NPC20 PROGRAM

With so many educational sessions, mobile workshops, and events to choose from, your 2020 National Planning Conference schedule won’t have a dull moment. For the most up-to-date program information, download the “APA Events” app. Feel free to bring this printout with you to conference for a physical copy.

Note: The conference program is subject to change.

2020 National Planning Conference

Thursday, April 23

AICP Commission Meeting

The AICP Commission will meet for its business meeting.
April 23, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Fort Bend

Foundation Board Meeting (Invitation Only)

The APA Foundation Board will meet for its business meeting.
April 23, noon to 2 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Galveston
Thursday, April 23 | 12:30 p.m.

**Leadership Registration**

APA leaders who are attending the Leadership meetings should stop by the registration desk to pick up their name badges.

April 23, 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Registration Desk

Thursday, April 23 | 2:15 p.m.

**Leadership General Session**

A general session for APA leadership will be held along with component group leaders’ updates and open dialogue. Group photos will be taken.

April 23, 2:15 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Houston Ballroom Salon II-III

Thursday, April 23 | 5 p.m.

**Leadership Reception**

All APA leaders are invited to attend this Meet and Greet/Regional Reception happy hour and join the discussion with colleagues from across the country.

April 23, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Houston Ballroom Foyer

Thursday, April 23 | 6 p.m.

**Board/Commission Dinner (Invitation Only)**

This invitation-only dinner includes APA Board members, AICP Commission members, and APA Directors.

April 23, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Coming Soon
Friday, April 24

Friday, April 24 | 8 a.m.

**Divisions Council (DC) Breakfast (Invitation Only)**

The Divisions Council (DC) will meet for breakfast before its business meeting.

April 24, 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Location: Marriott Marquis - Fort Bend

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**Chapter Presidents Council (CPC) Committee Meetings**

The Chapter Presidents Council (CPC) committees will meet to discuss current and future initiatives.

April 24, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Location: Marriott Marquis - Montgomery

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Friday, April 24 | 8:30 a.m.

**Divisions Council (DC) Business Meeting**

The Divisions Council (DC) will conduct its business meeting and discuss current and future initiatives.

April 24, 8:30 a.m. to noon

Location: Marriott Marquis - Fort Bend

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Friday, April 24 | 9 a.m.

**Divisions Joint Day of Service**

Join APA's Divisions for a Day of Service in the Northside of Houston for a community beautification event. Paint a mural, paint a basketball court, and replant a community garden.

April 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Friday, April 24 | 9:15 a.m.

**Chapter Presidents Council Business (CPC) Meeting**

The Chapter Presidents Council (CPC) will hold its business meeting to discuss current and future initiatives.

April 24, 9:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Location: Marriott Marquis - Houston Ballroom Salon I-II
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**Student Representatives Council Executive Committee Meeting**

The Student Representatives Council (SRC) will conduct its business meeting and discuss current and future initiatives.

April 24, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Chambers C

Friday, April 24 | 7 p.m.

**Student Representatives Council (SRC) Board Dinner (Invitation Only)**

The Student Representatives Council (SRC) board will meet for dinner.

April 24, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location: Coming Soon

Friday, April 24 | 7:10 p.m.

**Houston Astros vs. Oakland A's Baseball Game**

Come to Minute Maid Park and watch the Houston Astros play the Oakland A's before the conference kicks off. Since 2009, the Astros have been over the .500 mark in seven of nine seasons, and promise another season of stunning offense and shut-down pitching.

April 24, 7:10 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Ticket Required
Cost: $40.00

Saturday, April 25

Saturday, April 25 | 8:30 a.m.

**Opening Keynote Session**

NPC20's opening session features Valerie B. Jarrett, a senior advisor to the Obama Foundation and the media company ATTN:, a senior distinguished fellow at the University of Chicago Law School, and chair of the board of When We All Vote.

April 25, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Location: Grand Ballroom

Valerie Jarrett
Saturday, April 25 | 10 a.m.

Student Representatives Council Town Hall Meeting

The Student Representatives Council (SRC) will hold a town hall meeting open to everyone.
April 25, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Location: 350DE

Networking Break/Exhibit Hall Open

Don’t miss the opening of the NPC20 Exhibit Hall! Explore top vendors and organizations in the field, visit the Career Zone and APA Pavilion, connect with your peers, and grab a snack.
April 25, 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall

Professional Headshots

Dress to impress and get ready to smile! A professional photographer will be on hand to take your portrait — free of charge in the Career Zone.
April 25, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

Resume Clinic

In partnership with Sequence Staffing, APA offers its annual Resume Clinic for members as part of the Career Zone in the Exhibit Hall.
April 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

AICP Community Planning Workshop

As part of the National Planning Conference, the American Institute of Certified Planners sponsors the Community Planning Workshop, a one-day event that engages community leaders, citizens, and guest planners in discussing and proposing specific solutions to urban planning challenges. This year’s workshop is in East Houston.
April 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $40.00
Ryan Scherzinger, AICP
Saturday, April 25 | 10:15 a.m.

**Networking 101**

Double your impact during the Employer Connection by learning some tips on networking. Provided by Sequence Staffing.

April 25, 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

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Saturday, April 25 | 10:30 a.m.

**Professional Development Officers (PDO) Exchange**

Professional Development Officers (PDOs) will meet to discuss current and future initiatives.

April 25, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Marriott Marquis - Montgomery

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**Orientation Tour (Saturday morning)**

Without zoning, planning in Houston may appear to be as complex as the bayou system it is built within. Join us for an engaging tour to learn about the diversity of planning issues and constituents in the fourth-largest city, and how planners are balancing coastal resiliency with livability and affordability for all.

April 25, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $45.00

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Saturday, April 25 | 10:45 a.m.

**CANCELLED - Designing Healthier Multifamily Residential Buildings**

SESSION CANCELLED. Planning and designing healthier multifamily housing for working-class families through innovation and a focus on the health of residents is important. See how planners, architects and engineers, and property and resident services coordinators can achieve this result.

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to noon

Location: 361
Comprehensive Plans: Implementing With Everybody

Learn from the experience of three diverse cities with five-plus years of experience in comprehensive plan implementation. Explore the key partnerships/programs that are making an impact in Austin, Lafayette, and Nashville and how can they be applied in your community.

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to noon
Location: 310

Gregory Claxton, AICP | Matthew Dugan, AICP | Cathie Gilbert | Nancy O'Neill, AICP

Cultivating Charlotte's Regional Food Economy

Since 2015, the City of Charlotte and its food system stakeholders have coordinated efforts to develop the region's food economy, with a special focus on its farmers' markets. This session will highlight the research and strategies driving these efforts.

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to noon
Location: 351

Elliott Royal | Alberto Gonzalez | Erin Hostetler | Ben Kerrick

Essential Skills for Planning Commissioners/Board Members

Planning commissioners will gain essential skills as they learn the foundational aspects of planning including history, comprehensive plans, zoning, commissioner roles and responsibilities, and ethical principles in planning for application in decision making that expands choice and opportunity for their community.

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to noon
Location: 342

Linda Amato, AICP | Daniel Ungerleider, AICP | Marjorie Press

Form-Based Zoning for Equitable Development

Zoning shapes the social and economic character of a place, as well as the physical form. Speakers will explore how zoning has contributed to past inequities and how form-based zoning, in particular, can support more equitable development in the future.

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to noon
Location: 330

Alberto Vargas | Calvin Gladney | Karen Parolek | Marta Goldsmith
GIS Workshop: Telling the Story of Your Community

No programming or GIS knowledge required. Together we will use ready-made templates to visually tell the story of your community.

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to noon

Ticket Required

Cost: $50.00

Keith Cooke | Adam Carnow

Ignite Session 1

This curated selection of seven bite-size presentations aim to entertain and inform you, capturing the flavor of today's planning from a variety of perspectives. This grouping is ideal for those interested in social justice issues and professional growth.

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to noon

Location: 362

Taupant Vanadilok, AICP | Swati Rastogi | Chanelle Frazier | David Henning, AICP | John Reinhardt, AICP | Scott Berson | Alexander Abramowitz

Resilience Planning: Multiple Hazards Across Scales

How do you make your community resilient in the face of different hazards? This session explores projects that maximize funding, staff bandwidth, and stakeholder participation. Solutions that span district, city, and regional scales take it a step further.

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to noon

Location: 320

Julie Wormser | Alexandra Miller, AICP | Julia Carlton MacKay, AICP | Laura Marett

Risk Based Transportation Planning for Uncertainty

Recent university research combined with interactive workshop elements allows attendees to contemplate how risk and uncertainty impact transportation and community planning, brainstorm strategies for local implementation, and try out tools and methods for incorporating risk into long-range planning efforts.

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to noon

Location: General Assembly C

Ruth Steiner | Tia Boyd | Jeremy Crute
**Storytelling Session 1**

In this storytelling session learn strategies for implementing guidelines, sustainable solutions, and designing living shoreline techniques that combat habitat loss and sea-level rise.

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to noon

Location: 360

Allison Bryan | Amanda Zullo | Sarah Moos Thompson | Steve Greene | Sarah Halle, AICP Candidate

**Talking Transition for a Greater Houston**

As long as “inclusive community engagement” lacks meaning, discipline, and rigor, we can’t build the equitable and inclusive cities we desire. This panel will explore strategies to empower residents and engage in authentic policy and planning discussions with community members.

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to noon

Location: 332

Daphne Lemelle | Frances Valdez | Michelle Tremillo | Graciana Garces | Andrea Schlesinger

**Code Drafting for the 21st Century**

This interactive presentation will describe how to write codes that are clear, well-organized, easy to use, and easy to understand. Participants will learn best practices for drafting, illustrating, and organizing codes to provide favorable development outcomes and efficient administration.

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Location: General Assembly B

Elizabeth Garvin, AICP | Tina Axelrad | Mark White, AICP

**Ethics Cases of the Year: 2020**

The AICP Ethics Committee presents a series of real-life ethical scenarios based on member inquiries and misconduct complaints from the previous year. Attendees respond via an interactive poll. Applicable Rules of Conduct and Principles from the AICP Code of Ethics are discussed.

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Location: General Assembly A

Robert Barber, FAICP | Staron Faucher, AICP | Bonnie Johnson, AICP, PhD | Karen Wolf, FAICP | Valerie Hubbard, FAICP | James Peters, FAICP
Planning Supervisor's Workshop Part 1 of 3

The first of three parts, structured for learning new skills and sharpening existing skills. Enlarge planning support group learning from your peers by sharing stories and challenges to find solutions and spread innovative practices.

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Location: 352D

Ticket Required
Cost: $75.00
Aimee Nassif, AICP | Matthew Brandmeyer, AICP

Celebrating Diversity Along Brays Bayou Greenway

Bike along Brays Bayou Greenway and experience the diversity of parks and people that this linear park connects. Participants will stop at Mason Park (nature), Gragg Park (history), Smither Park (art), MacGregor Park (community), and Hermann Park (signature park).

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $98.00
Doreen Stoller | Marissa Llosa | Elizabeth White | Chip Place

Saturday, April 25 | 11 a.m.

Project Row Houses

Project Row Houses is a community platform that enriches lives through art with an emphasis on cultural identity and its impact on the urban landscape. We engage neighbors and artists in collective creative action to help sustain opportunities in communities.

April 25, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $65.00
Eureka Gilkey | Antoine Bryant | Misty Staunton
Employer Connection Job Fair

Expand your network and get ready to land your dream job. Employers: Contact APA Career Services if you're interested in meeting highly qualified candidates at this once-a-year event.

April 25, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

Saturday, April 25 | 11:45 a.m.

STaR Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony

Join the Small Town and Rural Planning Division (STaR) for our annual business meeting and awards ceremony.

April 25, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 25 | noon

Lunch Break

Time to grab some grub. Check the General Information section in the conference app for more information on nearby food options.

April 25, noon to 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 25 | 12:15 p.m.

ENRE Division Annual Business Meeting

Are you an Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (ENRE) Division member? Would you like to be? Come to our annual business meeting to discuss what has occurred since the last conference and brainstorm ideas for next year's work plan and budget.

April 25, noon to 1:30 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Liberty

Saturday, April 25 | 12:15 p.m.

Engaging Youth in Evolving Metropolitan Environments

Youth build vibrant communities! Partner with the City of Houston to realize its Texas Children in Nature plan. Participants will learn strategies to engage youth, practical applications through activities with local youth, and actionable steps to inform the strategic plan of the city.

April 25, 12:15 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Cost: $70.00
Corrin Hoegen Wendell, AICP  |  Monica G. Tibbits-Nutt, AICP
The Beautiful Game's Planning Impacts

Put on your walking shoes (or cleats) as we take a stroll to and through East Downtown and learn about the impact of soccer on local, national, and international development.

April 25, 12:15 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $45.00

Brian Ching  |  Chanelle Frazier

Saturday, April 25 | 12:30 p.m.

METRO’s Rail System and Operations

Look inside METRO’s rail system and operations — a service that provides safe, reliable, and convenient ways to travel to Downtown, the Medical Center, and Houston’s oldest African-American communities, while connecting to Texas Southern University and the University of Houston.

April 25, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $30.00

Kenneth Luebeck  |  Scott Grogan

Saturday, April 25 | 12:45 p.m.

Downtown TOD: Capitol/Rusk Corridor

Opened to the public in 2015, METRO’s Green and Purple light rail on Capitol and Rusk Streets has spurred a conglomeration of development along 17 blocks of downtown Houston. This corridor tour will highlight 18 new or renovated buildings.

April 25, 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $25.00

Benjamin Llana  |  Philip Croker  |  Christof Spieler
Saturday, April 25 | 1 p.m.

**Big City Planning Directors: Equitable City**

Across the country, homelessness and displacement are becoming growing challenges for many communities. Learn how the nation’s largest cities are addressing these social equity crises.

April 25, 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Location: 330

Petra Hurtado, PhD  |  Amy Cotter

**Examining Informal and Emerging Microtransit Services**

New York City is home to a commuter van system that serves approximately 90,000 daily riders, primarily in immigrant communities. Learn about NYC’s approach to understanding and regulating private transit in the context of a broader microtransit discussion.

April 25, 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Location: 310

Kenny Fennell  |  Christina Blackston  |  Christopher Henry, AICP  |  Matt Cunningham, AICP

**GIS Workshop: Generating Genuine Citizen Engagement**

Planners and citizens rely on each other to meet the community's needs and shape its future. Learn how easy-to-use apps can create a genuine partnership between citizens and their planning department.

April 25, 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $50.00

Keith Cooke  |  Adam Carnow

**Heritage Trails – Diverse Community Engagement**

Heritage Trails have become a popular means of preserving a city’s history and promoting tourism, as well as enabling a new wave of education, empowerment, and activism.

April 25, 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Location: 332

Bradley Wolf  |  Jeffrey Williams, AICP  |  Sheila Vemmer
Making the Most of Middle Housing

This interactive session will offer a candid conversation on opportunities and challenges of developing and implementing middle housing zoning. The discussion will focus on zoning code and development standards that advance community outcomes through middle housing.

April 25, 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Location: 362
Alan DeLaTorre | Morgan Tracy, AICP | James May | Danielle Arigoni | Tyler Bump

Planning Education and Digital Evolution

A Planning Accreditation Board (PAB) task force examined what planning education needs to provide in order to prepare planners for a 21st century technology-focused world. Explore the results, and learn how you can participate in an upcoming curricular revision.

April 25, 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Location: 342
Elizabeth Mueller | Clinton Andrews, AICP | Weiping Wu | Alexander Lieber, AICP

Planning on the U.S.-Mexico Border

Explore current planning initiatives, both local and regional, taking place on the U.S.-Mexico border. Presentations will focus on binational planning initiatives, and the impacts our current political and economic climate has on urban planning.

April 25, 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Location: 351
Rosemary Dudley, AICP | Ramiro Gonzalez, AICP | Edna Ledesma

Politics of Zoning Reform

Zoning reform is increasingly relevant for elected officials discussing the housing crisis. Wondering how to navigate this process politically? Hear from planners who have done just that, and walk away with effective advocacy tools of your own.

April 25, 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Location: General Assembly C
Taiwo Jaiyeoba | Catherine Hinshaw | Kristina Johnson, AICP | Jason Jordan
Reinventing Suburbia: Rebirth of Atlanta Suburbs

Representatives from DeKalb County and the City of Milton, Georgia, will discuss their experiences with and perspectives on the development of new downtowns and investments in town centers and suburban placemaking in the metro Atlanta area.

April 25, 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Location: 361

James Summerbell, AICP  |  Andrew Baker  |  Parag Agrawal, AICP

Spotlight On: Resilient Houston: The 101st Resilient City

Learn how Houston became the "101st Resilient City" and how the former chief resilience officers of Los Angeles and New Orleans joined forces with Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and local experts to develop and implement the Resilient Houston strategy.

April 25, 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Location: General Assembly A

Jeffrey Hebert  |  Kyle Shelton  |  Marissa Aho, AICP  |  William Fulton, AICP

Storytelling Session 2

In this storytelling session learn about evolving social justice, inclusion and equity initiatives.
Come hear about the Texas Freedom Colonies Project, Chinquapin Preparatory School and Come Sit at Our Table.

April 25, 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Location: 360

Jennifer Blanks  |  Grace Kelly  |  Schuyler Carter  |  Charis Hnin  |  Jason Moreno  |  Andrea Roberts

Real Estate Law for Planners

Planners' work is closely intertwined with interests in land. This session will provide attendees with a high-level overview of real estate law and the issues planners need to be concerned about when processing development petitions.

April 25, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Location: General Assembly B

Evan Seeman  |  Cory Rutz  |  Brian Smith  |  David Silverman, AICP
Historic Art/Architecture in Houston's Commercial Development

Learn about Houston's economic history by visiting a collection of early 20th century buildings and New Deal murals, and experience first-hand how historic art and architecture continue to contribute to the vitality and economic health of downtown Houston.

April 25, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $25.00
Karen Handsfield, AICP | Ruth Kroeger, AICP | Jim Parsons

Say Yes! Affordable Homes Tour

Join the City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department's second Say Yes! Affordable Homes Tour. Visit award-winning and transit-oriented affordable homes constructed by Avenue in the historic Near Northside neighborhood.

April 25, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $50.00
Sasha Marshall | Mary Itz, AICP | Fatima Wajahat, AICP

Saturday, April 25 | 1:15 p.m.

Explore the New Northside Bike Network

Explore the rapidly expanding bike network in Houston's north side neighborhoods. See new protected bike lanes implemented as part of an innovative county-city partnership and new trails providing access to jobs and greenspace in neighborhoods with limited historic investment.

April 25, 1:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $90.00
Tyler Golly | Lauren Grove | Lisa Graiff | Amar Mohite | Robert Carleton, AICP
Saturday, April 25 | 1:30 p.m.

**Wanderlust on Buffalo Bayou**

Opened to the public in 2015, Buffalo Bayou Park is a 160-acre, 2.1-mile park immediately west of downtown. The hike and bike trail network, signature bridges, riparian landscapes, wildlife habitats, civic assembly venues, and numerous attractions celebrate Houston’s founding waterway.

April 25, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $45.00

Scott McCready  |  Lonnie Hoogeboom  |  Guy Hagstette

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**Orientation Tour (Saturday afternoon)**

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Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $45.00

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**Cinco Ranch, Driving and Walking Tour**

Cinco Ranch is a master-planned community of over 10,000 acres located in Katy, Texas. Discover how design concepts, housing products, ordinances, and project ownership affect the long-term development of a master-planned community.

April 25, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $40.00

Kerry Gilbert  |  Wallace Trocesset  |  Matthew Stoops
Saturday, April 25 | 1:45 p.m.

**Partnerships for Healthy Planning**

Tour the brand-new East Aldine Town Center to see how the East Aldine District has taken a multifaceted approach to spur economic development and, in the process, evaluate the health and economic impacts in partnership with Harris County Public Health.

April 25, 1:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $50.00

Aimee Schultze | Parul Pillai | Veronica Sanches | Richard Cantu

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Saturday, April 25 | 2 p.m.

**Chapter Administrators Meeting**

APA Chapter administrators will meet to discuss current and future initiatives.

April 25, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Marriott Marquis - Montgomery

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Saturday, April 25 | 2:15 p.m.

**Networking Break**

A bit of a longer break between sessions and activities for you to connect with fellow attendees!

April 25, 2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

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Saturday, April 25 | 2:45 p.m.

**An Innovative Approach to Design Guidelines**

Get an inside look at the development of Lake Worth Beach, Florida’s unique approach to creating design guidelines along its major thoroughfares. Engage in a panel discussion and learn more about the methodology behind this innovative planning and development tool.

April 25, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: General Assembly A

William Waters | Bradley Benmoshé | Heidi Siegel, AICP
CANCELLED - Innovative Program Design for Disaster Recovery

SESSION CANCELLED. Learn how to use program design to make the most efficient and innovative use of federal regulations, policies, and guidelines when planning your disaster recovery housing program. Topics include outreach, construction, and resiliency measures.

April 25, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: 330

Emotions in Planning

How do planners balance their own personal or private ethics, their professional planning ethics, their workplace cultures, and the specific principles embodied in professional codes? How do they manage the emotions raised in planning?

April 25, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: 310

Stacey Swearingen-White | Mickey Lauria | Ray Kusche | Ann Forsyth

Engagement: Not Always Sunshine and Rainbows

Engagement results in Austin, Texas, have varied from wildly successful to “needs more work.” Public engagement has been key to the land development code rewrite, transportation plan update, and retrofitting of existing corridors. Panelists will discuss strategies and lessons learned.

April 25, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: General Assembly B

Susan Daniels | Annick Beaudet, AICP | Warner Cook | Daniel Brooks

Everyone Deserves a Great Park

Everyone deserves to have a great park close to home. Park and recreation professionals across the United States are developing systems-change strategies that bring that vision to life by enhancing park access and quality for everyone in their communities.

April 25, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: 361

Stacie Anaya | Frank Carson | TJ McCourt | Jared Mummert
From Disconnected Residents to Empowered Leaders

Are you looking for more engaged residents, connected neighborhoods, and ways to best celebrate the increased diversity in your communities? Four North Texas cities will share how their innovative programs are creating connected, active, and engaged neighborhoods.

April 25, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: 362

Michelle Ebanks  |  Santosh Pratt  |  Laura Castillo  |  Kala Krishnan

GIS Workshop: Economic Development for Planners

This hands-on workshop uses web-based tools to analyze demographic, socioeconomic, behavioral, and business data to better understand the community's overall characteristics and needs and make better policy decisions.

April 25, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Ticket Required
Cost: $50.00
Keith Cooke  |  Adam Carnow

Planned Development Districts: Creativity or Chaos?

Planned Development Districts are frequently used to customize a unique and new zoning district to accommodate a single new development. Is this process creative or chaotic?

April 25, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: 351

M. Lee Battle, AICP  |  Anne Ricker  |  Mark White, AICP  |  David Baird, AICP

Port-City Planning Partnerships and Pitfalls

Public port authorities are like cities on their own, many times not well integrated into local government planning. This session will focus on ports that are actively working with their cities and regional governments to plan for the future.

April 25, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: 320

Jeffrey Pollack, AICP  |  Deirdre Wilson, AICP  |  Max Taffet, AICP  |  Amelia Pellegrin, AICP
Storytelling Session 3

In this storytelling session, learn about sustainable shared modes of transportation, multimodal plans, and walkable urban patterns. Come hear about the Bay Area Carpool Program, Downtown St. Louis Multimodal Plan, and how architecture and urban design can be a powerful means to generate happiness.

April 25, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: 360

Shannon Hake, AICP | Arti Harchekar, AICP | Jacqueline Knight

What the Gig? Private Practice Today

The "Gig for Government" trend is creating new kinds of consulting opportunities for planners. More than 45 percent of state and local government officials said they need professional workers who can be available on demand. Is Gig for Government right for you?

April 25, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: General Assembly C

Silvia Vargas, AICP | Elizabeth Garvin, AICP | R. Steven Miller, AICP

Jump-Starting Your Region's Decarbonization

How can planners tackle climate change mitigation with urgency? Participants will develop and debate Theories of Change for ways their region's economy can decarbonize by 2050 and how innovations in planning and governance can get us there quicker.

April 25, 2:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Location: 332

Marissa Aho, AICP | Sarah Heinicke | Douglas Farr

Think Like a Futurist: Transgenerational Thinking

Do you have a crystal ball? Will the exponential change brought about by trends change your community? Learn how to start this community conversation using local data wrapped around global trends and scenario planning in a highly interactive deep dive.

April 25, 2:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Location: 342

Sheila Shockey
Saturday, April 25 | 4 p.m.

Break

Use this time to head to your next session. More exciting learning ahead!

April 25, 4 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 25 | 4:15 p.m.

Bayou City Rising: Post Disaster Tools

What are the best development tools to protect your city from natural disasters? This session will highlight sustainable and resilient examples from building code or floodplain code amendments to green building design solutions.

April 25, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: 351

Steve Stelzer  |  Choyce Morrow  |  Thomas Kirn, AICP

Building Consensus for Green Building

Alexandria, Virginia, developed a green building policy in a Dillon Rule state with the consensus of developers and environmental advocates. Learn one path toward an innovative policy that balances all interests and contributes to city sustainability.

April 25, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: 361

Stephanie Free  |  Carl Eger III  |  Ashley Shook Labadie, AICP  |  Ann Horowitz

Caught in the Middle

On the edge between growth and decline, middle neighborhoods are neither clearly healthy or thriving, nor are they the typical focus for intervention. Hear why three cities believe that revitalizing these places is key to their community's future prosperity.

April 25, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: 320

Jason Powers  |  Lori Schwarz, AICP  |  Amber Lynch, AICP  |  Marcia Nedland
Corridor Urbanism: Principles and Practice

Every city has commercial strips, important but generally inefficient and unloved. This session introduces a theory of Corridor Urbanism, embracing these corridors to create mixed use, connected environments. See how the principles apply to the Route 71B corridor in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

April 25, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: General Assembly C

Andrew Garner, AICP | Garner Stoll, AICP | Martin Shukert, FAICP

Creating Mobility Equity Through Congestion Pricing

U.S. cities are exploring congestion pricing to create more equitable transportation systems. This session will feature an exciting discussion with city leaders and planners who are creating and implementing congestion pricing in Seattle, San Francisco, New York, and Los Angeles.

April 25, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: 330

Jennifer Wieland | Joseph Iacobucci

GIS Workshop: Bringing Geography to 3D Design

Using a web-based app, learn how to assess data, define key indicators, and compare scenarios to make a data-driven decision without any GIS knowledge.

April 25, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Ticket Required
Cost: $50.00
Brooks Patrick | Christine Ma

Leadership: The Future Is Female

Women continue to be a minority within the planning profession, but younger planners are increasingly diverse. Using a dynamic "The View"-style format, four women planners discuss the path of leadership and the opportunities and challenges facing women in the profession.

April 25, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: 362

Wendy Moeller, FAICP | Lauren Driscoll, AICP | Silvia Vargas, AICP | Sara Copeland, AICP
Rethinking Smart Cities Holistically

Explore how the implementation of smart cities may provide an opportunity to make cities more equitable and environmentally sustainable through the integration of technology, nature, and community.

April 25, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: 310

David Rouse, FAICP | Tom Fisher | Petra Hurtado, PhD

Rightsizing: Planning Housing Across the Lifespan

A "rightsize" home fits a particular individual/family at a particular point in time. How can planners ensure a variety of housing options and price points, and the mix of generations that will enable people to remain and thrive in community?

April 25, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: General Assembly B

Kate Holmquist, AICP | Mia Candy | Stephanie Firestone

Storytelling Session 4

In this storytelling session, learn about both transgender experiences navigating urban environments and how land use planning ordinances creates opportunities and challenges for communities of color.

April 25, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: 360

Juan Sorto | Yasmine Tadross | Evan Wise

International Reception (Invitation Only)

APA President Kurt Christiansen, FAICP, welcomes APA's international guests at this invitation-only reception.

April 25, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Location: Coming Soon
Downtown Houston Dine Around

While Downtown Houston is home to dramatic 20th Century skyscrapers, its 1800s-era architecture in the historic district and tree-lined streets allow it to fuse culture and commerce. Its enhanced convention center, bustling theater district, and two state-of-the-art sports facilities attract millions throughout the year.

April 25, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $80.00

Saturday, April 25 | 7 p.m.

CPAT/Ambassadors/AICP Exam Volunteer Appreciation Event

This appreciation event recognizes CPAT, APA Ambassador, and AICP exam volunteers.

April 25, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Coming Soon

Saturday, April 25 | 8 p.m.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater continues to push the art form into new territory while still honoring signature classics like Ailey’s masterpiece of hope and redemption, Revelations.

April 25, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Ticket Required
Cost: $35.00

Columbia University Alumni Reception

Please join Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation students, faculty, and alumni for a private cocktail reception.

April 25, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Montrose A

Pure Country — Theater Under the Stars

Theatre Under The Stars presents the world premiere professional production of the new musical, Pure Country.

April 25, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Ticket Required
Cost: $70.00
Sunday, April 26

5k Fun Run and Walk
Join your APA friends for a morning run around Downtown Houston. Please dress in appropriate athletic gear, bring a towel if you prefer, and bring a sweatshirt or jacket.
April 26, 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis
Ticket Required
Cost: $25.00

Urban Design and Preservation Division Business Meeting
The Urban Design and Preservation Division will hold its annual business meeting.
April 26, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Liberty

Planning Advisory Board (PAB) Breakfast (Invitation Only)
An invitation-only breakfast hosted by the Planning Advisory Board (PAB).
April 26, 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Chambers C

Houston's Mid-Century Architecture and the Dome
Take a narrated tour of Houston’s mid-century architecture and development patterns culminating in a site visit to the iconic Astrodome. Join in a discussion of how to reimagine an icon, led by the Astrodome Conservancy, a nonprofit working on the preservation of the Dome.
April 26, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2
Ticket Required
Cost: $70.00
Luis Guajardo, AICP | Stephen Fox | Anna Mod | Beth Wiedower Jackson
**Optimizing the Transit Experience Through BOOST**

Take a ride on a Houston bus route and learn about BOOST. To prevent future gridlock due to Houston's growing population, Houston METRO is implementing Bus Operation Optimized System Treatments (BOOST). BOOST is a process designed to make transit faster and more reliable in high traveled areas.

April 26, 7:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost**: $30.00

Yuhayna Mahmud, AICP  |  Robert Carleton, AICP  |  Amar Mohite

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**Sunday, April 26 | 8 a.m.**

**Solar@Scale Advisory Committee Meeting (Invitation Only)**

April 26, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Location: Marriott Marquis - Fort Bend

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**Tour of Houston Biodiversity Conservation Initiatives**

Tour several sites of Houston region biodiversity conservation plans and initiatives showing how challenges were met and lessons were learned on integrating urban and regional planning and reconciling conflicts between urban growth and biodiversity conservation.

April 26, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Food Included

**Cost**: $75.00

Timothy Van Epp, FAICP  |  Jaime Gonzales  |  Kyle Shelton
Getting Around Sugar Land by Bike

The desire for communities to become bicycle-friendly is growing nationwide. Experience what it is like to bike to popular destinations in Sugar Land, Texas. Participants will learn about challenges faced when building bicycle projects in an established suburban community.

April 26, 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $97.00
Monique Johnson, AICP

Dean's List: College Town Best Practices

The physical, demographic, and social characteristics of many college towns create both challenges and opportunities for planners. This session will present two case studies of best practices and then divide participants into small groups to discuss common problems and solutions.

April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: 342

Tiffany Antol, AICP | Bruce Knight, FAICP | Benjamin Hitchings, FAICP

Flooding Beyond FEMA

Flooding hazards extend into neighborhoods and business areas beyond those mapped by FEMA. Fort Worth, Texas's “Local Floodplains” policy balances the interests of the residents, property buyers and sellers, local governments and others, and makes choices about communicating risk.

April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: 351

Jennifer Dyke | Benjamin Pylant | Karen Walz, FAICP

OurCounty Los Angeles: Equity in Sustainability

The Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office and community partners used an inclusive process to codevelop the first-ever Countywide Sustainability Plan. Learn about the methods used to elevate the perspectives and priorities of historically marginalized communities for this ambitious effort.

April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: 332

Tamika Butler | Rita Kampalath | Christopher Rhie
Pavement to Placemaking in America’s Suburbs

This session will demonstrate the important role that planning and urban design play in placemaking and the creation of walkable urban places in suburbs, and the value that walkable urban places provide in the creation of inclusive and equitable communities.

April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: 320

Barbara Wolff | David Dixon | Jason Beske, AICP

Planning Can’t Forget Freight

What good is a walkable neighborhood if the corner store you walk to is out of milk? This session focuses on how to integrate freight into land-use decisions to support livable communities while minimizing the negative impacts of freight.

April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: General Assembly C

Daniel Studdard, AICP | Jeffrey Wojtowicz | Daniel Haake, AICP

Planning in a Humanitarian Crisis Context

Explore the current field of planning in a humanitarian crisis context, with an emphasis on specific planning tools and case studies related to the different stages of a crisis event. These stages include preparedness, immediate response, and ongoing recovery.

April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: 330

Lyndsey Deaton | Ebru Gencer | Robert Schupp | Nathaniel Echeverria, AICP

Storytelling Session 5

In this storytelling session, learn about the impacts of brick and mortar retail, engaging nightlife arts and culture, and the ways that a new generation of technologies is enabling paradigms for road pricing.

April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: 360

Michael Fichman | Bobby Boone, AICP | Paul Salama, AICP
The End of Single-Family Zoning?

The replacement of single-family zoning with zoning that allows duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes — missing middle housing — is being considered by local and state-level governments across the country to address lack of affordability as well as equity issues. Are you ready to address this issue in your city?

April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: 361

Heather Worthington | Peter Park | Daniel Parolek

Using Franchise Agreements for Resilience Objectives

Many cities have negotiated resilience and other energy objectives into their franchise agreements with utilities. This session will provide lessons learned and other insights from decision makers that have successfully used these agreements to achieve their objectives.

April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: 310

Nannette Larsen | Steven Cover, AICP | Jeffrey Cook

Working Through Recruitment, Retention, and Mentoring

We are taught how to be inclusive planners, learning practical tools to make a difference in our communities. Now it’s time to hire and mentor diversity within our organizations, creating skilled planners capable of real change from the inside out.

April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: 362

Marcus Primm | Melissa Beeler, AICP | Amir Emamian | David Paine, AICP | Coleen Gentles

Don’t Mess With My Ethics!

How does the AICP Code of Ethics apply to everyday practice? A team of planner-actors will demonstrate how planning dilemmas relate to the code while the audience discusses possibilities and tells the actors what to do next.

April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Location: General Assembly B

Abram Barge, AICP | Cheney Bostic, AICP | Tareq Wafaie, AICP
Legal Issues in Small Towns

Planning in small towns is unique. Explore the small town planner's role and share tips on addressing legal issues, including right-sizing urban planning trends to the small town, agriculture zoning and special uses, the sharing economy, and managing relationships when everyone knows everyone else's business.

April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Location: General Assembly A

Mark White, AICP  |  Sean Suder  |  Jessica Garrow, AICP

Bienvenidos to East End Houston!

Tour Houston's historic East End neighborhood aboard Mister McKinney's Houston History Bus to experience one of Houston's oldest Hispanic neighborhoods and one of the city's five cultural districts. Engage with public art, historic preservation, and adaptive reuse.

April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $75.00
Sasha Marshall

Montrose, an APA Great Neighborhood in America

Visit one of Houston's original streetcar suburbs. Eclectic and urbane, Montrose is a fusion of architectural styles, land uses, and people and has been the center of Houston's LGBTQ+ community since the 1970s.

April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $65.00
Doug McDonald, AICP  |  Kathleen Coyne, AICP  |  Robert Guthart, AICP  |  David Manuel, AICP

Legislative Forum

This annual event is the place to hear how Planners' Advocacy Network members are engaging with elected officials to influence relevant planning policy outcomes at every level of government.

April 26, 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Houston Ballroom Salon II-III
Orientation Tour (Sunday morning)

Without zoning, planning in Houston may appear to be as complex as the bayou system it is built within. Join us for an engaging tour to learn about the diversity of planning issues and constituents in the fourth-largest city, and how planners are balancing coastal resiliency with livability and affordability for all.

April 26, 9 a.m. to noon
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $45.00

Managers as Leaders Institute

The Managers as Leaders Institute, formerly the Planning Management Institute, is an intensive, full-day experience exploring the challenges of managing a planning staff or function. The institute has been updated to include a focus on diversity management.

April 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: 352F

Ticket Required
Cost: $199.00
Gary Winters  |  Michael Blue, FAICP  |  Janet Ruggiero, FAICP  |  AJ Fawver, AICP

Sunday, April 26 | 9:45 a.m.

Networking Break

A bit of a longer break between sessions and activities for you to connect with fellow attendees!

April 26, 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, April 26 | 10 a.m.

My APA: Creating Your Value Proposition

Update your My APA member profile with your personal value proposition. Provided by Sequence Staffing.

April 26, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone
Professional Headshots

Dress to impress and get ready to smile! A professional photographer will be on hand to take your portrait — free of charge in the Career Zone.

April 26, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

Resume Clinic

In partnership with Sequence Staffing, APA offers its annual Resume Clinic for members as part of the Career Zone in the Exhibit Hall.

April 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

Sunday, April 26 | 10:15 a.m.

Ecological Urbanism: Integrating Ecology Into Cities

Urbanism and ecology are typically considered as separate, often competing, interests. What if they weren’t? Sharing projects from both coasts, the panelists will demonstrate a model of urban design that leads with nature as a primary principle of placemaking.

April 26, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: 330

Philippa Brashear | Laura Crescimano | Erica Spotswood | Robin Grossinger

Equity in Capital Transportation Planning

Explore case studies regarding the integration of equity into capital transportation planning. Learn about how the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, and CAMPO (Austin) are using key performance indicators to create more equitable multi-modal transportation investments.

April 26, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: 351

Tanya Brooks | Kelly Porter, AICP | Chelsea St. Louis, AICP

Extreme Event: Community Resilience After Disaster

Prepare to roll up your sleeves with Extreme Event, a fast-paced, role-playing game. Experience what it takes to help a community recover and build resilience post-disaster. Work together to make decisions and solve problems during an engaging disaster simulation.

April 26, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: 342

Suzanne Frew | Enessa Janes, AICP | Shannon Burke | Keri Stoever | Timothy Gelston, AICP
Ignite Session 2

This curated selection of eight bite-sized presentations will entertain and inform you, capturing the flavor of today's planning from a variety of perspectives. This grouping is ideal for those interested in learning about sustainable cities, micromobility, data-driven planning, and hazard mitigation.

April 26, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: 362

Kristen Gelino, AICP | Timothy Richards, AICP | Sarah Moos Thompson | Rachel Shindman, AICP | Grant Wilson, AICP | Tom Visee, AICP | Po Sun, AICP | Alexandra Kahl

Latin America Value Capture (Case Studies)

Get an introduction and critical examination of innovative land value capture mechanisms pioneered in Latin America. Case studies include monetizing up-zoning entitlements to improve public services in low-income communities and using value capture to fund infrastructure for climate adaptation and inclusive growth.

April 26, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: 332

Martim Smolka | Guilherme Rocha Formicki | James Kostaras | Troy Hayes, AICP

Profit-models for Smart Cities

Smart City technologies will dramatically transform how cities develop and operate, but to what end? This session explores different profit-models, structures, and objectives of Smart City projects through the lens of the triple bottom line.

April 26, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: General Assembly A

Sarah Bassett-Pilarski | Chelsea Collier | Rebecca Nathanson | Benjamin Block | Larry Witzling

Storytelling Session 6

In this storytelling session, learn about the short-term rentals, institutional arrangements with housing sectors, and how commercial gentrification affects cities across the United States.

April 26, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: 360

Sana Malik | Matthew Curtis | Della Rucker, AICP
Strategies for Catalyzing Small Town Investment

A panel of expert planners will explore innovative ways to leverage downtown revitalization strategies to catalyze public and private investment in small towns, with specific examples from successful planning projects in Greenwood, Mississippi; Russellville, Arkansas; and Helena, Montana.

April 26, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: 361

Allison Mouch, AICP | Robert Barber, FAICP | Philip Walker, FAICP | Thomas Gregory, AICP

The Upside of Losing Amazon HQ2

Amazon’s HQ2 competition sent cities nationwide scrambling to generate planning proposals to land the big one. Learn how losing the competition was, for many cities, not the end, but a new beginning for their plans and policies, alliances, and aspirations.

April 26, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: 310

Sylvie Gallier Howard | Ryan LeVasseur | Kate Wittels | Jack Robbins

The Woodlands: Is Ecological Planning Enough?

Is it time we reassess our relationship with the environment? Using The Woodlands near Houston as a case study, this session asks if designers and planners — in collaboration with users, managers, and policy makers — need to recalibrate environmental opportunities to create win-win scenarios.

April 26, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: 320

Don Norrell | Bo Yang | William Fleming | James Stickley

Avoiding and Defending Against RLUIPA Claims

Planners must understand the unique requirements that apply to the regulation of religious land uses. Learn to identify possible conflicts before they arise, and explore ways to help guide a municipality and religious use to a mutually acceptable solution.

April 26, 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Location: General Assembly C

Andrew Graham | Ryan Lee | Deborah Lawlor, FAICP
Ethics of Working Abroad

Working outside the U.S. can present planners with unique ethical questions. This session will explore how planners should act in situations where the ability of people to participate in the planning process is inhibited by governments, institutions, or cultures.

April 26, 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Location: General Assembly B

Irayda Ruiz Bode, AICP | Cynthia Bowen, FAICP | Kristin Murray | Michael Kolber, AICP

Planning Supervisor's Workshop Part 2 of 3

The second of three parts, structured for learning new skills and sharpening existing skills. Enlarge planning support group learning from your peers by sharing stories and challenges to find solutions and spread innovative practices.

April 26, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Location: 352D

Ticket Required
Cost: $75.00
Aimee Nassif, AICP | Matthew Brandmeyer, AICP

Career Exploration With APA Divisions

Meet with representatives of APA Divisions to learn about the variety of career paths in different planning specialties and interest areas.

April 26, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

Delegate Assembly

Come to the Delegate Assembly to see APA policy making in action. Delegates to this year’s assembly will put the finishing touches on APA policy guides.

April 26, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Houston Ballroom Salon II-III
Sunday, April 26 | 10:45 a.m.

**GIS Workshop: Bringing Geography to 3D Design**
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April 26, 10:45 a.m. to noon
Ticket Required
**Cost:** $50.00
Brooks Patrick  |  Christine Ma

**The Woodlands: Planning and Sustainability Success**
The Woodlands is arguably the most successful master-planned community in the U.S., a place where residents can truly “live, work, play, and learn.” Take an extensive tour and learn about the community's planning, development, unique environmental approach, and successes and challenges.
April 26, 10:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2
Ticket Required  
Food Included  
**Cost:** $65.00
JJ Hollie  |  Gil Staley  |  Robert Heineman  |  Jennifer Lindbom, AICP  |  Mustapha Beydoun

**Toxic Houston: Environmental Justice Workshop**
Join Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services (TEJAS), a Houston-based nonprofit, on a tour of the Houston Ship Channel to learn how low-income communities of color continue to shoulder the burden of legacy contamination.
April 26, 10:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2
Ticket Required  
Food Included  
**Cost:** $65.00
Juan Parras  |  Yvette Arellano  |  Collin Cox  |  Nalleli Hidalgo  |  Ana Parras

Sunday, April 26 | 11:30 a.m.

**Fast Track Your Career**
Learn more about the AICP Candidate Pilot Program from APA staff.
April 26, 11:30 a.m. to noon
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone
Lunch Break

Time to grab some grub. Check the General Information section in the conference app for more information on nearby food options.

April 26, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 26 | noon

Women and Planning Division Business Meeting

Everyone is welcome to join the Women and Planning Division for its annual business meeting.

April 26, noon to 1 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Liberty

Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Recovery Workshop (Mid-level Managers)

Participate in a simulated “incident” that is used to prepare local, state, and federal crisis and disaster response staff for real-time crises in coordination with private sector partners.

April 26, noon to 5 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included

Cost: $75.00
Kimberly Adams | Jason Smith | Jonathan Sawicki

Sunday, April 26 | 12:30 p.m.

EDI at Work

Join members of the APA Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion task force and APA Division leadership in an open forum on building an inclusive workplace.

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

Becoming AICP: Advice from Certified Members

This session is an interactive opportunity to pick the brains of individuals who are AICP certified. They will share how they prepared for the exam and their perspective of the exam experience.

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Location: 332

Felicia Braunstein | Alex Wallach, AICP | Eric Roach
CANCELED: Student and Emerging Planner Ideas Exchange

Students and emerging professionals demonstrate the importance of APA membership and taking advantage of leadership opportunities. Learn how to get involved — no matter what role you take on — and advance your career.

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Justin Romeo  |  Jamie Simchik, AICP  |  Rachael Thompson Panik, AICP Candidate

Changing the Conversation About Affordable Homes

Does your city lack quality homes for all incomes in all areas? Do NIMBYs thwart affordable home development by voicing opposition to public officials? Learn how to change the conversation about affordable home development, especially in areas of high opportunity.

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Location: 351

Mary Itz, AICP  |  Fatima Wajahat, AICP  |  Sasha Marshall

Demanding Equity: Planning for Disaster Recovery

Equity in disaster planning and recovery is coming into focus as we learn why communities of color and poverty are disproportionately impacted by floods, fires, hurricanes, and extreme events exacerbated by climate change. Can planners undo years of discriminatory practices?

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Location: 320

Marcicus Hendricks  |  Chrishelle Calhoun-Palay  |  Shannon Van Zandt  |  Adrian Freund, FAICP

Design with Nature Now!

Ecological planning and design are helping to mitigate climate change and facilitate adaptation. Leading ecological planners, designers, and landscape architects showcase contemporary international projects that address urban growth, sea-level rise, pollution, and biodiversity loss.

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Location: 310

William Fleming  |  Frederick Steiner  |  Nina-Marie Lister  |  Ignacio Bunster  |  Armando Carbonell, FAICP
Pathways to Prosperity: Differentiating Rural Assets

Beyond the built environment, communities depend on a range of assets from human to natural, which considered together are "wealth." Join us to explore collaborative approaches to harness these assets to build rural prosperity through agriculture and food systems.

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Location: 361

Trevor Hunt | Shoshanah Inwood | Julia Freedgood

Planning Commissioners — Complexities and Expectations

Attendees will learn about complex roles and responsibilities, the intricacies of ethics and open meetings, conflicts of interest, details of meeting management, and formulating effective recommendations.

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Location: 342

David Silverman, AICP | Ann Bagley, FAICP | Marjorie Press

Spotlight On: Redistributing Power Through Engagement: Arnstein’s Legacy

How can we use public engagement to redistribute power? Drawing on a JAPA special issue on the 50th anniversary of Arnstein’s Ladder, this session highlights planning processes that intentionally redistribute power through new partnerships, challenge entrenched structures, and deepen relationships.

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Location: General Assembly A

Jovanna Rosen | Andrea Roberts | Alexander Karner | Carissa Slotterback, FAICP

Storytelling Session 7

In this storytelling session, explore how planning can be exploited at the expense of religious freedom to divide communities, the injustice of lead poisoning and the way it systemically harms minority communities, and what happens when the public's voice is taken seriously.

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Location: 360

David Fields, AICP | Colleen Peterson | Jordan April
Vision Zero Texas: Challenges and Solutions

The Texas Department of Transportation has set a goal of cutting the state's number of traffic deaths in half by 2035. Four cities have adopted a Vision Zero approach. Learn from the innovative solutions they have implemented to achieve zero roadway fatalities.

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Location: General Assembly B

Lauren Grove | Lewis Leff | Marco Hinojosa | Dug Begley

Ethics Game Show!

Learn about current topics in planning ethics and test your knowledge with the Ethics Game Show! This fast-paced and challenging quiz will assess your understanding of the Code of Ethics, ethics case studies, and historical planning figures.

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: 362

James Peters, FAICP | Robert Barber, FAICP | Karen Wolf, FAICP

Full-House: Nontraditional Families and Housing Attainability

Many local governments limit zoning districts to homes occupied by traditional, blood-related families. Yet as housing becomes increasingly unaffordable, nontraditional arrangements, sometimes through sharing-economy platforms, are more popular. This panel will discuss these trends and legal responses to them.

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: General Assembly C

Sara Bronin | Lisa Alexander | Kellen Zale | Brian Connolly

Connecting Communities: Alternate Service Vehicles

METRO's Alternate Service Vehicles, known as Community Connectors, bring personalized, curb-to-destination services in Houston areas that may not have the density and infrastructure to support regular, fixed-route bus service. Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the dispatch unit and vehicles.

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $40.00
Andrew Skabowski | Kenneth Luebeck
Levy Park: An Urban Oasis

Levy Park has been transformed into a world-class space offering opportunities to connect, experience, do, and play. Visitors enjoy a variety of activity areas, a dog park, community garden, creative landscaping, and year-round programs and events.

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $55.00
Stephanie Kiouses | Chip Trageser | Travis Younkin | Lata Krishnarao, AICP | Rajesh Tanwani

Sunday, April 26 | 1 p.m.

GIS Workshop: Telling the Story of Your Community

No programming or GIS knowledge required. Together we will use ready-made templates to visually tell the story of your community.

April 26, 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Ticket Required
Cost: $50.00
Keith Cooke | Adam Carnow

Sunday, April 26 | 1:30 p.m.

APA Volunteer Leadership and Your Career

Learn about the opportunities available to volunteer with APA and how volunteering can boost your career.

April 26, 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

Jamie Simchik, AICP | Justin Romeo | Rachael Thompson Panik, AICP Candidate

Bike Ride Through Buffalo Bayou Park

Opened to the public in 2015, Buffalo Bayou Park is a 160-acre, 2.1-mile park immediately west of downtown. The hike and bike trail network, signature bridges, riparian landscapes, wildlife habitats, civic assembly venues, and numerous attractions celebrate Houston’s founding waterway.

April 26, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $75.00
Scott McCready | Robert Carleton, AICP
Orientation Tour (Sunday afternoon)

Without zoning, planning in Houston may appear to be as complex as the bayou system it is built within. Join us for an engaging tour to learn about the diversity of planning issues and constituents in the fourth-largest city, and how planners are balancing coastal resiliency with livability and affordability for all.

April 26, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $45.00

Sunday, April 26 | 1:45 p.m.

Networking Break

A bit of a longer break between sessions and activities for you to connect with fellow attendees!

April 26, 1:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Sunday, April 26 | 2 p.m.

Mock Interviews / MVP

Work with experienced recruiters in a conversational exercise to learn and test methods that will prepare you to ace a job interview. Please bring a sample job posting. Provided by Sequence Staffing.

April 26, 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

Sunday, April 26 | 2:15 p.m.

Educational Sessions

April 26, 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Impact of Generational Preferences on Housing

The term "Generational Warfare" is, unfortunately, becoming an increasingly common term when discussing housing markets and trends. Policies that restrict multifamily development and prop up the values of traditional single-family homes work dramatically against the housing needs of young people.

April 26, 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: 330

Kristin Williams | Kenneth Bowers, AICP | Nathaniel Baker, AICP | Roger Waldon, FAICP
Mexican Higher Density and Mixed Use

After 12 years of unprecedented suburban growth, Mexico's government established in 2012 an urban policy aimed to stop sprawl and seek compaction of the country's major cities.

April 26, 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: 361

Javier De La Fuente  |  Eugene Towle  |  Anayantzin Contreras  |  Juan Barragan

Planning for Children's Health

Learn how planners along with other professionals can site Early Care and Education facilities to prevent children from harmful environmental exposure. The focus will be on disaster-affected areas, with special emphasis on Puerto Rico.

April 26, 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: 320

Arthur Wendel  |  Andrew Roszak  |  Johamary Pena  |  Rosie DeVito  |  Sagar Shah, PhD, AICP

Resilient Solutions for Vulnerable Communities

Special attention must be paid to communities that are most at risk from the effects of climate change. Panelists will share targeted design and planning strategies and case studies addressing the needs of the most vulnerable communities.

April 26, 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: 310

William Baumgardner  |  Diane Allen  |  Armando Carbonell, FAICP

Short-Term Rentals, Long-Term Planning

Faced with the constantly evolving landscape of the sharing economy, New Orleans planners have found new opportunities to innovate in short-term rental regulation and enforcement.

April 26, 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: General Assembly C

Ashley Becnel  |  Robert Rivers  |  Brooke Perry

Storytelling Session 8

In this storytelling session, learn how to embrace your story to adopt lessons learned for managing your career and instituting effective grant management and funding initiatives.

April 26, 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: 360

Tobin Stuff  |  Kathleen Imbriano, AICP
Unconventional Wisdom: Learning from Houston

Can we have planning without zoning? Yes, we can, and we can prove it. Learn how Houston is leveraging unique regional and local planning and implementation partnerships to drive positive change at the community level.

April 26, 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: 351

Elaine Morales  |  Senchel Matthews  |  Lynn Henson  |  Jeffrey Taebel, FAICP  |  Anita Hollmann

Valuing Public Space Through User Data

The Public Space Unit of the New York City Department of Transportation will provide insight into the value of its NYC Plaza Program. Learn about the methods the unit used to analyze four years of data in its evaluation of the plaza program, and hear how these findings will shape future planning practices.

April 26, 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: General Assembly B

Jenesis Gallego  |  Andrew Ronan  |  Irene Figueroa Ortiz, AICP

Zoning for Equity

Rapid growth in North Texas is applying pressure on housing supply and affordability. This session explores the readiness of traditional zoning codes to address housing affordability demand, including the City of Dallas's Mixed Income Development Bonus.

April 26, 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: General Assembly A

Flora Brewer  |  Pamela Thompson  |  Andreea Udrea, AICP

Deep Dive Sessions

April 26, 2:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Plan4Equity Forum

In the Plan4Equity forum, dive deep into actionable policy guidance crafted through an equity-in-all-policies focus on crossing-cutting topics and areas of planning. Learn how APA entities and others are using the new Planning for Equity Policy Guide and how to apply it in your workspace and planning practice.

April 26, 2:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Location: 332

April Jackson  |  AJ Fawver, AICP  |  Susan Wood, AICP  |  Elizabeth Tyler, FAICP  |  Miguel Vazquez, AICP
Translating Community Character Into Planning Practice

Defining elements of a community’s physical character enables reinvestment to fit places in meaningful ways. This session explores what community character is and how to translate a community’s form, scale, and character into a plan, zoning code, and development project.

April 26, 2:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Location: 342

Arti Harchekar, AICP  |  Tony Perez  |  John Zeanah, AICP  |  John Miki

Sunday, April 26 | 2:30 p.m.

Look Into the Hiring Process

Join a professional recruiter and planning hiring manager to learn their point of view and what really makes the difference between equally qualified candidates.

April 26, 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

Big City Planning Directors Institute Meeting (Invitation Only)

This invitation-only event is the annual spring meeting for participants in the Big City Planning Directors Institute.

April 26, 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Fort Bend

Sunday, April 26 | 2:45 p.m.

GIS Workshop: Resilience Planning using Location Analytics

The pace of change in communities is accelerating exponentially. What is a community to do? Building resiliency is one answer. Join us to better understand how GIS can help communities increase their resilience.

April 26, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Ticket Required

Cost: $50.00

Keith Cooke  |  Adam Carnow
Sunday, April 26 | 3 p.m.

**Career Exploration With APA Divisions**

Meet with representatives of APA Divisions to learn about the variety of career paths in different planning specialties and interest areas.

April 26, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

Sunday, April 26 | 3:30 p.m.

**Break**

Use this time to head to your next session. More exciting learning ahead!

April 26, 3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Sunday, April 26 | 3:45 p.m.

**Attainable Housing Challenges: Rules and NIMBYs**

A recently published ULI Washington study examines two barriers to achieving attainable housing: regulatory/approval processes and community acceptance of new housing development. A multidisciplinary panel will discuss the study's findings, including strategies that session participants can use to overcome these barriers.

April 26, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: General Assembly A

Yolanda Cole | Deana Rhodeside | Eric Feldman, AICP

**Beyond Code Enforcement — Community Building!**

Learn how to utilize non-planning divisions/departments to revitalize a community through focused, solution-driven actions. See how to modify policies, programs, and projects to think more cohesively across the municipal government structure for neighborhood revitalization.

April 26, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: 362

Scott Lussier | Lori Schwarz, AICP | Keisha Cyriaano
CANCELLED: Planning for Desalination and Water Reuse

SESSION CANCELLED. Cities are increasingly turning to desalination and water reuse to enhance water security. This session will discuss cases where these technologies are adopted to learn about planners’ roles in integrating desalination and water reuse technologies into sustainable water supply management.

April 26, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: 351

Landmark Mall: Realities of Retrofitting Suburbia

Retrofitting suburbia: What does it take? This session will explore timing and financial realities and strategies toward retrofitting a suburban mall in Alexandria, Virginia, into an urban neighborhood envisioned by the community and supported by the market.

April 26, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: General Assembly B

Mark Bulmash | Jeffrey Farner | Sarah Woodworth | Ashley Shook Labadie, AICP

More Than Moving People Faster: BostonBRT

Testing on-the-ground Bus Rapid Transit elements in Greater Boston proved transformational. BostonBRT, a public and private partnership, worked to leverage the potential of BRT. Learn about the local pilots that improved bus service while engaging in community dialogues about transit and place.

April 26, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: 361

Tegin Teich | Joseph Monty | Jennifer Raitt | Julia Wallerce

New Approach for Affordable Housing Mitigation

Learn from the country’s preeminent experts on a comprehensive breakthrough method that more fairly and proportionately determines the amount of workforce housing that both residential and nonresidential developers must provide to assist in attaining an adequate supply of affordable housing.

April 26, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: General Assembly C

Julian Juergensmeyer | James Nicholas | F. Craig Richardson | Leigh Anne King, AICP
Parks Equity: Public Parks for All

Access to high-quality parks is essential for all communities, especially those in urbanized areas. This session explores how measuring and visualizing inequities in park access and quality gives cities tools to prioritize investment in parks where they are needed most.

April 26, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: 310

Lisa Graiff  |  Charlie McCabe  |  Laura Marett

Storytelling Session 9

In this storytelling session, explore how neogeography can be used for resilience planning and different approaches to data presentation through community engagement around complex issues.

April 26, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: 360

Charlie Sullivan, AICP  |  Sarah Moos Thompson  |  Rachel Shindman, AICP

Vision to Action: Foundation for Impact

How can visioning be both aspirational and strategic? How can it be designed to lead to implementation? Three communities share how they managed processes that inspired community support, engaged partners, and focused their work to lay a foundation for action.

April 26, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: 320

MIndy Tate  |  Erin Barger  |  Jack Messer  |  Jamie Greene, FAICP

Women Leading the Public Sector

Public sector leadership requires a multifaceted skill set. Join a diverse group of women directors to learn strategies for leadership preparation, navigating politics, recruiting / retaining talent, maintaining balance, and accomplishing projects. This informative session will benefit both current and aspiring leaders.

April 26, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: 330

Margaret Wallace Brown, AICP  |  Tanya Stern, AICP  |  Melanie Wilson  |  Jessica Garrow, AICP  |  Melissa Dickens, AICP
Sunday, April 26 | 4 p.m.

Scholarships Through the APA Foundation

Come to the session to learn about APA Foundation 2020 scholarships.
April 26, 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

Public Schools Interest Group Annual Meeting

The fifth annual meeting of the APA Public Schools Interest Group is open to existing and proposed members.
April 26, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Liberty

FAICP Induction Ceremony

New members will be inducted into the College of Fellows of AICP.
April 26, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: Grand Ballroom

Sunday, April 26 | 4:15 p.m.

GIS Workshop: Generating Genuine Citizen Engagement

Planners and citizens rely on each other to meet the community's needs and shape its future.
Learn how easy-to-use apps can create a genuine partnership between citizens and their planning department.
April 26, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Ticket Required
Cost: $50.00
Keith Cooke  |  Adam Carnow

Sunday, April 26 | 4:30 p.m.

Students and Emerging Professionals Ideas Exchange

Join members of the Student Representatives Council and the Young Planners Group for a sharing of ideas and experiences.
April 26, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone
Sunday, April 26 | 5:30 p.m.

**FAICP Reception**

Join newly inducted Fellows of AICP and their families along with members of the College of Fellows and others to celebrate the outstanding achievements of the new inductees.

April 26, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Location: Coming Soon

Ticket Required
Cost: $75.00

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**Mentor Match Mixer**

Do you want a mentor — or would you like to be one? Co-hosted by APA and the Student Representatives Council, this event is where you’ll meet in person and make a connection.

April 26, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

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Sunday, April 26 | 6 p.m.

**5th Annual Arts in Planning Interest Group Social Event**

The 5th Annual Arts in Planning Interest Group Social Event is APA’s signature space for all planners and creative allies who use and advocate for the integration of the arts in the planning profession for a more inclusive and equitable practice.

April 26, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: Coming Soon

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**Downtown Houston Pub Crawl**

Tour a variety of bars that follow the history of Downtown Houston. Walk at a leisurely pace and hear the history of the area and its residents. Tour includes one drink at all three stops and appetizers.

April 26, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $80.00
Sunday, April 26 | 7:30 p.m.

**Student Representatives Council/Young Planners Groups Mixer**

The APA Student Representatives Council (SRC) and Young Planners Groups (YPG) will meet for a social event.

April 26, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: Coming Soon

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Monday, April 27

Monday, April 27 | 6:30 a.m.

**Yoga Class**

Join your fellow NPC attendees at this hour-long, instructor-led yoga session. Dress in appropriate athletic gear and bring a sweatshirt or jacket.

April 27, 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis

Ticket Required
**Cost:** $25.00

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Monday, April 27 | 7:30 a.m.

**Downtown Bryan and Texas A&M University**

Visit two east-central Texas marvels, Historic Downtown Bryan and Texas A&M University. These two places with lots of history, tradition, and exceptional character highlight the importance of planning in creating communities of lasting value.

April 27, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included
**Cost:** $75.00
Randall Haynes, AICP  |  Lindsay Hackett, AICP  |  Catherine Williams, AICP  |  Allison Kay  |  Martin Zimmermann, AICP
Monday, April 27 | 8 a.m.

**Energy City: Houston’s Climate Action Plan**

Houston is setting ambitious targets for becoming a net-zero greenhouse gas emissions city by 2050. The city is leveraging its traditional role as an energy innovator with a focus on low-carbon supply-side strategies and investing in electric vehicle technologies and infrastructure.

April 27, 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
Location: General Assembly B

Lara Cottingham | Stephanie Thomas | Bruce Race, FAICP

**Equity in Scenario Planning**

Explore the methods and potential benefits that scenario planning can bring to equity planning. Panelists will explore how equity can be a guiding principle and key consideration throughout the process.

April 27, 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
Location: 330

Joel Huting | Marcella Bondie Keenan, AICP Candidate | Sarah Philbrick | Kimberly Marousek, AICP | Heather Saucedo Hannon, AICP

**Failed Promises: Fair Housing in Houston**

Learn about research on the state of Houston’s Project-Based Section 8 housing, disaster recovery, and environmental hazards in marginalized communities. The panel discusses Houston’s affordable housing crisis, chronic environmental hazards, and the proposed rerouting of I-45.

April 27, 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
Location: 310

Zoe Middleton | Chrishelle Calhoun-Palay | Elizabeth Bland

**From the Trenches: Abolishing Parking Minimums**

Many cities need parking reform to meet housing affordability, emissions, and public health goals. Learn from cities recently approving and implementing removal of minimums. This session is all about action: how did they do it, and how you can too.

April 27, 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
Location: 351

Greg Sandlund | Matthew Eierman | Alyssa Muto | Daniel Bartman | Ezra Pincus-Roth, AICP | Thomas Pace | Lauren Mattern
Legacy Business Initiatives: Emerging Directions

Learn about three new legacy business initiatives that seek to document and promote the independent, quirky, long-standing enterprises so essential to neighborhood character and community identity. Hear the results of the first national study of legacy business programs across North America.

April 27, 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Location: 361

Wesley Regan | Pardis Saffari | Shanon Miller, AICP | Elizabeth Morton

Look in Before You Lean In

"Leaning In" to our careers is complicated. Just as we craft each community plan by first examining core values and establishing a vision, this interactive session will help participants "Look In" for guidance to navigate work-family balance.

April 27, 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Location: 332

Katharine Ange, AICP | Lorna Parkins, AICP

Needs Assessment for Equitable Disaster Recovery

After Hurricane Harvey, the City of Houston used a new needs assessment approach to ensure that the housing damage estimates of the most vulnerable communities are included in the results and prioritized in disaster recovery housing programs.

April 27, 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Location: 320

Ray Miller | Inaki Sagarzazu | Mary Itz, AICP | Fatima Wajahat, AICP

Space-based Observation for Local Decision Making

Satellite data can answer questions planners never considered. This session presents a case study on how NASA, Washoe County District Health, and Stantec collaborated to use Earth observations and spatial data to understand Nevada’s urban heat island change over time.

April 27, 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Location: 342

Amanda Clayton | Sienna Reid, AICP | Daniel Inouye | Cynthia Albright, AICP CUD, GISP
Storytelling Session 10

In this storytelling session, explore zoning for sustainable food systems, develop a plan that is rooted in performance metrics, and incorporate natural resources into a park master plan.

April 27, 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Location: 360

Monisha Khurana, AICP | George DeWitt, AICP | Kevin Ellis

Short-term Rental Regulations: A Legal Perspective

State and federal laws play an integral role in how municipalities handle short-term rental regulations. Learn how they may help or hinder your ability to regulate short-term rentals and how to overcome these challenges.

April 27, 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Location: General Assembly A

Teresa Ou | Christopher Smith, AICP | Daniel Bolin

2020 Federal Planning Division Student Workshop

For students only, The Federal Planning Division will hold its annual workshop in Houston at the C. Baldwin Hilton Curio Collection hotel from April 27–30, 2020, in conjunction with the National Planning Conference. Our workshop theme this year is Houston, We Have a Problem. Students: Use this link to register.

April 27, 8 a.m. to noon

Ticket Required
Cost: $150.00

2020 Federal Planning Division Workshop

The Federal Planning Division will hold its annual workshop in Houston at the C. Baldwin Hilton Curio Collection hotel from April 27–30, 2020, in conjunction with the National Planning Conference.

April 27, 8 a.m. to noon

Ticket Required
Cost: $375.00
Harvest Green: Houston’s First Agrihood

Harvest Green is a 1,300-acre master-planned community in Richmond, Texas, and the first Houston-area development centered around a community farm.

April 27, 8 a.m. to noon
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $40.00
Scott Snodgrass  |  Matt Baumgarten  |  Jerry Ulke  |  Matthew Stoops

Monday, April 27 | 8:15 a.m.

Putting the "Urb" in Suburb

Sixty years after incorporation, Sugar Land finds itself emerging as a once small company town into a thriving destination venue. Learn how the city has navigated this transition through successful public-private partnerships, community involvement, historic preservation, and land use planning.

April 27, 8:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $60.00
Christopher Steubing, P.E.  |  Teresa Preza  |  Jessica Huble  |  Jennifer May  |  Lauren Fehr, AICP

Monday, April 27 | 8:30 a.m.

Above and Below Downtown: Streets and Tunnels

A six-mile network of tunnels and skywalks connects downtown Houston. While the privatized system provides air-conditioned routes between buildings, it detracts from the public realm. Explore Houston’s underground, equal parts hidden gem and bane of walkable urbanism.

April 27, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $55.00
John Mooz  |  Benjamin Llana  |  Robert Eury
On Conducting a Cultural Landscape Assessment

Visit downtown's Tranquility Park and learn to inventory and document cultural landscape conditions, determine period(s) of historic significance, evaluate landscape integrity through analyzing contributing features and elements, and develop treatment options.

April 27, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $45.00
Aaron Tuley, AICP  |  Mark Dennis, AICP  |  Laurie Matthews

Monday, April 27 | 8:45 a.m.

Boomtown: Placemaking Among Industry

Visit Baytown, Texas, where industrial development is dominant. With a tremendous economic boom occurring in the city, Baytown answers the challenge of offering a high quality of life to its citizens and visitors in a place where industry is king.

April 27, 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $55.00
Tiffany Foster, AICP  |  Christopher Chavis, AICP  |  Nathan Dietrich

Monday, April 27 | 9 a.m.

AICP College of Fellows Annual Meeting

This is the annual meeting of the Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP).

April 27, 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Houston Ballroom Salon III
Greens Bayou Wetlands Mitigation Bank

Wetlands play an important role in mitigating project impacts and natural hazards. Join local staff on a tour of the Greens Bayou Wetlands Mitigation Bank as they explain the benefits of the program and how it promotes climate change resiliency.

April 27, 9 a.m. to noon
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Cost: $50.00
Aldo Treville | Lela Shepherd

Uptown Houston Transformed

Combining transportation practicality with urban design, Uptown Houston, METRO, Texas Department of Transportation, and City of Houston joined forces to dramatically improve transit service, while preserving existing auto access and creating a beautifully landscaped pedestrian environment along Post Oak Boulevard.

April 27, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Cost: $45.00
Eliza Paul | John Breeding | Ramesh Gunda | Thomas Lambert | Barbara Koslov | Robert McHaney, AICP, CTP | Lata Krishnarao, AICP

Break

Use this time to head to your next session. More exciting learning ahead!

April 27, 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

A Freight Rail Tour of Houston

Loop through Houston's East Side, which is dense with rail. Freight rail is a critical part of national transpiration and local economies, with significant impacts on neighborhoods and local transportation networks. If planners understand how rail works they can work with railroads to benefit everyone.

April 27, 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Cost: $40.00
EDWARD EMMETT | Bakeyah Nelson | Christof Spieler
Monday, April 27 | 9:30 a.m.

Awards Ceremony: Planning’s Innovative Solutions

Learn from this year’s national award recipients how planning can overcome past wrongs, build a stronger future, and engage all members of a community. The awards ceremony is open to all attendees.

April 27, 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Location: Grand Ballroom

Retrofitting Suburbia in Houston’s Westchase District

Visit one of Houston’s major employment centers, Westchase District, in West Houston to see how recent initiatives are reshaping this community’s suburban development pattern into one with walkable connections to neighborhoods, parks, and public transit, and shaping future redevelopment.

April 27, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2
Ticket Required
Cost: $60.00
Peter Caldwell | Louis Jullien | Anita Hollmann | Irma Sanchez | Luis Guajardo, AICP

Monday, April 27 | 9:45 a.m.

From Disaster to Resilience: Houston Arboretum

Join lead planner Conners Ladner and conservation director Emily Mandelson on a tour of the beloved Houston Arboretum & Nature Center. Topics include landscape resilience, habitat restoration, educational programming, and creative stormwater management.

April 27, 9:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2
Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $40.00
Conners Ladner

Monday, April 27 | 10 a.m.

Resume Clinic

In partnership with Sequence Staffing, APA offers its annual Resume Clinic for members as part of the Career Zone in the Exhibit Hall.

April 27, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone
Professional Headshots

Dress to impress and get ready to smile! A professional photographer will be on hand to take your portrait — free of charge in the Career Zone.

April 27, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

Monday, April 27 | 10:30 a.m.

Career Exploration With APA Divisions

Meet with representatives of APA Divisions to learn about the variety of career paths in different planning specialties and interest areas.

April 27, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

Monday, April 27 | 10:45 a.m.

Break

Use this time to head to your next session. More exciting learning ahead!

April 27, 10:45 a.m. to 11 a.m.

GIS Workshop: Telling the Story of Your Community

No programming or GIS knowledge required. Together we will use ready-made templates to visually tell the story of your community.

April 27, 10:45 a.m. to noon
Ticket Required

Cost: $50.00
Keith Cooke | Adam Carnow

Monday, April 27 | 11 a.m.

Elevating the Culture of an Organization

Four women of color who are at the top of their organizations will share how they undertook the daunting task of elevating the culture of their organizations to be more inclusive, diverse and, equity-sensitive.

April 27, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Location: 330

Larisa Ortiz | Chandra Frederick, AICP | Purnima Kapur | Maxine Griffith, FAICP | Jeanette Dinwiddie-Moore, FAICP
Fighting Displacement Through Property Tax Relief

In Atlanta and Charlotte, escalating property taxes are threatening low-income homeowners with displacement, but governmental relief efforts are hamstrung by layers of legislative barriers. Learn how organizations are stepping in to fight displacement through property tax relief.

April 27, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Location: General Assembly A

Glenda Krouse Matute, AICP | Alysia Osborne, AICP | Bridget Wiles

Granite Becomes Gold: Curb Value Transformations

Once gray and uninteresting, miles of urban curbs are becoming instruments of transformation, enabling cities to advance mobility programs, developers to reallocate funding away from parking, and communities to create equitable funding for sustainable land use and mobility programs.

April 27, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Location: 310

Joseph Monty | Lisa Jacobson | Jason Schrieber, AICP

Managing Micromobility: Policies, Tools, and Tradeoffs

Shared micromobility has taken cities by storm. Learn how some cutting-edge cities are shaping and managing their programs to minimize impacts and maximize benefits. Discussion also includes national trends around data specifications and management, privacy, and software tools.

April 27, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Location: 361

Joseph Al-hajeri | Robert Modys, AICP | Michael Schwartz | Jessica Stetson

Planning for Equitable, Complete Parks Systems

All people, no matter where they live, should benefit from a park where they can connect with neighbors, nature, and activities that matter to them. This session introduces policy, planning, and assessment tools for creating an equitable, Complete Parks system.

April 27, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Location: 332

Jessica Nguyen | Gregory Miao | Erik Calloway
Reimagining Black Urban Spaces in Planning

Black and Urban (B+U), an online publication, is a safe space for Black urban planners and forward thinkers to document practical and visionary solutions for issues that plague urban spaces. Research, experiences, and case studies demonstrate how inclusive practices create healthier communities.

April 27, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Location: 351

Coretta Mondesir | Christopher Nicholas | Breanna McCoy | Byron Nicholas, AICP

Storytelling Session 11

In this storytelling session, explore inclusion planning for the disability community, equity and inclusion in the context of being a planner, and how to deepen the labor pool.

April 27, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Location: 360

Sean Maguire, AICP | Munro Johnson, AICP | Benjamin Verheiden

When Philanthropy Plans

Philanthropic institutions often serve as partners for public-sector planning efforts. Increasingly, philanthropy is taking the lead with the public sector as a partner. Learn how philanthropy-led plans have fostered innovative metrics, engagement techniques, and outcomes in the Houston region.

April 27, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Location: 342

Keath Jacoby | Abena Asante | Anne Whitlock | Marina Walne | Alexandra Miller, AICP

Planning, Law, and Plain English

Document drafting, particularly land use documents, is a fraught exercise. Poorly written documents undermine land use policies, goals, and objectives. This session examines common drafting issues and provides useful tools to create superior documents promoting land use goals and objectives.

April 27, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: General Assembly B

Kimberley Mickelson, AICP | David Silverman, AICP
The Means to Justify the Ends

Get an outline of the perceived and real outcomes of considering and applying the AICP Code of Ethics in four realms: transportation, public involvement and economic development, plan implementation and adoption, and planning education.

April 27, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: 320

Doug McDonald, AICP | Abra Nusser, AICP | Bonnie Johnson, AICP, PhD | Staron Faucher, AICP

Discovery Green: The First Decade

Opened to the public in 2008, Discovery Green is a 12-acre park constructed over a parking garage, adjacent to the city’s Convention Center and two convention hotels. This vibrant landscape has become a regional destination, spurring new development.

April 27, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $40.00
Douglas Oliver | Barry Mandel | Guy Hagstette

Planning Supervisor’s Workshop Part 3 of 3

The third of three parts, structured for learning new skills and sharpening existing skills. Enlarge planning support group learning from your peers by sharing stories and challenges to find solutions and spread innovative practices.

April 27, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: 352D

Ticket Required
Cost: $75.00
Aimee Nassif, AICP | Matthew Brandmeyer, AICP

Monday, April 27 | 11:30 a.m.

The Road to FAICP

Join APA’s Women and Planning Division for a lively discussion highlighting the importance of supporting, amplifying, and inducting more influential women planners into FAICP.

April 27, 11:30 a.m. to noon
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone
Housing for Educators Through Neighborhood Planning

Tour Houston's Third Ward, a historically black neighborhood fighting gentrification, followed by a design charrette to engage planners, educators, and local stakeholders in a discussion of housing and business development for local teachers and residents.

April 27, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $85.00
Chanelle Frazier | Jason Moreno | Stephania Alvarez | Andret Rayford

Monday, April 27 | noon

Sustainable Communities Division Annual Business Meeting

This is the annual business meeting of APA's Sustainable Communities Division (SCD).

April 27, noon to 1 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Chambers A-B

Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Recovery (C-suite)

Participate in a live interface of an International Capable Command Center. This high-level crisis management interface is used to train elected and appointed officials engaged in executive decision-making roles during an emergency and C-suite personnel operating emergency management departments.

April 27, noon to 6 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $82.00
Kimberly Adams | Jason Smith | Jonathan Sawicki

Monday, April 27 | 12:15 p.m.

Lunch Break

Let's eat! Grab the lunch voucher included in your registration and head outside to Discovery Green, a 2019 Great Public Space, to enjoy lunch from local food truck vendors.

April 27, 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Creating Your Expert Brand

When you are perceived as an expert, people naturally want to work with you and will seek you out. This session focuses on a few simple strategies to build your brand as an expert. Provided by Sequence Staffing.

April 27, 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

Housing and Community Development Division Business Meeting

This is the annual meeting of APA's Housing and Community Development Division.

April 27, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

GIS Workshop: Economic Development for Planners

This hands-on workshop uses web-based tools to analyze demographic, socioeconomic, behavioral, and business data to better understand the community's overall characteristics and needs and make better policy decisions.

April 27, 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Ticket Required
Cost: $50.00
Keith Cooke  |  Adam Carnow

Multicultural Placemaking in Gulfton-Sharpstown

Tour Houston's Gulfton-Sharpstown neighborhoods to experience placemaking initiatives under way in this multicultural mecca often referred to as America's modern-day Ellis Island. Learn how community leaders are reshaping their Right to the City through strategic partnerships and creative placemaking solutions.

April 27, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $60.00
Dian Nostikasari  |  Lisa Graiff  |  Luis Guajardo, AICP  |  Aisha Siddiqui  |  Anne Whitlock
Civic Infrastructure: Public Space, Civic Culture

The panel will feature practitioners from across the country who manage public assets or sites, discussing how these assets must be managed and coordinated at the site, system, and policy-level scale, through the lens of "civic infrastructure."

April 27, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Location: 342
Sue Mobley | Kira Strong | Ryan Gravel, AICP | Julie Donofrio, AICP

Climate Change Adaptation in Rural Communities

Small communities are now faced with managing the impacts of a global climate problem. A planning department in rural Louisiana uses a state-developed adaptation plan to spark resilience initiatives and prepare the parish for the effects of climate change.

April 27, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Location: 320
Devin Foil | Mathew Sanders, AICP | Rene Pastorek

Context Sensitive Solutions and Equitable Outcomes

Too often community design guidelines result in projects that do not address the needs and context of the community. This session will include planners and engineers discussing context sensitive solutions and design concepts, examples of successful CSS implementation, and resources that are available for communities.

April 27, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Location: 351
David Carlson | Austina Casey | Allison Homer, AICP | Faisal Hameed | Fleming El-Amin, AICP

Equity-Driven Park Planning

Parks are critical for healthy communities. This session highlights the important connections between socioeconomic vulnerability, health equity, and park planning — and it provides a toolkit of strategies for creating transformative plans by reducing barriers to participation.

April 27, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Location: General Assembly C
Kathleen Coyne, AICP | Scott Dvorak, AICP | Parul Pillai | Marlon Connley | Amy Morris
Food Deserts: A Community-Driven Approach

Food desert conditions are complex and require a multidisciplinary team to adequately address. Working closely with residents of the study area, the Creating Access to Nutrition (CAN) Plan took a comprehensive approach to community engagement, problem-solving, and implementation in north Tulsa, Oklahoma.

April 27, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Location: 361

Mark Seibold, AICP

Harmonizing Zoning Codes and Capital Plans

In this presentation with a panel discussion, plan implementation experts will highlight opportunities for planners to fix common zoning mistakes and weigh in on how planners can wed zoning standards, development charges, and capital improvement programs to improve development outcomes.

April 27, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Location: General Assembly B

Michael Lauer, AICP | Sheri Smith, AICP | David Morley, AICP

Planner Exchanges at Home and Abroad

How can planners benefit from planner exchanges? This session explores how collaboration across regions and borders can facilitate innovation and creativity in the planning process.

April 27, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Location: 332

Miroo Desai, AICP | Alex Hinds | Hing Wong, AICP | Tippe Morlan, AICP

Planning Commissioner/Board Member Networking Event

Join APA’s Planning Officials Committee and your commissioner colleagues from across the country for coffee and the opportunity to network, share experiences, and make new connections.

April 27, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Location: 330

Spotlight On: Reaching Beyond Single-Family Zone Districts

Zoning reform is tackling exclusive single-family residential zone districts in order to provide a broad range of housing types and address disparities. Hear from three cities that have enacted, are enacting, and are planning to enact changes that will alter neighborhood composition.

April 27, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Location: General Assembly A

Taiwo Jaiyeoba | Heather Worthington | Suzanne Schulz, AICP
Monday, April 27 | 1:30 p.m.

Live and Visit Downtown

Downtown's recent residential and hospitality growth is staggering — residential units up 138 percent and hotel keys up 52 percent. This seven-year change can be tied to 2011 master planning recommendations that led to a new development policy. Speed tour six new buildings.

April 27, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $50.00
Philip Schneidau | James Borders | Robert Eury

Monday, April 27 | 2 p.m.

Working in Teams

AICP Fellows Whit Blanton and Rick Willson facilitate an interactive discussion on the dynamics of moving from team member to team leader.

April 27, 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

Tour About Tours: Houston's Eco-Tourism Scene

Houston's investments and cultural shift towards sustainability have opened the door for new ways of exploring and understanding the city. Join this "tour about tours" for an annotated sample of the various outings that compose Houston's eco-tourism scene for tourists and residents alike.

April 27, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $98.00
Peter Eccles
Monday, April 27 | 2:15 p.m.

**Midtown Park: A Sustainable Urban Park**

Tour Midtown Park, a premier destination in the Midtown District of Houston. Slated to be the first SITES certified project in Houston, Midtown Park is a marker of sustainability that provides vital greenspace to the neighborhood and its surrounding communities.

April 27, 2:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Cost: $25.00

Marlon Marshall  |  Alex Ramirez  |  Tarana Hafiz

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Monday, April 27 | 2:30 p.m.

**Break**

Use this time to head to your next session. More exciting learning ahead!

April 27, 2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

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Monday, April 27 | 2:45 p.m.

**Build Political Will Using “Grasstops” Advocacy**

Is your planning process tangled in community politics? Anticipating resistance to your transformation plan? Looking to build political support for your vision? Consider advocacy from the "grasstops" — community leaders — to navigate local politics while also generating more meaningful "grassroots" public engagement.

April 27, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: General Assembly C

Kim Way  |  Alicia Dicks  |  Marie Keister, AICP  |  Megha Sinha, AICP
GIS Workshop: Analyzing Outreach with GIS

This hands-on workshop will walk you through the simple steps of taking location-based community input and comments and finding patterns that can help inform your community's plans and recommendations.

April 27, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Ticket Required

Cost: $50.00

Keith Cooke | Adam Carnow | Devin Lavigne, AICP

Industrial Use Cocktail: Mixing It Up

Industrial production methods are evolving while urban growth pressures are squeezing out manufacturing uses. Learn how several cities are creating new building and neighborhood typologies that integrate light manufacturing with other uses to support vibrant communities and job growth.

April 27, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: 310

Richard McGuinness | Sulin Carling | Jack Robbins

Plan Houston: Planning the Unplanned City

Since 1936, Houston has grown from a developer's scheme to the nation's fourth-largest city. Having never adopted zoning, the city had never prepared a comprehensive plan on any periodic schedule ... until 2015, with the help of a nonprofit advocate.

April 27, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: 351

Kimberley Mickelson, AICP | Margaret Wallace Brown, AICP | Joe Webb | James Hill, AICP

Public Space for Complex Narratives

What are the implications of increasing demographic multiplicity for public space? This panel will explore planning processes and physical design strategies that planners / designers can use to enable public space that embodies the social complexity of the people they serve.

April 27, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: 330

Maki Kawaguchi | Diana Fernandez | Justin Moore, AICP | Elaine Kim
Reconciling Urban Growth: Global Biodiversity Hotspots

Thirty-three of the largest and fastest-growing cities worldwide located in the 36 global biodiversity hotspots should be leaders in integrating biodiversity with development. This session will show how to do this through coordinated planning at the urban and regional scales.

April 27, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: General Assembly B

David Gouverneur  |  Kyle Shelton  |  Eugenie Birch, FAICP  |  Timothy Van Epp, FAICP

The Art of Better Public Hearings

Effective public hearings are an art form and an integral part of our daily work as planners. Even simple cases require thoughtful preparation. This session will share best practices for effective hearings.

April 27, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: 320

Ann Bagley, FAICP  |  Michael Blue, FAICP  |  Linda Amato, AICP

The Hard Facts About Soft Skills

Some of the most important professional skills for workers and employers alike simply can’t be taught in a classroom or measured on paper. Soft skills are key to building relationships, gaining visibility, and creating more opportunities for advancement.

April 27, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: 361

Joseph Moreda, AICP  |  Ramond Chiaramonte, FAICP  |  Anthony Garcia, AICP

Using Technology for Healthy Communities Planning

There is evidence linking the quality of the built environment to health outcomes. Using this knowledge, opportunities exist to forward plan and design health and wellness in our communities. This session will demonstrate international and national data-driven approaches to healthy-communities planning.

April 27, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: General Assembly A

Michael Chang  |  Jill Mead  |  Troy Hayes, AICP  |  Kelly Porter, AICP
Cross-Sector Collaboration: Participate in the Power!

How can cross-sector strategies improve health and equity? Listen as an expert panel representing planning, housing, transportation, public health, city attorneys, and social advocacy grapples with these issues in real time. Active audience participation is encouraged!

April 27, 2:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Location: 342

Umair Shah | Tracy McMillan | Sujata Srivastava | Reanne Estrada | Daniel Parolek | Gregory Miao | Erik Calloway

Monday, April 27 | 4 p.m.

Break

Use this time to head to your next session. More exciting learning ahead!

April 27, 4 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Monday, April 27 | 4:15 p.m.

Affordable Housing in Houston's Third Ward

This session explores the $33.5 million renovation of the Third Ward's Emancipation Park in Houston and ongoing efforts to promote inclusive development without displacement, including the Third Ward Affordable Housing Strategic Framework.

April 27, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: 310

Eureka Gilkey | Lynn Henson | Bridget Wiles | Curtis Davis

FutureShape: A Planning Research Initiative

Learn about research needs for planning as envisioned by more than 50 thought leaders across the country. FutureShape, the research initiative of the APA Foundation, has created a research agenda that can be used by practitioners, researchers, and funders.

April 27, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: 351

Sagar Shah, PhD, AICP | Robert Barber, FAICP | Peter Lowitt, FAICP | Robert Mitchell, FAICP | Mary Kay Peck Delk, FAICP
GIS Workshop: Bringing Geography to 3D Design

Using a web-based app, learn how to assess data, define key indicators, and compare scenarios to make a data-driven decision without any GIS knowledge.

April 27, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Ticket Required

Cost: $50.00

Brooks Patrick | Christine Ma

Growing Community

This session will explore how agriculture brings people together around food production through policies and programs that work on increasing agriculture in urban areas, integrating agriculture in new communities, and helping agricultural areas integrate with development to form sustainable foodsheds.

April 27, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Location: General Assembly B

Tom Woliver | Scott Snodgrass | Mario Cambardella | Andrew Watkins, AICP

Jane Jacobs Was About Half Right

Jane Jacobs transformed planning by reminding us to listen to the citizens and residents -- but that change had a cost. This session will explore how over-valuing neighborhood preferences can undermine broader citywide planning objectives, and how to avoid that.

April 27, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Location: 320

Brittany Hyman | Amy Gowan | Evelyn Baker | Donald Elliott, FAICP

Refocusing the Equity Lens: Institutional Discrimination

This session inverts the lens of equity, refocusing the conversation onto professional practices. A panel of accomplished planners discusses the impacts of gender identity, race, and sexual orientation on their lives and careers in academia, practice, and the field.

April 27, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Location: General Assembly A

Fayola Jacobs | Renee Skeete | Chloe Greene | Bithia Ratnasamy | Monica G. Tibbits-Nutt, AICP | Antionette Fowlkes | Caroline Dwyer, AICP
Resilience in a Post-Disaster Environment

The City of Panama City’s Long-Term Recovery Planning effort envisions a resilient future for the city after Hurricane Michael. Multidisciplinary team members will discuss lessons learned throughout the planning process for innovative implementation of resilience in communities.

April 27, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: 330

Randy DeCleene | Phillip Kash | Victor Dover, FAICP | Mark McQueen | April Geruso

Smart Mobility and Building Better Places

Much has been written about the benefits and challenges of the mobility aspects of the autonomous revolution, but little is known about its impact on the built environment. Will we succumb to more sprawl or finally become more urban?

April 27, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: General Assembly C

Brendan Mehaffy | Lisa Nisenson | David Dixon | Craig Lewis, FAICP | Lynn Richards

The Golden Pearl Neighborhood Typology

How do we move the conversation of equity beyond idealism and towards measurable outcomes? Join HousingNOLA for a session about defining, measuring, and tracking equity in New Orleans neighborhoods.

April 27, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: 361

Andreanecia Morris | Mia Candy | Samantha Romain

Monday, April 27 | 5 p.m.

Connect to Network

Need a boost of confidence or tips on how to break the ice before the Career Networking Power Hour?

April 27, 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone

Monday, April 27 | 5:30 p.m.

Career Networking Power Hour

Employers and job seekers: If you missed the Employer Connection Job Fair on Saturday come back to the Career Zone for an hour of networking.

April 27, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall - Career Zone
Exhibit Hall Happy Hour

Join us in the Exhibit Hall for a drink! Make sure to bring the voucher included in your registration for one free wine, beer, or soft drink.
April 27, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall

Hazard Mitigation/Disaster Recovery Division Business Meeting

Current and prospective members of APA's Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Recovery Planning Division are invited to the division's annual business meeting.
April 27, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Chambers C

President's Reception (Invitation Only)

APA President Kurt Christiansen, FAICP, welcomes APA partners and leaders.
April 27, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis

Transportation Planning Division Annual Business Meeting

Come to the annual business meeting of APA's Transportation Planning Division to meet other division members and find out about activities and opportunities to get involved.
April 27, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Brazoria

Houston Brewery Tour

Texas', and more specifically Houston's, craft beer scene has exploded over the last 10 years, and the market is not yet saturated. As the demand for local beer continues to grow, more local breweries have opened, and Houston's microbrew scene is being compared to Denver's a decade ago.
April 27, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $118.00
Monday, April 27 | 6:30 p.m.

Combined University Alumni Reception

This multi-school celebration is complimentary for attendees and includes a cash bar. Schools currently participating: University of Kansas, Michigan State University, Hunter College–City University of New York, and University of Oklahoma.

April 27, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Montgomery

Cornell CRP Alumni and Friends Reception

Reception for Cornell University City and Regional Planning alumni and friends.

April 27, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - For Bend A

Harvard GSD Alumni Reception

Harvard Graduate School of Design alumni and colleagues — whether local or attending the conference — are invited to the reception.

April 27, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis - Fort Bend B

Monday, April 27 | 7 p.m.

Hazard Mitigation/ Disaster Recovery Division Reception

Following the annual business meeting, the Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Recovery Planning Division invites all HMDR members and guests to join us for a hosted reception at Public Services Wine & Whisky to enjoy food, drinks, friends, and conversation.

April 27, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: Public Services Wine & Whisky, 202 Travis St, Suite 100, Houston, TX, 77002

Ticket Required
Food Included

Cost: $15.00
### Monday, April 27 | 7:30 p.m.

**Transportation Planning Division Annual Reception**

Join the Transportation Planning Division for its annual reception, this year held jointly with Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) Houston and Texas chapters at MKT Bar.

April 27, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Location: MKT Bar, One Park Place Houston High Rise, 1001 Austin St.

### Monday, April 27 | 9 p.m.

**Chapter Presidents Council (CPC) Reunion**

Current and prior APA Chapter presidents are invited to meet for this reunion event.

April 27, 9 p.m. to 11:55 p.m.
Location: Coming Soon

### Tuesday, April 28

**Main Street: Rail Line, Innovation Corridor**

In 2004 Houston opened a new light rail line, and within a year it was the second busiest in the U.S. This tour shows why, showcasing the educational and cultural destinations the Red Line connects and plans for an innovation corridor.

April 28, 7:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $25.00

Abbey Roberson, AICP  |  Christof Spieler
Tuesday, April 28 | 8 a.m.

Exploring Houston’s Missing Middle Housing

Houston is a perfect laboratory for a walking tour that explores good historic and newly built examples of missing middle housing types as well as poorly designed examples of infill, what regulations could effectively deliver the good examples, and what aspects does Houston regulate.

April 28, 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Cost: $50.00

Daniel Parolek

Tuesday, April 28 | 8:15 a.m.

Exploring the Central City Bikeway Network

Bike through Central Houston’s expanding network of high-comfort bike lanes and trails. Learn about how the bikeways and trails were planned and partnerships that enable rapid implementation. Learn some history about downtown, its transportation systems, and the surrounding neighborhoods.

April 28, 8:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Cost: $65.00

Amar Mohite | Jessica Wiggins | Peter Eccles | Robert Carleton, AICP

Tuesday, April 28 | 8:30 a.m.

2017 Hurricanes: Three Approaches to Recovery

APA Foundation Disaster Recovery grants created a post-disaster redevelopment plan in Florida, built capacity in Puerto Rico, and applied green infrastructure and other stormwater management methods to increase economic resiliency in an important economic corridor in Rockport, Texas.

April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Location: 361

Matine Jou, AICP | Catherine Ross | Carol Barrett, FAICP | Christine Rahill | Shannon Burke
Breathing in Houston: Case for Justice

Houston's population will grow 50 percent by 2050. As the city grows, its interface with the petrochemical industry and increasing emissions from on-road transportation present community health challenges. This session will share the potential outcomes of efforts to improve Houston’s air quality.

April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: General Assembly B

Bakeyah Nelson | Stephanie Thomas | Bruce Race, FAICP

Inclusionary Zoning Lessons from the Field

In the nation's most expensive markets, inclusionary zoning requires developers to create affordable housing to help level the playing field. Is it working? Hear private practice planners and zoning attorneys from New York, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles discuss their experiences.

April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: General Assembly A

Thomas Casparian | Susy Forbath | Meridith Moldenhauer | Vivien Krieger | Stephen Varga, AICP | Ellen McCarthy

Measuring Residential Impacts on Public Schools

The impact of anticipated residential development on public schools presents both technical and political challenges for communities nationwide. Planners will present measurement tools and lessons learned through growth management policies in a suburban area of Washington, D.C.

April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: 351

Lara Opheim | Jason Sartori | Reanna Blackford, AICP

Screen Time: Digital Engagement in Transportation

Panelists will share their experiences with new solutions in transportation engagement including mobile advertising, 3D visualization, web-based mapping, and online surveying. What is the impact of language and technology access on the effectiveness of these solutions when introducing them in diverse communities?

April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: 310

Susan Howard | Jefferson Grimes | Jeremy Wyndham | John Norton, AICP | Nair Barrios, AICP
Sunnyside Yard: Planning for 2050

The Sunnyside Yard Master Plan envisioned a future neighborhood decked over a functioning rail yard in Queens, New York City. Learn how the city developed a project unprecedented in scale, complexity, and time horizon through a community-driven process.

April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: 342

Adam Meagher  |  Katherine Ward  |  Skylar Bisom-Rapp  |  Holly Chase, AICP

The Small Planning Office

Join us to discuss the successes, struggles, and fun of being part of a small planning office. Explore strategies and share stories of planning when you are the Planning Office.

April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: 332

Paul Logue, AICP  |  Rebecca Pacini, AICP  |  Kevin Cronin, AICP  |  Jessica Garrow, AICP

Getting Smarter About Furthering Fair Housing

Under the Fair Housing Act, most American cities have a legal duty to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing. This session will explore how cities and regions are crafting new and more effective ways to promote fair and inclusive housing choice.

April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Location: General Assembly C

Daniel Pontious  |  Brian Connolly  |  Heidi Aggeler  |  Donald Elliott, FAICP

To What Do We Aspire? Why?

"Principles to Which We Aspire" is the first section of the AICP Code of Ethics and sets the tone for what professional planners should aspire to throughout their careers. A panel of AICP Fellows discusses experiences and challenges in living the Principles.

April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Location: 320

Maxine Griffith, FAICP  |  Graham Billingsley, FAICP  |  Robert Barber, FAICP  |  Sue Schwartz, FAICP
APA/AICP Annual Meeting

The APA/AICP Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for all members to hear about the state of planning and the state of the association.
April 28, 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Networking Break

A bit of a longer break between sessions and activities for you to connect with fellow attendees!
April 28, 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

The Future of Resilient Communities Is Female

Join APA's Women and Planning Division and Transportation and Planning Division in a joint workshop capturing Houston's momentum highlighting how women are building the future of sustainable and resilient communities showcasing the transit system, Greater Third Ward, and the Port Authority.
April 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Contextualizing Big Data

Great planning is based on great data. But big data cannot tell the whole story. Learn about the ways that different cities are augmenting and contextualizing datasets to create more effective strategies, engage the public, and measure success.
April 28, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: 320
Equitable and Comfortable Active Transportation Network

Fort Worth, Texas, has taken a pioneering approach to plan and implement an equitable multimodal network of sidewalks and bikeways suitable for people of all ages and abilities for walking (including persons with a disability), bicycling, and access to transit.

April 28, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: General Assembly C

Jeremy Williams  |  Daniel Snyder  |  Julia Ryan, AICP

Leadership, Equity, and Housing in Tulsa

Tulsa, Oklahoma's leadership has aligned in a way that is allowing the city to envision itself as a "city of tomorrow." Key to this is providing the types of housing that will be needed in an equitable way that honors history.

April 28, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: 342

Becky Gligo  |  Matthew Wetli  |  Travis Hulse, AICP  |  Andrew Pfister, AICP

Rating Plans, Processes, and Places

Rating system experts summarize the key features of APA's Comprehensive Plan Standards for Sustaining Places, EcoDistricts Certification program, and USGBC's LEED for Cities and Communities and weigh in on how planners can leverage these systems to elevate planning practice.

April 28, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: 310

Vatsal Bhatt  |  Matthew Bucchin, AICP  |  Irwin Lowenstein  |  David Morley, AICP

Reimagining Infrastructure to Create Civic Opportunities

Conceived in the 1940s and built in the 1950s, Houston's freeways and bikeways reflect the thinking and beliefs of that era. What does the freeway system of today, informed by the environmental and civil rights movements of the 1960s, need to consider?

April 28, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: 351

Tanya Debose  |  Robert Eury  |  Varuna Singh  |  Jennifer Ostlind, AICP  |  Marie Hoke
Scaling Arnstein’s Ladder: Trust and Power

Arnstein's Ladder of Citizen Participation has long guided planners, yet often community development planning efforts remain stuck in tokenism or placation. In this interactive workshop, experiment with strategies to enhance power-sharing and building community trust for stronger outcomes.

April 28, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: 332

Angela Joy Donelson, AICP | Anna Darian

The Cultural Renaissance Shaping Destination Crenshaw

Hear about how innovative plans in South Los Angeles are supporting a cultural renaissance in the heart of Black Los Angeles. Learn how public and community partners, including the late Nipsey Hussle, spearheaded the effort for Destination Crenshaw.

April 28, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: 361

Kristen Gordon | Lakisha Hull, AICP | Faisal Roble

Wetlands: Rural and Urban Water Solutions

Constructed wetlands improve water quality while providing water conservation, recreation area, and wildlife habitat. This session contrasts differences and similarities between rural and urban projects that address wastewater treatment, stormwater management, flood control, and habitat restoration.

April 28, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: General Assembly A

Damian Holynskyj, AICP | Alison Tompkins

Break

Use this time to head to your next session. More exciting learning ahead!

April 28, 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Closing Keynote Session

Join your colleagues for the NPC20 closing session, featuring inspiring youth activists: - Mari Copeny, aka Little Miss Flint, best known for raising awareness about Flint’s ongoing water crisis - Alexandria Villaseñor, co-founder of US Youth Climate Strike and founder of Earth Uprising - Jonas Corona, founder of Love in the Mirror non-profit that works to help homeless and disadvantaged

April 28, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Grand Ballroom

Jonas Corona  |  Alexandria Villasenor  |  Mari Copeny