



WYOPASS Spring Workshop Schedule

Thermopolis Days Inn

May 19–20, 2011



American Planning Association
Western Central Chapter

Making Great Communities Happen

*As of 4-27-2011
(CM credits pending)*

Thursday, May 19

4:00 p.m. WYOPASS Board Meeting and Annual Meeting—All Members are encouraged to attend.
Days Inn Western Room

5:15 p.m. Introduction to the University of Wyoming Geospatial Extension, Scott Lieske *Western Room*

Scott Lieske is the Geospatial Extension Specialist in Community Planning at the University of Wyoming. Scott earned a PhD at the University of the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia and a Master's at UW in Geography. His primary work is in research and geographic information systems support of land-use planning and natural resources issues.



5:30 p.m. Opening Reception – Days Inn Indian Room

Tortilla chips with salsa and cheese, vegetable tray, mozzarella sticks, and a cash bar.

6:30 p.m. Dinner on your own

Friday, May 20

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast – Provided in the Days Inn Restaurant

8:15 a.m. Welcome, Introductions, Announcements—Western, Hunt, and Indian Rooms
WYOPASS President **Brandon Cammarata** and WCC President **April Getchius**

8:30 a.m. Planning Commission 101, Joanne Garnett, FAICP (1.25 CM credit pending)
to
The Role of Appointed Boards, or How to be a Planning Commissioner
9:45 a.m. Without Landing in the Hot Seat.



This session looks at the roles and responsibilities that come with being an appointed planning commissioner or board of adjustment member. For the planning official, what may start out as a bit of public service for your community can quickly become a major undertaking if you are not prepared for the job at hand and do not have a solid understanding of what it takes to be a thoughtful, well regarded appointed official.

For the planner, if you have not taken the time to articulate clearly the roles and responsibilities of your appointed bodies, there is bound to be confusion down the road. This session reminds planners and commissioners of the importance of communication and the development of a team mentality to be most effective during the all-important hearing process. Topics to be covered include the definition of roles, the public hearing process, meeting behavior, highlights of the chair's responsibilities, the importance of the comprehensive plan, and conflict of interest do's and don'ts. Woven throughout the presentation are comments from Wyoming planners (anonymous!) about what they wish planning commissioners would both know and do while in their positions.



Joanne E. Garnett, FAICP, is a partner of the Orion Planning Group (OPG) and she has over 30 years of professional planning experience in the public and private sector throughout the Rocky Mountain West. She has specialized in assisting local governments with their short-term and targeted planning needs. Her experience includes urban, rural, and regional planning, community development and alternatives analysis, housing assessments, transportation assessments, and recreation studies. Joanne is a past national president of both the American Institute of Certified Planners and the American Planning Association. When she isn't working, Joanne volunteers in disadvantaged communities around the world including Haiti, Brazil, Tanzania, and South Africa. She can be reached at <joanne@orionplanninggroup.com>.

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9:45 a.m. *Break until 10 a.m.*

10:00 a.m. **Conservation Design Subdivision Option—Recent Amendments to Zoning and Subdivision Rules and Regulations in Sheridan County, Mark Reid, AICP (1.0 CM credit pending)**

11:00 a.m. Considerable attention has been directed at the loss of natural resources and scenic amenities as the result of low-density residential development in Wyoming. This session will review a subdivision technique that some rural counties may want to consider to help preserve open space, wildlife habitat, and working landscapes; those qualities that provide the very reason many of us choose to live in Wyoming and the West. What is Conservation Design and its key features? How can this method be incentivized? What are the public's attitudes? Where does it make sense? What are some of the critical components to cover in the regulations? These and several other aspects will be examined in the context of a recent case in Sheridan County.



Mark Reid has been the Sheridan County Planner since January 2007. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Geography at University of Colorado in 1978, and has spent his entire professional planning career working in the Intermountain West including Washakie, Laramie, and Sheridan Counties in Wyoming, and in Pocatello, Idaho.

During the housing boom of the 1990s, his attention was turned to private land development and construction in Wyoming. He served on the Wyoming Planning Association (WYOPASS) Board of Directors for eight years, including the offices of President and Vice-President. He is currently a designated Senior Advisor to the University of Wyoming Ruckelshaus Institute of Environment and Natural Resources. Mark enjoys family activities, hunting, fly-fishing, restoring a 101-year old house in Sheridan, Wyoming, and missions work.

11:05 a.m. **Exceptions, Variances, Adjustments! April Getchius, AICP (1.0 CM credit pending)**

to
12:05 p.m. Exceptions! Variances! Adjustments??? Whatever you call them, there is a right way and a wrong way to grant them. This session will cover the nuances of variances, the basis on which to grant them, and some of the "rules of engagement." It will be a fun exercise on running the meeting, board member behavior, and public input.

April Getchius, AICP, has been the Community Development Director for the City of Casper since October 2006. Prior to joining the City of Casper, she served as the Campus Planner for the University of Illinois for over five years. In that role, her primary responsibility was intergovernmental relations between the University campus and the local units of government. Before joining the University of Illinois, April was the Community Development Director for the City of Urbana for 13 years.



April received her Bachelor's Degree in Geography from the University of Illinois with a concentration in Urban and Regional Planning. She has been a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) since 1993 and very active in the American Planning Association (APA) at the local, state, and national levels. She also serves as president of the Western Central Chapter (WCC) of the American Planning Association.

12:00 p.m. **Lunch at the Days Inn** (Soup, salad, and sandwich bar)
Sponsored by the Wyoming Rural Development Council



1:15 p.m. **Legislative Update and WYOPASS Web Site Highlights**
to
Brandon Cammarata, Cheyenne

1:30 p.m. Brandon will provide as a brief overview of legislation from 2011 Session.

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Brandon Cammarata is an Urban Planner III with the City of Cheyenne. He has been a Planner for the City for more than seven years. He is currently the WYOPASS President and Chair of the Legislative Committee. Brandon has worked with both current and long range planning projects in Cheyenne.



1:30 p.m. Wyoming Wind Energy: A Planning Perspective (1.25 CM credit pending)
to
Panel Members: **Megan Lehman, Mark Kot, AICP, and Sid Fox, AICP**
2:45 p.m.

A panel discussion on wind energy development regulations in the State of Wyoming by **Megan Lehman**, Campbell County Planner and Zoning Administrator, **Sid Fox**, Carbon County Planning Director, and **Mark Kot**, Sweetwater County Community Development Supervisor. Each speaker will share perspectives on how their counties have dealt with wind energy, from developing a defensible fee schedule to transmission lines and substations as well as small residential wind energy. An interactive session, Q & A and discussion will follow and the panelists will share thoughts on the development of a statewide model wind regulation.

Megan Lehman, Planner and Zoning Administrator, Campbell County, Received a M.S. in Rural Sociology and Community Development in 2010 from South Dakota State University, and a B.S. in Geography and Planning in 2007 from the University of Wyoming. Megan is the current WYOPASS Vice-President. She completed internships during college with the City of Gillette and Albany County, Wyoming. She has been employed with Campbell County for four years.



Mark Kot, AICP, Supervisor of Community Development, Sweetwater County, Wyoming, received a B.S. in Resource Management with minors in Soil Science and Outdoor Recreation in 1978 from the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point. Mark began his career in planning in 1985 with Sweetwater County as a Zoning Specialist. He became the County Planner in 1990 and the Supervisor of Community Development in 1993. Prior employers included the Whiter River and Routt National Forests, Bureau of Land Management-Rock Springs District, City of Rock Springs, and a private engineering company. Mark also served eight years on the WYOPASS Board, with two years as president. His hobbies include family, canoeing, skiing, and teaching ice-skating.



Sid Fox, AICP, is currently the Director of Planning and Development for Carbon County, Wyoming. Sid has been an American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Member since 1997. He has extensive experience in both public and private sector planning. From 1981 to 1997, he was with the Eagle County Colorado, Department of Community Development. In 1989-90, he served as the acting Director of the Eagle County Department of Community Development, which included three divisions, Planning, Environmental Health, and Building. From 1990 to 1997, Sid was the Planning Division Manager and routinely served as the Acting Director. Sid was a planning consultant from 1997 to 2010 and was the founder and Principal Planner of Fox and Company, located in Edwards, Colorado. Fox and Company served private and public sector clients, primarily in western Colorado.



2:45 p.m. Final Comments, Workshop Concludes

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