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## **Board of Visitors (RCPL)**

### **Board of Visitors' Bylaws**

The RCPL Board of Visitors has approved a set of bylaws to assist in governance for this committee.

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## Susan Connors

### Planning and Community Development Director for the City of Norman

Susan Connors is currently the Planning and Community Development Director for the City of Norman, OK. Susan's career has spanned over 30 years of working in the private and public sectors. Her experience includes developing a Master Plan for the U.S. Forest Service for a solar heated greenhouse facility, a Library Master Plan for the City of Albuquerque, site and facility evaluation reports, building programming and feasibility studies, newsletter editing, Community Development Block Grant writing and administration, zoning and subdivision ordinance amendments and transit planning. The large portion of Susan's career has been in Current Planning which has required working with land owners and developers to ensure that developments meet regulatory requirements as well as incorporating appropriate landscaping, trails and amenities in developments. In the last thirteen years she has been in department director positions which have expanded her involvement in all levels of planning, development and coordination.

Susan holds a master degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Colorado and a bachelor's degree in Geography from Boston University. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, the American Planning Association, and served as the President of the New Mexico chapter of the American Planning Association for two years. Through these membership and leadership positions, Susan has stayed current in her knowledge of trends and topics in planning and development.



## **Kim Cooper-Hart**

### **Commercial District Revitalization, City of Oklahoma City, OK**

Kim Cooper-Hart has been working with inner city districts and urban issues in Oklahoma City since 2003. With a passion for developing local economies and empowering grass roots community efforts, Kim brings over 20 years of relationship management experience to the city's interface with business districts and neighborhoods. As a senior planner with the City of Oklahoma City Planning Department, Kim is the Program Manager for the Commercial District Revitalization Program. She manages the relationships, contracts, and funding for Oklahoma City's Business Improvement Districts, Main Streets, and neighborhood-scale commercial districts outside the downtown core.

Kim graduated from OU with a Masters in Regional and City Planning in 2004. Originally from California, she worked in Silicon Valley for over 20 years and received her BS in Organizational Behavior and an MBA specializing in Technology Management. As an active volunteer in Oklahoma, Kim has served as the president of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Planning Association, the Oklahoma Sustainability Network, and was a founding board member of the Oklahoma Chapter of the US Green Business Council.



## **John Crowley, Ph.D., FAICP, FASLA**

**Professor and Coordinator of the Master of Planning and**

### **Environmental Design at the University of Georgia**

John Crowley is a professor and coordinator of the Master of Planning and Environmental Design at the University of Georgia. As Dean of the College of Environment and Design, John designed the Master of Planning and Environmental Design Program. He currently teaches Representation and Communication and the Environmental Design Studio.



## James B. Duncan, FAICP

### Duncan Associates

Jim Duncan has more than 50 years of experience as an urban planning and zoning specialist. He has served as the director of development for the Cities of Austin, TX, Hollywood, FL, as well as Broward County Florida. He has offered consulting services to more than 300 cities, counties, regions, States, and territories, including: Chicago, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Fort Worth, Seattle, Portland, Phoenix, Raleigh, Los Angeles County, Miami-Dade County, Salt Lake County, Durham County, Puget Sound COG, Metro Minneapolis-St. Paul, Central Indiana Citizens League, Florida, Minnesota, Louisiana, Hawaii and the US Virgin Islands. Jim has also held the post of president of the American Planning Association and is a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Jim is the Co-author of *"Growth Management Principles and Practices."* He has been an adjunct professor at FAU in Florida. Jim earned his Bachelor of journalism and government from University of Texas and his Master of city and regional planning from University of Oklahoma. In 2010, Jim was named Outstanding Alumni by OU College of Architecture.



## **Jan Ramseyer Fees, AICP**

### **Assistant City Planner for the City of Edmond and Coordinator for Community Connections**

Jan is a 20-year resident of the city of Edmond and is its Assistant City Planner and Coordinator for the Community Connections program. Jan has been employed by the city for almost 18 years. She is the key city staffer to work with and guide the Edmond Urban Forestry Commission.

Jan is a graduate of Oklahoma State University. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Planning Association and serves on the board for Keep Edmond Beautiful.



# Robert Goins

## Professor Emeritus and Senior Fellow for the Institute of Quality

### Communities.

Robert Goins is Professor Emeritus in the College of Architecture and also serves as Senior Fellow in the Institute for Quality Communities. He holds a Master's Degree in Regional & City Planning and a Bachelor's in Architecture, both from the University of Oklahoma. He is a member of the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners. During his career, he has served on a wide-range of University committees as well as public service organizations for the City of Norman.

Robert's recent teaching focus has been in the areas of urban history and design of cities. His professional practice has concentrated on residential subdivision planning and parks & recreational design. As part of the State's Centennial celebration, he designed and oversaw the development of Legacy Trail for the City of Norman. In addition to his lifelong love of cities, he has developed a passion for the history of Oklahoma. He co-authored the fourth addition of the Historical Atlas of Oklahoma which received the 2007 Oklahoma Book Award for best non-fiction.

Robert earned his Bachelor and Master in Regional and City Planning at the University of Oklahoma.



## **William (Billy) Harless**

### **Community Development Director for Midwest City Redevelopment**

Billy Harless is the Community Development Director for Midwest City Redevelopment in Midwest City, Oklahoma.





## **Larry John Hopper, Sr., AICP**

### **Planning Manager for METRO Transit**

Larry Hopper is the Planning Manager for METRO Transit in Oklahoma City. Larry has dedicated his career in planning to facilitate the redevelopment of Oklahoma City, including efforts to redevelop the warehouse district revitalization effort in Bricktown, among many other significant projects. Larry has worked in the field of public transportation since 1999. He has managed a number of significant public transit projects in OKC including: Downtown Oklahoma City streetcar planning (2008-Present), manager for Regional Fixed Guideway Systems Plan for 2030 (for commuter rail, streetcar, BRT, HOV, and enhanced bus), downtown site acquisition and redevelopment for half-block downtown transit hub (2003), public involvement, various transit planning (rail and bus) and administration matters, spearheaded the support and more to add bicycle racks to buses, led many collaborations with public health, and active in various volunteer civic planner roles in preservation, sustainability, and transit. Larry earned his Bachelor in Geography (with distinction) and his Master in Regional and City Planning from the University of Oklahoma.

# Cynthia Hoyle, FAICP

## Hoyle Consulting

Cynthia Hoyle began her career in planning with the City of Oklahoma City. There, she worked as a planner for the Metropolitan Library System, the Office of Research and Economic Development, and a Traffic Planner. Cynthia formed Hoyle Consulting in the late 1980s. Cynthia is a nationally recognized planner and advocate of livable communities and safe streets. She is a pioneer in advocating for streets as corridors for all modes of transportation beginning with the groundbreaking publication of the PAS report Traffic Calming in 1995. Her work in creating safe, livable communities, multi-modal transportation systems and training citizen planners have extended nationally. She is a noted speaker and author on the topics of mode choice and healthy communities.

Cynthia studied humanities in Cambridge, England with the American Institute for Foreign Study. She earned her Bachelor in Social Work and Master of Regional and City Planning at the University of Oklahoma.



## **Elizabeth Jones, AICP**

### **Community Development Director for Moore, Oklahoma**

Elizabeth Jones is an Oklahoma native who attended Southeast Missouri State University, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Historic Preservation. After graduation she moved back to Oklahoma to attend the University of Oklahoma, earning a Master's Degree in Regional and City Planning. Elizabeth was hired at the City of Moore in 2000 as the Associate Planner and Grants Manager, and was promoted to Community Development Director in 2002. Elizabeth serves on several community boards, including serving on the Board of Directors for Positively Paseo, a CHDO furthering affordable housing and home ownership in the Paseo Neighborhood in Oklahoma City.



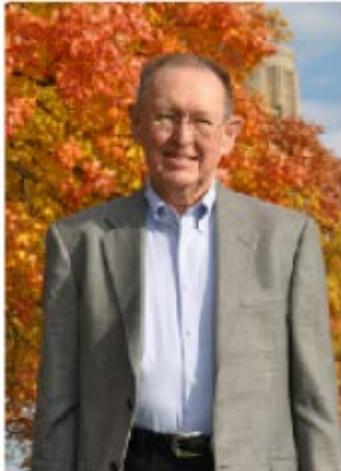
## **Ralph Ocshner, Ph.D.,**

### **CEO of Ocschner Hare & Hare**

Ralph, a Charter Member of The American Institute of Certified Planners, is the Principal of Ochsner Hare & Hare, LLC of Kansas City, Missouri. He has over forty-five years of experience in public and private sector planning work. He has been a leader in the housing industry helping communities to revitalize through the creative use of financial incentives and community involvement. His wide-ranging practice also includes comprehensive planning, corridor planning, development plans, including industrial, commercial and mixed use, and zoning. What sets Ralph apart is his unparalleled knowledge of project financing options (public and private), cost benefit analysis and market feasibility studies.

Ralph has advised local governments on a broad range of planning issues. Recent projects include: the Porter Avenue Corridor Plan for Norman, OK, the Harry S. Truman National Landmark District and Midtown/Truman Road Corridor Revitalization Plan in Independence, MO, the 18th & Vine National Historic District and International Jazz Hall of Fame - Kansas City, MO, the City of Springfield, Commercial Street Historic District in Springfield, MO, the Bruce R. Watkins Drive Beautification & Development Enhancement Plan, and Comprehensive Plan development for St. Joseph, MO, Lee's Summit, Mo and Lansing, KS, among others.

Ralph earned his Bachelor in Sociology and his Master in City and Regional Planning at the University of Oklahoma. He later earned his doctorate in Public Policy Analysis and Administration from St. Louis University.



## **Douglas W. Rex**

### **Director of the ACOG Transportation & Planning Services**

Doug Rex serves as the Director for the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments' (ACOG) Transportation & Planning Services Division. ACOG is a voluntary association of cities, towns and counties in the Central Oklahoma region. ACOG works on issues that affect more than one community, such as transportation planning, water quality management, air quality and 9-1-1 administration. As division director, Doug is responsible for the leadership, coordination, development and administration of transportation and air quality planning, community development and other transportation issues that impact the region. He has also served as an adjunct professor of transportation planning at the University of Oklahoma's Regional and City Planning division.

Doug holds a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Kansas, and a bachelor's degree in political science from Memorial University of Newfoundland, holding certificates in both business administration and public administration. Prior to joining ACOG, Doug was employed by the city of Topeka, Kan. and the Mid America Regional Council (MARC), the council of governments servicing the Kansas City metro region. He first joined the ACOG in November 1996 as Program Coordinator - Transportation Planning and Air Quality. He also began additional service to the Association as Assistant to the Executive Director in November 2003.

John Crowley is a professor and coordinator of the Master of Planning and Environmental Design at the University of Georgia. As Dean of the College of Environment and Design, John designed the Master of Planning and Environmental Design Program. He currently teaches Representation and Communication and the Environmental Design Studio.



## **Deborah M. Rosenthal, Esq., AICP**

### **Partner at Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP**

Deborah Rosenthal is a partner at Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, LLP. Deborah devotes her practice to land use and environmental law and litigation. She works extensively with land use and environmental issues in California, including wetlands, endangered species, takings, historic preservation, mitigation banking and hazardous materials. Deborah has also been involved in a variety of complex federal- and state-coordinated environmental permitting programs for large private developments, including the negotiation of development agreements and preparation of development plans.

Immediately before admission to the California bar, Deborah served as Executive Director of the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois. In this capacity, she was responsible for supervising statewide preservation-advocacy programs. Prior to attending Yale Law School, Deborah acted as a special consultant to the National Trust for Historic Preservation on selected planning issues in Oklahoma and provided special media services to the Oklahoma Humanities Council and the Oklahoma Council for the Social Studies. Deborah earned her Bachelor at the University of Michigan and a Master of City and Regional Planning from the University of Oklahoma. After which, she earned her juris doctorate at Yale Law School.



## **Michael Alan Southard, AICP, EDFP, President & CEO of Ada Jobs Foundation**

Mike Southard is the President and CEO of Ada Jobs Foundation. Mike joined Ada after spending over 10 years leading the community development efforts in Shawnee and Muskogee and 3 years as a city planner in Oklahoma City. He led efforts to enhance community appearance and pioneered revitalization processes to remove dilapidated structures and breathe life into deteriorating neighborhoods and business districts. Under Mike's direction, Shawnee adopted the first rehab code in Oklahoma and Muskogee passed the first modern manufactured housing code in the state. Through these entrepreneurial efforts, Shawnee has seen around \$15 million in reinvestment. He was instrumental in the neighborhood revitalization efforts that have culminated in over 200 new houses built on infill lots in the two communities. Mike has served on various boards and committees over his career ranging from Habitat for Humanity to the local chamber. He has shared his knowledge across the state on topics such as community image, visioning and design.

Mike is not only a leader in Oklahoma but nationally where he served as the Region 3 Commissioner on the governing board for certified planners, American Institute of Certified Planners. Mike is a member of the American Planning Association, American Institute of Certified Planners, International Economic Development Council, Southern Economic Development Council, Oklahoma Professionals Economic Development Council and the Governor's Economic Development Team.

Mike earned his Bachelor in Public Affairs and Administration and his Master of Regional and City Planning at the University of Oklahoma.



## **Clare Woodside, RA, AICP**

### **Director of Master Planning for SAIC**

Clare Woodside is SAIC's Director of Master Planning for communities as well as urban design projects. He has been responsible for master planning residential communities in the U.S. and abroad and has extensive experience in design and planning for both the public and private sector. Clare has recently completed planning and design leadership for SAIC's federal family housing program with projects located across the U.S. He has served as project manager for a number of significant planning projects, including the development of: a Campus Master Plan for Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma; a Master Plan for the Native American Cultural Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; a Campus Master Plan for Casady Schools in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; LandRun – A Planned Community in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; a Master Plan and Development Study for Giants of The Great Plains, Inc. in Greer County, Oklahoma, among many other notable plans and designs.

Clare completed his Bachelor of Architecture from Oklahoma State University. He earned his Master in Regional and City Planning from the University of Oklahoma.

