

# CHANDA BENNETT, AICP, CPM

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## EDUCATION

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| <b>MS</b> | Florida State University, Urban and Regional Planning<br>Studio: "Gaines Street Pedestrian Corridor Design Study"<br>Advisor: Dr. Haight | December 1994 |
| <b>BS</b> | Florida State University, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences<br>Graduated Summa Cum Laude<br>Minored in Mathematics                       | May 1993      |

## EMPLOYMENT

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| <b>Comprehensive Planning Administrator, Land Development</b>  | 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 |              |
| <b>Comprehensive Planning Administrator, Long Range Planning</b>   | 2011 to 2020 |
| <b>Principal Planner, Long Range Planning</b>  | 2006 to 2011 |
| <b>Senior Planner, Planner III, Planner II, Planning Division</b>  | 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         |              |
| <b>Planner II, Housing and Community Development</b>   | 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

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

## **PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES**

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**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**

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### **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**

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**American Planning Association**, 1997-Present

**Florida American Planning Association (FAPA)**, 1997-Present

**Heart of Florida Section, FAPA**, 1997-Present

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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### **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**

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