

2012 PLANNING AWARDS

CALL FOR ENTRIES

FPZA STATE AWARDS CATEGORIES & EVALUATION CRITERIA

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2011 - DECEMBER 31, 2011

ENTRY DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2012

AWARD CATEGORIES

It's time again for the prestigious Florida Planning & Zoning Association Awards! The FPZA Awards define the standard for land development and public/private sector planning statewide. For several decades, the awards program has been the centerpiece of FPZA's identification and promotion of best practices in all types of planning and development throughout the state.

The Florida Planning and Zoning Association encourages members to submit award applications. Second-place awards may be given in some categories as determined by the awards committee. Projects must have been approved or completed during the past calendar year (2011). The categories are as follows:

1. OUTSTANDING PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT

AWARD: This award is directed toward public "brick and mortar" projects.

2. OUTSTANDING PUBLIC STUDY AWARD:

This award is given for an outstanding public report, study, written document, ordinance, planning analysis, etc.

3. OUTSTANDING PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT

AWARD: This award is directed toward private sector "brick and mortar" projects.

4. OUTSTANDING PRIVATE STUDY

AWARD: This award is given for the outstanding private sector report, study, written document, planning analysis, etc.

5. DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARD: This award is given for a development plan which exhibits superior form and function.

6. INNOVATION AWARD: This award will be given for an innovative public or private project or development which is unusual and/or ahead of its time.

7. GRASSROOTS/NON-PROFIT

INITIATIVE AWARD: This award is to recognize how a grassroots or non-profit organization has furthered the quality of life through the planning process within its community, such as: outreach, cultural events, festivals, tourism, and environmental.

8. GEORGE W. SIMONS, JR. AWARD:

Named after the founder of FPZA. This award is given to a current member of FPZA who has continued to exemplify and espouse the purpose of the FPZA.

9. OUTSTANDING LEGISLATOR AWARD:

This award will be given to a Legislator who champions sound planning practices.

10. OUTSTANDING JOURNALISM

AWARD: This award will be presented to a journalist who effectively and accurately presents articles about planning and zoning issue to the public.

11. OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD:

This award will be given to the most outstanding Chapter, based on the efforts of the Chapter in:

- Increasing and/or maintaining membership efforts;
- Achievement of FPZA goals;
- Quality of programs for chapter members.

12. MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER AWARD:

This award will be given to the Chapter that has shown the greatest improvement during 2011.

Please note, public developments, projects, reports or studies are those prepared by a public agency or by a private firm or individual under contract to a public agency. Physical development projects must either be completed or sufficiently complete to demonstrate the attributes of the development or project.

The Awards Committee shall have the right to reclassify applications for a more appropriate award category.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used by the Awards Committee in judging the entries:

THE GEORGE SIMONS, JR AWARD

- Candidate must be a current member of FPZA.
- Award will be based on a person's work and efforts over time, rather than just for the past year.
- Work for which the award is given must be directed toward the stated purposes of FPZA. (See www.fpza.org for FPZA purposes)

REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD CATEGORIES LISTED AS ONE (1) THROUGH SEVEN (7):

- Each of these award entry applications must state how the development, project or innovation meets one or more of the following purposes of FPZA:
 - To promote cooperation among official planning and zoning boards and commissions, civic bodies, citizens, technicians and students interested in planning and zoning in the State of Florida;
 - To cultivate and stimulate interest in planning and zoning in the State of Florida;
 - To encourage the observance of sound planning and zoning practices;
 - To furnish information, advice and assistance to its members and provide a medium for exchanging information, advice and assistance among them;
 - To engage in research and issue publications on planning and zoning and related matters;
 - To promote education concerning matters related to planning and zoning.

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2. Each entry application will be further reviewed based on the following evaluation criteria:
 - a. **Innovation:**
 - Introduction of an original concept.
 - Refinement of an existing technique or procedure.
 - b. **Effectiveness:**
 - Impact of the project /strategy on the problem.
 - c. **Implementation:**
 - Appropriateness of the project /strategy on the problem.
 - Adaptability of the project / strategy to changing conditions.
 - Consideration of and solution to practical constraints.
 - d. **Comprehensiveness:**
 - Scope of project / strategy in relationship to the problem.
 - Consideration of all aspects of the problem.
 - e. **Clarity:**
 - Clarity of the award entry application.

THE OUTSTANDING ELECTED OFFICIAL AWARD

This award shall be given to a local, state, or federal elected official who has championed sound planning practices and accomplished positive gains in areas such as smart growth, environmental preservation, sustainable development, or equity planning.

THE OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AND MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER AWARD

1. These awards are for Chapters of FPZA only.
2. The Awards Committee will evaluate each Chapter entry application based on the following criteria:
 - a. Efforts of the Chapter towards securing new members and maintaining old members;
 - b. Efforts toward achieving the goals and

- c. The quality, timeliness of, and attendance at Chapter Programs;
 - d. Accomplishment of significant strides in Chapter development in general.
3. The Awards Committee will also take into consideration the differences in size and resources of each Chapter.

SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES

(SUBMITTALS ACCEPTED BY EMAIL ONLY)

1. A cover letter that states the name of the project, the award that is sought, the name of the recipient, and the name and contact information of the applicant.
2. A brief description of the study, project, organization, individual or Chapter relevant to category. (Max. 500 words).
3. A brief summary that should include the following information, as applicable:
 - a. Purpose of project, study or strategy;
 - b. History or context within which the project is significant;
 - c. Indication of expenditure of time, type of personnel, budget, population, and sizes of jurisdiction, if appropriate;
 - d. Narrative justification for the award, using the criteria outlined in the "evaluation criteria a.— e." (Max. 1000 words).
4. A brief summary to be used for ceremony purposes at annual conference. (Max. 100 words).
5. Up to three (3) images illustrating key features of the project shall be submitted in JPEG format. Each photograph **MUST** be labeled with the view contained in the photograph. (Max. 1 MB per image).
6. A minimum of one (1) letter of recommendation is required and may not be written by the nominator, author, client or team.
7. For the George W. Simons, Jr. Award, an FPZA member shall submit a statement with the entry. The statement may be endorsed by any individual who need not be a member of FPZA.

8. For the Outstanding Journalism, Outstanding Chapter and Most Improved Chapter Awards, a one (1) page statement in support of the nominee is required. However, other supporting data is encouraged.
9. THERE ARE NO ENTRY FEES.
10. All completed entries are to be emailed to the following email address and be received by **APRIL 30, 2012**.

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We look forward to reviewing your submittals! Please forward this **Call for Entries** on to all professionals, administrations, individuals, organizations and elected officials that may be worthy of such an award.

See you at this year's 60th FPZA Annual State Conference **Connecting the Dots...Nature, Community, Urban Core** In beautiful downtown Orlando **June 20th - June 22rd** at the Embassy Suites.

The Central Florida FPZA Chapter appreciates your participation!

For more conference information regarding sponsorships, exhibitors, speakers, and presenters, please see our website:

www.fpza.org