

Livable Communities

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

Keynote Speaker: Christopher Zimmerman
including Majora Carter and Dan Burden

+ Educational Workshops

City Flats Hotel, Holland, MI

1:00 p.m.

Mr. Dan Burden will offer a workshop on developing non-motorized paths through main traffic intersections. The workshop will be focused on walkability, non-motorized transportation, and traffic calming. Mr. Burden will provide examples using the US 31 corridor from Holland to Grand Haven.

3:00 p.m.

Mr. Christopher Zimmerman will offer a workshop on the topic of transit-oriented development as related to affordable and accessible housing. This workshop will focus on the importance of including different income levels into your community. The workshop will include examining the true costs of transportation when utilizing one's own vehicle. Lastly, Mr. Zimmerman will share the successes he has seen in his own work and provide ideas for moving our communities forward.

+ Dinner Presentation

AlpenRose Restaurant, Holland, MI

6:00 p.m.

Mr. Christopher Zimmerman will be the evening's keynote speaker presenting on the connections between economic development and livable communities, including mixed-use and livable design. Ms. Majora Carter will provide a live video feed commenting on livable communities. Mr. Burden will also be in attendance to network with dinner attendees and take part in the Q & A session. The event agenda is as follows:

Registration & Networking
Welcome
Dinner
Introduction of Live Feed Speaker
Majora Carter
Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Christopher Zimmerman
Question & Answer Session

Biographies

Christopher Zimmerman



Christopher Zimmerman of Arlington, VA, specializes in affordable housing, transit-oriented development, and other related urban design. As county commissioner he has served on many transit boards and authorities and has received numerous awards, including the Livable Communities Leadership Award (2004), Outstanding Contribution by a Public Official (2003), and Champion of Sensible Transportation (2001).

Christopher Zimmerman is an elected official in Arlington County, Virginia. An economist by training, for the past two decades he has been intimately involved in planning, development, and transportation policy in one of the most dynamic communities in America, as a neighborhood and civic leader, as a planning commissioner, and for the past 15 years as a member of the Arlington County Board.

Arlington is an urban municipality of 26 square miles and more than 200,000 residents in the heart of the National Capital Region. In recent years Arlington has emerged as one of the leading models for smart growth and transit-oriented development in the United States. In 2002 the county was the recipient of the EPA's first Award for Overall Excellence in Smart Growth. The County Board is its governing body, responsible for a budget of approximately \$1 billion annually, and for all land use and zoning decisions.

Currently Mr. Zimmerman is the Board's Vice Chairman, having also served as its Chairman in 1998, 2002, and 2006. He carries the transportation portfolio on the Board, representing Arlington on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority ("Metro"), as well as the region's metropolitan planning agency and other regional transportation bodies.

Dan Burden



Dan Burden is an internationally recognized authority on bicycle and pedestrian facilities and programs, livability, sustainability and Smart Growth. He brings together many disciplines and issues – street design, traffic calming, living streets, public safety, bicycling, and greenways – into a holistic vision for creating healthy, livable, sustainable and prosperous communities. Mr. Burden is founder and Executive Director of Walkable and Livable Communities, Inc. He has worked in over 2,700 villages, cities and towns across the country, including the Lakeshore area.

Majora Carter



From 2001 to 2008, Majora is founder of the Majora Carter Group. She was Executive Director of the non-profit, Sustainable South Bronx – where she pioneered green-collar job training and placement systems in one of the most environmentally and economically challenged parts of the US. This MacArthur "genius" is now president of her own economic consulting firm, a co-host on Sundance Channel's The Green, and host of a new special public radio series called, The Promised Land.