

DRAFT AGENDA - MSU RILEY CENTER

Thursday, October 25th

8:00 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome & Proclamation - Mayor John Smith, Meridian
9:15 – 10:30 (75)	Session #1: Kick-off Session - Sadik Artunc, MSU
10:30 – 10:45	Break (Refreshments)
10:45 – 12:00 (75)	Session #2: The Trials and Joys of Small Town/Rural Planning - Bob Barber, Joanne Garnette, Carol Rhea
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch on your own
1:00 – 2:15 (75)	Session #3: “Keep Your Chin Up! A Humorous Look at Planning & the Issues We Deal With” - Joan Garnett, Carol Rhea
2:15 – 3:00	APA Directors Session: “Your APA: A Look at New Initiatives and Who We Are Today” - Mike McAnelly, Carol Rhea
3:00—3:15	Break (Refreshments)
3:15 –4:00 (45)	Session #4: ULI Plan for Meridian - Don Jemison
4:00 – 4:30	MAPA Business Session: Installation of Officers
4:30 – 5:15	Local Trolley Tour - Don Jemison
5:45 – 6:15	Tour of Riley Center - Staff
7:00— until	Reception - Union Station Meridian

Friday, October 26th

8:00 – 9:15 (60)	Session #5: City of Madison Town Center - Alan Hoops, Larry Smith
9:15 – 10:30 (75)	Session #6: The Township in Ridgeland - Clint Herring
10:30 – 10:45	Break (Refreshments)
10:45: —11:45 (60)	Session #7: Germantown Smart Growth - Jerry Cook
11:45 – 12:00	Break
12:00 –1:30	Luncheon: Keynote Speaker - Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler, Madison
1:35 – until	Roundtable Discussions - Topics to be Announced

VENUE

MSU RILEY CENTER

2200 5th Street, Meridian, MS 39301

Directions: The MSU Riley Center is located at the intersection of Interstates I-20 & I-59 and benefits from a local airport with jet service and Amtrak service.

ACCOMMODATIONS

La Quinta Inn & Suites

1400 Roebuck Drive, Meridian, MS 39301
Toll Free Phone: 1-800-531-5900

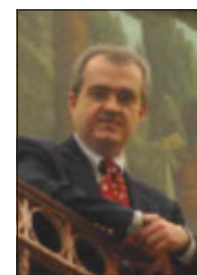
Directions: From I-59/20 take Exit #153 South on U.S. 45, then West on Roebuck Dr.

You must reserve your room before Oct. 3.



CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Sadik C. Artunc, FASLA, has been the head of Department of Landscape Architecture at Mississippi State University since January 2007. Between 1981-2007, he taught in the School of Landscape Architecture at Louisiana State University. Sadik has dedicated his career to educating students in innovative and environmentally sensitive planning, design, and implementation and to serving as an advocate for the profession of landscape architecture. A native of Turkey, Sadik is a naturalized U.S. citizen. He has a BS and MS in forestry and forest engineering from the University of Istanbul and an MLA from the University of Michigan. He is a registered landscape architect in the U.S.A. and a registered forester and forest engineer in Turkey.

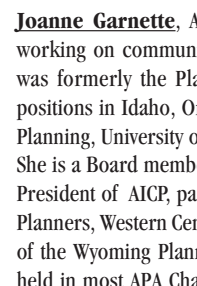


Robert L. Barber, AICP, has served as Director of Planning for Hernando, MS since 1996. He is also a consultant in private practice. Bob is Past President of the MS Chapter of APA, Chairman of the Chapter Presidents Council, and National Board Advisor of APA. He has been a member of AICP since 1990. He is an executive committee member of the Memphis District Council of the Urban Land Institute and executive board member of the Mid-South Regional Design Center. He is a lecturer in community planning for the MML's CMO program and a frequent speaker on small town planning and design issues. His articles have appeared in numerous publications including Planning Magazine and the Journal of the APA. Bob holds a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Mississippi, and a B.A. in Philosophy.

Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler is serving her 7th term as Mayor of the City of Madison, designated as one of the “10 Best Towns for Families” by Family Circle Magazine. In 2004 she was named a Member of the First Class of The Royal Order of the Polar Star by the King of Sweden. In 1994 she received the National Assn. of Towns & Townships, American Community Leadership Award - Honorable Mention. She has received the American Society of Landscape Architects, MS Chapter, Inaugural Leadership Award. A former Board Member of the Madison County Economic Development Authority, she also served on the Southern Arts Federation, Southern Design Arts Task Force. Mary has also been named Outstanding Southerner by Southern Living Magazine, was featured in American Profile magazine as a “Hometown Hero,” and received the Good Housekeeping Award for Women in Government in 2002. Mary holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Belhaven College.



Jerry L. Cook is Director of the Department of Economic & Community Development for the City of Germantown, TN. His duties include city planning, engineering, code compliance, construction inspection, and neighborhood services. A graduate of the University of Memphis, Mr. Cook is a member of the American Planning Association, Memphis Metropolitan Organization, Engineering Technical Committee, Major Road Committee, Economic Development Commission, Germantown Planning Commission, Design Review Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Smart Growth Committee, Germantown 2004 Committee, Germantown Vision 2020 Committee, and the Germantown Rotary Club.



Joanne Garnette, AICP, is Senior Planner with WLC, Inc. in Pinedale, Wyoming, working on community development plans, master plans, and special studies. She was formerly the Planning Director in Sublette County, WY, and previously held positions in Idaho, Oregon, and Montana. She has a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning, University of Oregon, and a BA in Sociology, Fairleigh Dickinson University. She is a Board member of the Western Planner Journal. Ms Garnette is past National President of AICP, past National President of APA, past President of Montana Assn. of Planners, Western Central Chapter-APA, and past President and current board member of the Wyoming Planning Assn. She has been a speaker or panelist at conferences held in most APA Chapters, in Australia, Japan, and Canada.



Clinton G. Herring, Jr., is President and Founder of Kerioth Corporation, a full service real estate company offering development, brokerage, management and construction services nationwide. Clint has spent over 30 years in the development, building, and finance industries, and has taken Kerioth from start-up to a multi-million dollar entity in the industry. A native of Selma, Alabama, Clint attended Mississippi State University and now lives in Ridgeland. He is a member of the MS Board of Realtors, Business Owners Management Association, International Council of Shopping Centers, Urban Land Institute, Congress for New Urbanism, Associated General Contractors, Associated Building Contractors, and Selected Top 40, under 40. He is past Chairman of the Safecity Initiative and was selected 2006 Economic Developer of the Year by the City of Ridgeland.

Alan D. Hoops, ASLA, is Director of Community Development for the City of Madison. Alan is an Ohio native who relocated to Mississippi in 1980. He graduated from Mississippi State University in 1985 with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree and went to work with Hartley P. Fairchild & Associates in Jackson. In 1997 he joined the firm of Johnson Bailey Henderson McNeel and directed the newly formed JBHM Land Planning Group. He was hired by the City of Madison in 2003. Alan was President of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects in 1998-99 and is currently the chapter Public Relations Chairman and Website Administrator. He has worked on a number of award-winning projects, including the Canebrake residential development in Hattiesburg.



Don Jemison has been the Planning Manager for the City of Meridian since 1994. Don graduated from Mississippi State University in 1974 with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree. From 1975-94, he was Project Developer for East Central Planning & Development District. He now guides the implementation of Meridian's *Downtown Strategic Development Plan*. Through the City's Urban Forestry Program, Don and his staff used city funds to remove 24 hazardous trees and replant 61 trees in residential areas and 82 trees downtown. Don is also consolidating the Zoning and the Historic Preservation Ordinances to update, simplify and make them more responsive to the public.

Mike McAnelly, FAICP, is a member of the APA Board of Directors elected by APA Region III, which includes Louisiana, Texas, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. Mike is a planning consultant employed by Carter & Burgess, Inc., in Dallas, Texas. Before entering private practice, he worked for regional planning councils in Houston, Texas and Columbia, South Carolina. His APA involvement includes previously serving as TexasAPA Chapter President, Houston Section Director, Board Member and Chair of the TexasAPA Educational Foundation, Editor of “The Guide to Urban Planning in Texas Communities,” and member of the AICP Exam Committee and Cut Score Committee. He has a M.S. in Regional Resources Planning from Colorado State University and B.S. in Range Science from Texas A&M University. In 2003, he was inducted into the AICP College of Fellows.



Carol A. Rhea, AICP, Region II Director, lives in Shelby, North Carolina. As President of Rhea Consulting, Inc., she works with the public sector in the areas of planning, group facilitation, ordinances and regulations, board training, permitting, code enforcement, and solid waste. She has 17 years of experience in local government planning and administration and has worked for state, regional, local, and nonprofit agencies in Florida and North Carolina on projects including watershed protection, land use planning and regulation, downtown revitalization, infrastructure financing, and community development. Previously, Rhea served as director of planning and development in Monroe, North Carolina. She is a Past President and Vice President of NCAPA and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Historic Shelby Foundation.

Mayor John Robert Smith has served as Mayor of Meridian since 1993. He has two Bachelor of Science degrees from the University of Mississippi and started his career as a Registered Pharmacist. As mayor, his projects have included: the MSU Riley Center/Grand Opera House, an \$85 million regional mall, the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Center, a new Central Fire Station, a Public Safety Training Facility, Dumont Plaza, and various parks, housing, and infrastructure improvements. His awards include the 2005 U.S. Conference of Mayors Local Arts Leadership Award. Mayor Smith's interest in the nation's railroads has led him to serve on many railway boards and councils. He has testified several times before Congress on the subject and has addressed seven rail and transportation related conferences. He was a member of the Amtrak Board of Directors from 1998-2003 and was Chairman of that Board in 2002-03. He is Founder and Co-Chairman of the Crescent Corridor Coalition, composed of mayors along Amtrak's Crescent line from Atlanta to New Orleans. The Coalition's efforts have resulted in a 60% rider increase.



Larry T. Smith, AICP, is Director of Planning for the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District in Jackson. He has 36 years of experience in urban and regional planning. Larry began his career with CMPDD in 1975 as Transportation Senior Planner. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree from the University of Mississippi. He was a member of the Clinton Planning Commission from 1974 -87, serving as Chairman from 1979-87. He was a member of the Jackson Comprehensive Plan Committee from 1987- 88, and a member of the Madison Planning and Zoning Commission from 1988- 2004. He is the author of numerous comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, and other planning documents.