bullard is distinguished professor of urban planning and environmental policy at Texas Southern University. He is often called the "father of environmental justice." The title of his presentation was "The Quest for Environmental and Climate Justice in the United States". In the lecture, he presented his case for certain communities bearing a disproportionate burden of pollution created by others, including pollution from highway traffic, landfills, garbage dumps, incinerators, refineries, chemical plants and a host of other polluting facilities.

In December 2021, Moriah Smith was selected to receive the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Diversity and Inclusion Student Fellowship. Moriah is the first student of the new accelerated 4+1 program and has recently completed her MURP degree at Alabama A&M University. Through this fellowship, she will continue her research interest on homelessness. She created a YouTube channel named "The Love Mo Project". She will use the fellowship to continue her project and highlight the inequity and unfairness that homeless people have experienced.

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It has been an exciting academic year for the students and faculty at Auburn. Some highlights include synthesis studio students working with the Montgomery Housing Authority as part of a \$450K grant from HUD for planning the redevelopment of its affordable housing projects in Montgomery, numerous internship experiences for our students, and promotions for faculty including Dr. Becki Retzlaff to full professor and Dr. Megan Heim-LaFrombois to associate professor. A full listing of these and other accomplishments can be found in our department newsletter, The Planning Post. The web address for the newsletter is as follows:

<https://mailchi.mp/b22b75cbb6ea/aumcp-fall2021?e=8c114df17d>

Feel free to contact me for more information.

Thank you and War Eagle!

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