

Bridgeport, Connecticut Sustainable Design Assessment Team September 13-15, 2010

Sanford Garner, AIA, NOMA, NCARB - Project Team Leader

Through his role as founding partner at A2SO4, Sanford Garner has focused on historic preservation, master planning, project assessment, and urban design. His experiences and interests in these areas were developed through his studies in Helsinki, Finland and at University of California, Los Angeles, and through his work with DC Preservation League and HABS/HAER (Historic American Building Survey/Historic American Engineering Survey). His work has received such notable recognitions as “Best in American Living for Best Smart Growth Community” by the National Association of Home Builders and Professional Builders Magazine, “Awards for Excellence” from the Urban Land Institute, and the American Planning Association’s “Implementing Smart Growth” Award, as well as numerous awards and citations for community development and design. In addition to his professional practice, Sanford has maintained a strong commitment to community service and development through his involvement with local and regional advisory councils and boards.

Matt Leighninger - Governance and Community Building

Matt Leighninger is the executive director of the Deliberative Democracy Consortium, an umbrella group that includes the major organizations in the field of deliberation and citizen involvement. Over the last twelve years, Matt has worked with citizen involvement efforts in over 100 communities, in 40 states and two Canadian provinces; roughly 25,000 people have taken part in those projects. Most of this work was supported by Everyday Democracy, of which he is a senior associate. Leighninger has also been a consultant to the National League of Cities, Centers for Disease Control, and the League of Women Voters. His first book, *The Next Form of Democracy: How Expert Rule is Giving Way to Shared Governance – and Why Politics Will Never Be the Same*, was released in 2006 by Vanderbilt University Press.

Carol Mayer-Reed, FASLA—Streetscapes and Harbor

Ms. Mayer-Reed, FASLA, is the partner in charge of Mayer/Reed's landscape architecture and urban design group, which is recognized regionally and nationally for design excellence and sustainability leadership. Her experience spans a wide range of project types in both the public and private sectors, including waterfront site master planning, transportation corridors, urban renewal, parks and recreation, and corporate and university campuses.

Ms. Mayer-Reed Carol is a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects and has served as Chair of its National Awards program. She is appointed to the national General Services Administration Peer Review panel. She currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Architecture Foundation of Oregon. Carol holds registration as a landscape architect in the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Ohio. She earned a B.F.A. Ohio State University and a Master of Landscape Architecture & Planning from Utah State University. Ms. Mayer-Reed has 31 years of landscape architecture experience.

Paul Fontaine, AICP – Urban Design and Revitalization

Paul Fontaine head's Fontaine Urban Design, an urban design firm that specializes in civic revitalization, brownfield redevelopment and grant writing assistance. Paul started working as an urban designer and planner 20 years ago after obtaining a MS in Urban and Regional Planning from Columbia University. He has worked in both the private and public sectors of planning, including stints as a county and township planner, an urban design professor and owner of a

small urban design firm, and as a planner for JJR's Ann Arbor office. Paul lives in Ann Arbor with his amazing wife and the all important cat. In his off time, he is either looking for a great story, whether it's from a book, movie, play, opera or good friends, or getting schooled at the YMCA's basketball courts by Generation Next.

Alan Steinbeck, AICP - Transportation

Alan Steinbeck, AICP is a Project Manager with Renaissance Planning Group in Tampa, Florida. His focus as a planning and design professional has been on overseeing projects integrating issues of transportation, land use and design. He has worked extensively with local governments and transportation agencies to develop transportation systems plans, land use and development policies and multimodal plans and policies for roadway design. He has successfully managed several downtown and community plans and programs relating to roadway network design, streetscapes, capital projects planning, development rights planning, and transit. He is currently managing the City of Clearwater Greenprint for Sustainability, TOD development regulations for the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, the Selmon Greenway Feasibility Study for the Hillsborough County MPO and the transit element of the Polk County Long Range Transportation Plan. Alan has a Bachelor of Science in Architecture and a Master of Science in City and Regional Planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Ken Bowers, AICP – Economics and Housing

Ken Bowers returned from New York City to Raleigh, his home town, in July of 2006 to take a position as the City's Deputy Planning Director. Among other duties, he is currently functioning as the Department's Project Manager for a far-reaching update to the City's 18-year old Comprehensive Plan. Prior to joining the Raleigh Department of City Planning, Mr. Bowers worked as a planning consultant and Principal with the firm of Phillips Preiss Shapiro Associates in Manhattan, where he specialized in land use planning; downtown, neighborhood, city and regional economic development strategies; and market feasibility studies throughout the Tri-State region of New York/New Jersey/Connecticut and beyond. Mr. Bowers has a Bachelors of Science in Physics from North Carolina State University and a Masters in Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He holds a certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners and is also a licensed Professional Planner in the State of New Jersey.

AIA STAFF:

Erin Simmons

Erin Simmons is the Director of Design Assistance at the Center for Communities by Design at the American Institute of Architects in Washington, DC. Her primary role at the AIA is to provide process expertise, facilitation and support for the Center's Sustainable Design Assistance Team (SDAT) and Regional and Urban Design Assistance Team (R/UDAT) programs. In this capacity, she works with AIA components, members, partner organizations and community members to provide technical design assistance to communities across the country. To date, Erin has served as staff lead on over 30 design assistance teams. Prior to joining the AIA, Erin worked as senior historic preservationist and architectural historian for an environmental and engineering firm in Georgia, where she practiced preservation planning, created historic district design guidelines and zoning ordinances, conducted historic resource surveys, and wrote property nominations for the National Register of Historic Places. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Florida State University and a Master's degree in Historic Preservation from the University of Georgia.

Joel Mills

Joel Mills serves as Director of the Center for Communities by Design at the American Institute of Architects. He provides process expertise, facilitation and support for the Center's Sustainable Design Assistance Team (SDAT) and Regional and Urban Design Assistance Team (R/UDAT) programs. In this capacity, he works with AIA components, members and partner organizations to

provide technical assistance to communities across the country on sustainability and urban design. His expertise is in civic health and governance, and includes community-based technical assistance, process design, facilitation and training across a number of fields including juvenile justice reform, local government, education, family strengthening, civic media and emergency management. During the 1990s, Mr. Mills spent several years supporting international democratization initiatives by providing technical assistance to parliaments, political parties, local governments, civic and international organizations. His scope of work included constitutional design and governing systems, voter and civic education, election monitoring and administration, political party training and campaign strategy, collaborative governance, human rights and civil society capacity building. He maintains active memberships in the International Association of Facilitators (IAF), the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2), and the National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation (NCDD). His work has been featured on *ABC World News Tonight*, *Nightline*, *CNN*, *The Next American City*, *Smart City Radio*, *The Washington Post*, and other major media sources.