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Form-Based Codes

SPEAKERS:

Bill Spikowski is a veteran advisor to local governments and a pioneer in the development of form-based codes. He’s prepared community plans, redevelopment plans, and codes for cities and counties that aren’t willing to settle for today’s sprawling development patterns. He’s become an expert in using form-based codes to translate bold visions of the future into an integral part of local regulations. Bill is a frequent lecturer on innovative planning and coding techniques and is an officer and founding board member of the Form-Based Codes Institute. He is a regular instructor at FBCI workshops across the country. Prior to forming his consulting firm in 1992, Bill served as growth management director for Lee County, Florida. He also serves on the Fort Myers Planning Board and is a co-founder and officer of the Calusa Land Trust & Nature Preserve. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Joe Kohl is a Founding Principal of Dover, Kohl & Partners. He is recognized nationally as an innovator in urban design and graphic communication. He received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he also studied at their Washington-Alexandria Center for Architecture. He received his Master of Architecture in Suburb and Town Design from the University of Miami. Joe is a founding member of the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU), the leading organization promoting walkable, neighborhood-based development as an alternative to suburban sprawl, and is a CNU-Accredited Professional. Joe is also a founder and board member of the Form-Based Codes Institute, a not-for-profit think tank that focuses on quality control, education, and advancement of form-based codes as an alternative to Euclidean zoning. He serves as the Institute’s treasurer and he frequently instructs courses on the application and implementation of Form-Based Codes. Joe has also taught numerous design and media courses at the University of Miami.

Susan Trevarthen ESQ., FAICP chairs the Municipal Land Use and Zoning practice and is a Member of the law firm of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L in Fort Lauderdale. She handles land use, planning and zoning matters for governments, and is Town Attorney for a Broward coastal community. Her work includes reviewing and negotiating development agreements and approvals, drafting municipal codes and plans, advising municipal staffs, managers and attorneys, defending challenges to municipal regulations and decisions, handling public hearings, and counseling elected officials, as well as advocating for municipalities on legislative issues in her field. Her practice also includes constitutional law issues (such as takings, Harris Act, and First Amendment-protected land uses including signs), public school facilities, and hot topics in zoning law. Ms. Trevarthen has been board certified in City, County and Local Government Law by the Florida Bar since 2003, has been recognized as one of the top land use attorneys in the state in publications such as Florida Trend Magazine and SuperLawyers, and is AV rated. She has also held leadership positions in the Florida Bar’s Section for Environmental and Land Use Law and Section for City, County and Local Government Law. Susan grew up in
Boca Raton, Florida. She was graduated from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a joint degree in law and planning (M.R.P. and J.D., 1991) and from Duke University (A.B., 1986), and is a member of the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Daniel R. Mandelker, Stamper Professor of Law, Washington University in Saint Louis, is a leading scholar and teacher in land use law, environmental law, and state and local government law. He was the principal consultant and contributor to the American Planning Association’s model planning and zoning legislation project. He was also the principal consultant to a joint American Bar Association committee that prepared a model law for land use procedures that was adopted by the ABA House of Delegates. He recently published a handbook on free speech law for on-premise signs, a coauthored fourth edition of his APA report on Street Graphics and the Law, and a coauthored new edition of his law school casebook in State and Local Government. Additionally, he received the ABA’s State and Local Government Section Daniel J. Curtin Lifetime Achievement Award.