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EDUCATION

MS Florida State University, Urban and Regional Planning December 1994
Studio: "Gaines Street Pedestrian Corridor Design Study"
Advisor: Dr. Haight

BS Florida State University, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences May 1993
Graduated Summa Cum Laude
Minored in Mathematics

EMPLOYMENT

Comprehensive Planning Administrator, Land Development 2020-present
Supervise Comprehensive Planning Unit, Comprehensive Plan Map and Text Amendments, special studies, City Community Redevelopment Areas (CRA), Joint Planning Agreements, and strategic land use analysis

Comprehensive Planning Administrator, Long Range Planning 2011 to 2020

Principal Planner, Long Range Planning 2006 to 2011

Senior Planner, Planner III, Planner II, Planning Division 1996 to 2006
Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) Coordinator, CRA review management, Selected Area Plan (SAP) preparations and review, site plan review, Planned Development and zoning change preparations

Planner II, Housing and Community Development 1995 to 1996
Redevelopment Plan for Eloise, assisted with Consolidated Plan for Community Development Block Grant funds, grant eligibility determinations, managing citizen and housing advisory committees

HONORS AND AWARDS

Polk Vision Leadership Alumni 2017
Lake Wales Leadership Alumni 2016
Certified Public Manager, FSU 2008
Richard Coleman Conservation Award, Sierra Club, FL Chapter, Polk Group 2003

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Workshop, “Got Planning” Florida American Planning Association Conference, Sept. 2018

Keynote Address, “Census” Bartow Rotary, January 2020

Workshop, “Low Impact Design,” Water School, March 2018.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND SERVICE

AICP Continuing Education Credits

American Institute of Certified Planning, 32 Credits per two years

Florida American Planning Association

FAPA Annual Conference Co-Chair, 2007

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Planning Association, 1997-Present

Florida American Planning Association (FAPA), 1997-Present

Heart of Florida Section, FAPA, 1997-Present

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Lake Wales Heritage

Volunteer, 2022

Ridge Rangers, The Nature Conservancy, Florida Fish and Wildlife

Volunteer, Polk County and Lake McLeod Preserve, 1997 to 2014

COMPUTER SKILLS

MS Word, Excel, Power Point, Smart Draw, Accela, Minute Traq, ESRI Data Viewers