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First Public Meeting Points Direction for ANUPA

On August 30, about 30 people attended the first meeting of the Association for the New Urbanism in Pennsylvania (ANUPA). The meeting served primarily to introduce the organization and its mission, solicit input from attendees about the programs and projects they want to see, and give Eastern Pennsylvanians interested in new urbanism a chance to meet each other and discuss ways to promote new

government officials, and others seeking to implement New Urbanist principles in townships, boroughs and cities. Non-profit status is being sought through the IRS.

The bulk of the meeting was devoted to brainstorming project and program ideas for ANUPA. After generating a list of program ideas, attendees were asked to put sticky dots next to the ideas they liked the best. Attendees showed very strong support for focusing ANUPA's efforts on revitalizing existing cities and towns. The primary activities that generated strong support included (see page 3 for the full list):

1. educating the general public and public officials,
2. promoting new urbanism through lobbying at the state and local levels, and
3. providing a professional network for new urbanists in Pennsylvania.

A reporter from the *Philadelphia Inquirer* was present at our meeting. The story ran in the Sunday, 9/9/01 edition of the City and Region section. The full story can be found at http://inquirer.com/content/inquirer/2001/09/09/local_news/SNEW09.htm

The tentative mission statement for ANUPA is "to promote the Charter of New Urbanism within Pennsylvania; to educate the general public about the benefits of New Urbanist planning, design, and development; to support the adoption of comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances which promote Traditional Neighborhood Development; and to support the implementation of projects consistent with the Charter at local, county, and state levels."

urbanism in Pennsylvania.

After the board members introduced themselves, Will Selman gave a brief introduction into the background of the development of ANUPA. The goals of ANUPA are essentially educational in nature, as well as to act as a forum for advice and support for designers, consultants, activists,

Next ANUPA Meeting:

Thursday, January 17, 2002
3:00 - 5:00 PM
James-Lorah Memorial Home
Auditorium
132 North Main Street
Doylestown, PA

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Announcements . . .

Keep an eye out for ANUPA's web site, which should be ready in the next few weeks <http://www.anupa.org>

Support 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania <http://www.10000friends.org>

Join the national Congress for New Urbanism <http://www.cnu.org>

Subscribe to *The Townpaper*, a great resource about new urbanism! <http://www.towntownpaper.com>

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Bob is a Pennsylvania State Representative from Easton representing the 136th District of Northampton County. He is a long time advocate for improving land use planning in Pennsylvania. He was one of the legislative leaders who worked for enactment of amendments to the state's Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) to provide local governments with an array of tools to better control the problems of growth and authored the Traditional Neighborhood Development section of the MPC (Article VII-A). He fantasizes about being an urban planner.

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Jennifer is a planner with Philip E. Franks & Associates in Philadelphia. She is one of the inaugural Knight Fellows in Community-Building. Her planning practice focuses on public involvement and urban design.

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Joyce is a Borough Councilwoman in Emmaus, PA, where she

works to preserve the character and economic vitality of the 250-year-old community. She is also one of the Knight Fellows in Community-Building. Joyce was previously a commercial real estate lender in Manhattan and Main Street Manager in Emmaus.

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Steve is Director of CAT (Coalition for Alternative Transportation), an educational charity working to improve walking, bicycling and public transit. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA), a League of American Bicyclist certified Instructor, and Chair of the Biking and Walking Advisory Committee to the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study.

Will Selman WLSelman@netzero.net
Will is a senior planning analyst with the Lancaster County Planning Commission, focusing on the development of traditional villages and New Urbanist ordinances. He is acting as a consulting planner on a 300-acre TND. Will also serves as chair of the Lancaster City Planning Commission.

From the Board . . .

The Board welcomes you to the Association for the New Urbanism in Pennsylvania. We sincerely hope that the organization can help to create better and more livable communities in our state.

This first edition of our newsletter outlines the progress we have made thus far in organizing ourselves, and what activities we will pursue. Our intention is to alternate newsletters with meetings, so that everyone, in both rural townships and urban boroughs, can participate, contribute, and stay informed.

Since our first meeting we have continued our outreach efforts. We invited Joanne Denworth of 10,000 Friends to join our board, and she agreed. We contacted PPA and discussed sponsoring programs together. Joyce has been giving presentations about walkable communities in the Lehigh Valley, and Will has done the same around Lancaster. And as soon as we can raise the money for filing fees, we will start the incorporation process.

In My Opinion . . .

One of ANUPA's primary functions is to provide a venue for us to learn from each other and share our views. We invite you to write a short opinion piece for a future newsletter (send writings and questions to Jennifer Hurley at jlhurley@pfadesign.com). Will Selman volunteered to get us started.

Sprawl as a Response to Fear

Two events, which seemingly could not be more disconnected, came together in the headlines recently. Just days after the first open meeting of ANUPA, the terrorist tragedy at the World Trade Center shocked us all. In trying to come to terms with the horror of the attacks, conversations among Americans have ranged from attempts to find the right response to international terrorism, whether to rebuild the World Trade Center, to the economic ramifications of terrorism. In the middle of all this is a concern that connects these two events. A headline from the October issue of the Growth No Growth Journal baldly stated, "Fear of Terrorism Could Lead To More Sprawl."

There is nothing that New Urbanism can do or say to respond to issues of global terrorism. We can, however, speak to the fear of cities and towns. Americans have found plenty of reasons to move out to sprawling suburbs, and fear of urbanism is not new to our nation. Yet throughout history, people have gathered together in cities as a source of safety and opportunity. Indeed, the problems faced by our cities and towns may be reduced to one issue: as a nation, our people choose to abandon cities and the wealth of culture they represent. So in a sense, our job is to dispel fear and create interest and excitement in the opportunities available in true mixed-use communities.

Our organization thus begins with a real challenge. Let us rise to the occasion!

--Will Selman

Who We Are . . . Board Member Bios

Richard Bono BonoArch@Blazenet.net

Richard is an architect in York County whose main interest has been the practice and study of the relationship of urban to rural. He founded and headed the York County Form from 1989 to 1994, which introduced the New Urbanism to York County. His architectural practice has consisted of more than 120 historic tax credit, adaptive reuse projects in the City of York.

Tom Comitta TCA@Comitta.com

Tom is a Town Planner & Landscape Architect from West Chester, PA, who has served as a Planning Consultant to over 60 municipalities since 1981. Tom is author of the chapter on parks, recreational areas and open spaces in neighborhoods and communities in the CNU "Charter Of The New Urbanism". His office and home in West Chester have rear detached garages that are accessed off alleys, have front porches, are bounded by sidewalks, and are situated in compact, mixed use, walkable neighborhoods.

Joanne Denworth Denworth@10000Friends.org

Joanne is an environmental lawyer and President of 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania, which she founded with partner organizations to push for land use policies and actions that will strengthen Pennsylvania's diverse urban, suburban, and rural communities and reduce sprawl. 10,000 Friends helped develop and pass amendments to the Municipalities Planning Code and is working on an implementation manual for municipal officials. Joanne previously served as president and director of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and is co-author of Guiding Growth, a growth management handbook for municipalities.

Resources

Several participants at ANUPA's first meeting expressed interest in information about educational materials and traffic calming.

School Materials

Tom Hylton has written a teacher's manual with lesson plans to go along with his book, *Save Our Land, Save Our Towns*, and documentary, *Saving Pennsylvania*. All are well-regarded by teachers, preservationists, and other advocates for good land use planning. Find out more at <http://www.saveourlandsaveourtowns.org.html>

Traffic Calming

A quick web search turned up the resources below. I hope they're helpful!

<http://trafficalming.org>

Portland, OR's Traffic Calming Program

http://www.trans.ci.portland.or.us/Traffic_Management/trafficalming

Cambridge, MA Community Development Dept. Traffic Calming Bibliography

<http://www.ci.cambridge.ma.us/~CDD/envirotrans/trafficalm/bibliography.html>

ITE's Traffic Calming Library

<http://www.ite.org/traffic>

Project Suggestions from the First Meeting

<i>Suggestion</i>	<i>Number of Dots</i>
Focus ANUPA's efforts on revitalization of existing communities	16
Collect local examples of new urbanism	11
Collect examples of ordinances and codes that support new urbanism	9
Partner with other smart growth organizations	8
Cultivate a new urbanist political caucus in the State Legislature	6
Maintain a speakers bureau for public officials	6
Create an expert references resource list (ex. NU-friendly fire official)	5
Identify environmental benefits of New urbanism	5
Sponsor local design charrettes	4
Provide education for municipalities	4
Create a guide to sources of funding for new urbanist projects	3
Provide education at the school level for students	3
Create a network for professional teams to problem-solve with each other	3
Prepare regional financial comps of new urbanism compared to conventional suburban development	3
Sponsor a new urbanist book club/ Provide a reading list	3
Sponsor mobile workshops/ self-guided walking tours	3
Create a methodology to share information with each other	2
Partner with the legislature and state agencies	2
Coordinated alternative transportation policy	2
Prepare a compendium of traffic calming tools	2
Create a developers' toolbox: slideshow & handouts	2
Get each MPO to have at least 1 new urbanist planner on staff	2
Create a teaching kit geared toward elementary students and up	2
Identify software to help community groups and local officials visualize their town in the future	1
ANUPA website	1
Sponsor round table discussions to understand hurdles to developing new urbanism	1
ANUPA listserv	0

New Urbanists Participating in ANUPA's First Public Meeting



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