

Our 20th Anniversary!

The *Planning Commissioners Journal* has been the result of the efforts of some very talented individuals:

ELAINE COGAN, a Principal in the Portland, Oregon, planning and communications firm of Cogan Owens Cogan, has trained dozens of planning boards and staffs on public involvement and communications techniques. For many years she wrote "The Effective Planning Commissioner" column for the *PCJ*. We've also published Elaine's excellent booklet for new planning board members: *Now That You're On Board: How to Survive ... and Thrive ... as a Planning Commissioner* – currently available as a pdf download.

"Our" ED MCMAHON has been another frequent contributor – authoring some 23 articles for the *PCJ*. Ed is both a terrific speaker and writer, familiar with a wide range of subjects, from zoning and land use, to urban design, to transportation policy. Ed is a Senior Resident Fellow at the Urban Land Institute.

HANNAH TWADDELL is Principal of Twaddell Associates, LLC. Hannah has regularly focused on transportation-related topics for the *PCJ*. Many of her articles are included in our two reprint collections: *Transportation Planning: Getting Started* and *Transportation Planning: New Directions*.

GREG DALE is Principal with the planning and zoning firm of McBride Dale Clarion – and a frequent trainer at planning commissioner workshops. Greg has written nearly two dozen columns for the *PCJ* on ethical issues facing planning board members. You'll find them in our

Ethics & the Planning Commission publication.

MICHAEL CHANDLER is a former Professor and Community Planning Extension Specialist at Virginia Tech, also with many years' experience in planning commissioner training. From 1992 to 2003 Mike wrote "The Planning Commission at Work" column for us, covering topics ranging from comp plan development to meeting management.

The inimitable duo of JIM SEGEDY AND LISA HOLLINGSWORTH SEGEDY took on "The Planning Commission at Work" column in 2008 – and have maintained its high standard of excellence. Both have extensive experience in community planning, and Jim's also taught a generation of planners at Indiana's Ball State University.

Long-time planner BETH HUMSTONE has focused on land development, growth management, housing, and related issues. Beth is co-author of the excellent *Above and Beyond, Visualizing Change in Small Towns and Rural Areas*, available from APA Planners Press.

Historian LAURENCE GERCKENS is emeritus professor at The Ohio State University, and founder of The Society for American City and Regional Planning History. Among his many contributions to the *PCJ* is *The Planning ABC's*, a fascinating alphabetic review of 26 planning topics from Automobiles to Zoning. It's available to order as a pdf download.

I don't have the space to

mention all the other talented individuals who have contributed multiple articles to the *PCJ*. But take a few minutes on our PlannersWeb site – www.plannersweb.com – to scroll through the *PCJ* authors list. You'll spot, among others, frequent contributors CAROLYN BRAUN; WENDY GREY; GWENDOLYN HALLSMITH; DELLA RUCKER; JOEL RUSSELL; KENNEDY SMITH; DAVE STAUFFER; RIC STEPHENS; OTIS WHITE; and two planners no longer with us, the late JACK MCCALL and PERRY NORTON.

BETSEY KRUMHOLZ is the *PCJ*'s general manager, and the glue that holds our operation together. In addition to handling all variety of office tasks, Betsey has been responsible for putting together our "Taking a Closer Look" reprint collections and our *Welcome to the Commission Guide for New Members*. Betsey also knows planning, having served on (and chaired) the Burlington Planning Commission.

LARRY PFLUEGER, recently retired from his position as Principal Planner with the Pinellas (Florida) Planning Council, has generously volunteered countless hours of time as our assistant editor. Virtually every article we've published has been improved as a result of Larry's careful reading and incisive comments.

Since 1991, hundreds of professional and citizen planners have helped us out by providing comments on draft articles. Others have served on our editorial advisory board, most recently: LARRY FREY, LEE KROHN, ROSS



MOLDOFF, CHRISTINE MUELLER, IRV SCHIFFMAN, BARBARA SWEET, ILENE WATSON, and WAYNE LEMMON (who passed away last year).

PAUL HOFFMAN has prepared the cover drawing for every one of our now 84 issues! Paul brings an extraordinary amount of creativity, attention to detail, and thought to each drawing.

NED CORBETT, who handles the layout and design of the *PCJ*, has a talent for keeping the "look" of the *PCJ* fresh – yet within an overall style that has remained surprisingly consistent since our very first issue.

PEGGY ELLIS-GREEN, until leaving us to join the Burlington Mayor's Office, took care of just about everything in our office – from billing, to marketing, to keeping us organized.

My thanks also to others who in past years helped keep our office running: MAUREEN O'BRIEN, LAURIE BISHOP, BOB KISS, and the late MIKE KALOUSTIAN.

Finally, there's one other person who's not only lent constant support over the past twenty years, but also provided perceptive feedback on many draft articles, my wife, LILA SHAPERO.

— Wayne M. Senville,
Publisher & Editor