

American Planning Association – Missouri Chapter

Mobile Workshop Session Proposal 2011 Conference

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| Name of Activity | Mobile Workshop - Parkview Gardens: A Sustainable and Accessible Neighborhood |
| Meets Law or Ethic Requirement (yes or no) | No |
| Topic (e.g. reinvestment, urban) | Sustainable urban design for housing, transportation, parks and arts. |
| Description(100-400 words) | <p>University City is a recipient of a joint Sustainable Community Challenge Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Only 16 joint grants were awarded nationally.</p> <p>This mobile workshop will begin from the conference location utilizing Metro light rail to arrive at the Delmar Loop station and the east edge of the planning area. The participants will be met by members of the Parkview Planning Partners (a nine member organization leading the planning process). Depending on the weather and ADA needs of the participants, the preferred mode will be a walking tour of neighborhood and the issues the grant is focusing on. 1.) Accessibility via transit, trails, alternative and sustainable transportation and parking options. 2.) Housing (infill, redevelopment and renovation) for sustainability in regards to the tax base, LEED certification, and diversity of housing stock and resident demographics. 3.) Livability through parks, open space, visual and performing arts venues that are the center of neighborhood life.</p> <p>Participants will have an inside view into this year long planning process, and be able to review and make comments on the interim deliverables. They will have the opportunity to talk with representatives from many of the nine planning partner organizations. Further, they will explore the role of a local university can play in a community based planning process.</p> |
| Instructor Names(s) and Designation (e.g. AICP) You may include up to three instructors. | Raymond Lai, AICP John Hoal, AICP Nancy MacCartney, CPRP |
| Instructor's Biographies, including current professional title and organization and notable achievements that indicate required level of expertise. | <p>John Hoal, Ph.D, R.ARCH (SA), AICP, CNU_A; Principal at H3 Studios, is the principal author of the Parkview Gardens Park Plan. Additionally, Hoal is an Associate Professor of Architecture and Chair of the Master of Urban Design Program at Washington University in St. Louis. His private practice both in the United States and South Africa has included large-scale urban design and landscape projects, as well as recreational and institutional buildings. From 1993-1997, Hoal was Director of the NEA's Mayor's Institute on City Design for the Midwest. From 1993-2000, he was the Director of Urban Design for the City of St. Louis, He is the founding principal of the design and planning firm H3 Studio. H3 Studio has completed numerous neighborhood and downtown revitalization plans throughout the country, as well as the design for the implementation of the master plan for improvement to Forest Park in St. Louis; the St. Louis Downtown Action Plan; and the 200-square-mile conservation, heritage, and recreation corridor known as the Confluence Greenway System.</p> <p>Nancy E. MacCartney, Grant Administrator and past Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry for the City of University City. 30+ years administering parks, recreation and cultural services in Grand Rapids, Michigan; Reno, Nevada; and University City, Missouri. Active professionally in local, state and national organizations supporting parks, recreation and cultural services.</p> |

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| | <p>Raymond Lai, AICP, Deputy Director of the Department of Community Development, City of University City, Missouri, has practiced urban and regional planning in the St. Louis metropolitan area and overseas for over 25 years. Previously, he was a Senior Planner / Associate for AECOM (Hong Kong), a global consultancy of professional services, after serving as the Director of Planning & Zoning for the City of Edwardsville, Illinois, and as Senior Planner for St. Louis Development Corporation/ Planning and Urban Design Agency of City of St. Louis. In the early stage of his planning career, Raymond spent 14 years with St. Louis County Department of Planning. He has engaged in a multitude of diverse and complex public sector planning projects in a multi-jurisdictional metropolitan environment. In addition to serving as a guest lecturer for undergraduate and graduate urban planning and development courses in local and overseas universities, he was for many years invited by the APA St. Louis Metropolitan Section as presenter and panelist for planning commissioner workshops and training seminars.</p> |
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Parkview Gardens: A Sustainable and Accessible Neighborhood

The combination DOT Tiger II & HUD Sustainable Community Challenge grant provides funding to plan for the future of Parkview neighborhood in University City, Missouri. The City and its nine partners; Parkview Planning Partners (PPP) will conduct a planning approach that encompasses the following areas:

Transportation - The development and sustainability plan will study improvements to traffic networks and connections to adjacent residential neighborhoods; way-finding and signage; and bike and pedestrian connections to the Centennial Greenway, MetroLink bus and light rail stops and the Delmar Loop Trolley line, retail services and employment centers.

Housing - The Parkview Gardens plan will include chosen locations for infill development along with architectural plans for “green” affordable homes that will allow University City to make wise investments to promote equitable, affordable housing include: developing additional affordable housing options in the area, increasing connectivity to public transportation options to decrease the combined housing and transportation costs, identifying financial tools to reduce housing cost (such as weatherization funding and location-efficient mortgages), and increasing the number of energy-efficient housing units with low-cost utilities, developed or remodeled using standards such as LEED and Energy Star.

Parks – Parks will be redesigned and relocated to create new open space, public gathering, and locations for public art and performing arts. The parks will be the center of community living in this densely populated diverse neighborhood.

Financial Feasibility – In order for this neighborhood to thrive the study will include a market analysis and feasibility study to determine the economic development strategy and the integrated funding strategy. All aspects of the study (transportation, housing and parks) will have an environmental study and design guidelines for a sustainable neighborhood.

The grant includes a comprehensive communication piece, primarily web based, for the purpose of engaging the community and educating other communities on replicating our work. We also have an extensive measurement component to gage our success upon implementation.