



## MEMORANDUM

To: CCAPA Board of Directors

From: Kathy Garcia, Planning Commissioner Representative

Re: Planning Commission Report

Date: March 2 & 3, 2007

**Discussion:** During 2006, the board members agreed with our action plan to develop a program to serve the Commission membership and in the process, encourage additional participation. CCAPA is concentrating on serving Commissioners through training on planning issues.

### **Implementation - Accomplished:**

Since October, the following has been implemented:

**a. Planning Commissioners Corner in CalPlanner** has focused the last few articles on issues we have heard at the conference and through Commissioner input. These have included sustainability and regional planning to date. Future articles will include a focus on infill development and design guidelines

**b. Session at Orange CalAPA conference:** This year the Planning Commissioner session was modeled after the highly successful APA San Antonio conference session on Hot Topics. Unfortunately, it was poorly attended. However the handful of people who did attend (most were new commissioners) provided a dynamic and lively discussion, with many different opinions of the issues they were facing. With the small crowd, it became a very intense – and they said very valuable – session.

**c. Training Session on Regional Planning for San Diego section.** A training model for all chapters! While I provided only input and introduction, this was a highly successful Commissioner Training Session lead by Lance Shulte, Past President San Diego Section in

conjunction with SANDAG and CalTrans. Congratulations to Lance and his crew for implementing our training objectives.

## **Implementation – To Do**

### **1. APA Philadelphia – April Conference**

I will be leading one of the national forum discussions for Commissioners at Philadelphia. Join in, if you are there. Also, Philadelphia is my firm's – Wallace Roberts & Todd – home city, so if you will be attending the conference, please let me know so I can include you in the invitation list for a reception on Tuesday night, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **2. Issue Workshops**

- a. See if there is any potential to spread the success of the Regional Issues training done by the San Diego Section so that other sections may develop similar programs.
- b. Assist with other sections programs.

### **3. Website**

The Planning Commissioner link on the CCAPA website still has to be updated.

### **4. CCAPA 2006 Conference, San Jose**

This year's Commission session will be a panel entitled "A Few Good Commissioners: Volunteer Retention in Planning" and will concentrate on being a volunteer, attracting and retaining volunteers for Commissions, Design Review Boards and other appointed committees, and how to work effectively with these groups. It was arranged by Darcy Kremin from Walnut Creek and expands the interest to those beyond Commissioners.

### **4. 2007 Cal Planner**

Time for me to keep writing those articles! Does anyone have any specific issues pertinent to their Commissioners to include?