



2022 VIRTUAL AK PLANNING CONFERENCE

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

MARCH 22 - 24, 2022 | 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
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SUNDAY MARCH 20 | 9:00 AM- 1:30 PM |

Planning Commissioner Training "Part 1: Foundations" [View the Training Agenda](#)

	TUESDAY MARCH 22	WEDNESDAY MARCH 23	THURSDAY MARCH 24
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Opening Plenary Welcome and Land Acknowledgment Keynote Address: "Bringing It Home" Andrea Gusty, President and CEO The Kuskokwim Corporation How one Alaska Native Corporation (ANC) is innovatively investing and contributing to successful Middle Kuskokwim individuals, families, and communities. (1.0 CM)	Keynote Address: "2022 Trend Report for Planners" Petra Hurtado, PhD, Research Director at APA Stay a step ahead of the issues impacting planners' work and communities, today and tomorrow. (1.0 CM)	"Working with Race Data in Alaska" Participants will learn where to find race and ethnicity data, pros and cons of various sources for Alaska populations, how to identify health disparities, what to do with missing data, options for visualizing trends over time, and the importance of sharing and interpreting trends with community representatives. Several cases studies on how race and ethnicity data is used in both community and health planning projects will be presented. (1.0 Equity CM)
9:45 - 11:00 AM	"The Power of Partnerships: Redefining Economic Resilience in a Post-Pandemic World" Learn and have a conversation with Tribal, municipal, regional, and state leaders about creative and proactive solutions for addressing the unique challenges and opportunities resulting from the pandemic. How are we shifting the way we do business, including the ways we engage, train, and retaining Alaska's current and future workforce? (1.25 Sustainability & Resilience CM)	"Parking, ROW, and Space Management: Rethinking Old Assumptions" Planners have imposed minimum parking requirements for decades to manage street congestion or prevent parking spillover. Proposed code amendments to Anchorage's Title 21 seek a more fair, less expensive, and more efficient method to manage street congestion, vehicle storage, and space management. (1.25 CM)	"Knock it Out of the Park on Your Next Facility Plan!" Learn about facility feasibility and business planning for community recreation facilities. Case studies focused on a community-based approach in which a facility owner is operating a facility for rental income and/or to house a business or organization that provides a community service are examined. (1.25 CM)
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	"Planning Ethics IN ACTION!" Details forthcoming! (1.0 Ethics CM)	"Lessons Learned: Relocating Valdez After Alaska's Great Earthquake" Communities across the globe are actively planning moves, compelled to do so by rising sea levels and an increasing number of larger-than-ever natural disasters. In Alaska, the 1964 relocation of Valdez provides an excellent case study of a modern-day town that moved successfully. (1.0 Sustainability & Resilience CM)	"Get What You Want Out of Your Process/Plan! First Step: Write a Clear and Successful RFP" Learn from public, non-profit, and their consulting partners - best practices/approaches for writing a clear, concise, and deliberate request for proposal that gets you the contractor, process, and final deliverable that meets your community/organization needs. (1.0 CM)
12:15 - 1:15 PM	LUNCH & LEARN "Code Compliance and Your Planning/Zoning Plans" Informal dialogue with Code compliance department/s and the impacts of comprehensive plans and zoning. Hear from Code compliance/Enforcement from Fairbanks, Mat-Su, and Kenai Peninsula Boroughs. This will give opportunity for Planners, Commissioners to have open discussions of the implications of code and how it is enforced. (1.0 CM)	LUNCH & LEARN Keynote Address: "Building ALASKA Back Better!" Spruce Root and Southeast Conference Learn from Spruce Root and Southeast Conference about the coalition building, partnering, and research that went into TWO successful Build Back Better Phase 1 grants for Southeast Alaska. (1.0 Sustainability & Resilience CM)	LUNCH & LEARN Keynote Address: "A Planner's Call to Action" Mitchell Silver, FAICP Planners can have a broad, deep, and positive impact on Alaska's diverse urban and rural communities. Equity and inclusion will power us forward to make meaningful change as we tackle today and tomorrow's challenges. (1.0 CM)
1:30 - 2:45 PM	"Our Downtown: Housing as the Catalyst to Revitalization" In 2016, Anchorage began planning for a revitalization of downtown and attracting additional residential investment. In 2021, a group of diverse experts completed the Our Downtown plan update, and in 2022 are moving into the implementation. (1.25 CM)	"Traffic Conditions: Remote, Connected and OPEN for Business" Learn from a panel of transportation planners across the state about the unique challenges and opportunities of developing, funding, operating and maintaining roads in remote AK locations. (1.25 CM)	"Stakeholder Engagement QUICKFIRE" Join us for this INTERACTIVE and FUN session where six planners will share an example of their most effective virtual engagement tools in 5 minutes or less, followed by the application of one or more of these tools, and Q & A with our presenters. (1.25 CM)
3:00 - 4:00 PM	"Good Reasons Every Alaska Community Plan Should Prioritize Outdoor Recreation" Outdoor recreation is one of few economic sectors with potential for both growth and substantial contributions to the state's economic and fiscal health. Plans and planners can have a big impact in helping communities reach their goals for sustainable economic health, equity, and quality of life. (1.0 CM)	"Map with a Purpose: Homer Coastal Erosion Project and Setback Determinations" Coastal storms and flooding in Homer have led to erosion and instability of land around residents' homes and public infrastructure. With coastal bluff maps classifying their stability, Homer is updating its zoning code to facilitate safe and orderly growth for residents. (1.0 CM)	"Planning Law IN ACTION!" Learn about recent court cases impacting Alaska planners and communities. (1.0 Law CM)

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