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2007 First Coast APA Awards Spring Luncheon

First Coast APA will host the 2007 First Coast APA Awards Spring Luncheon on May 23, 2007, 12 NOON at University Center, University of North Florida. The First Coast APA Awards recognize people and projects that have significantly contributed to the field of planning and growth management in the First Coast region. Ronald Barton, Executive Director of Jacksonville Economic Development Corporation will be the guest speaker. Registration details are available at <http://www.FirstCoastAPA.org/Events/>. At this year's luncheon, awards will be given for: Planner of the Year, which recognizes planner(s) who have made a significant contribution to the planning profession during the last year; Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes individual(s) who have had an outstanding career and made a significant contribution to the field of planning; Outstanding Master Plan, which recognizes a master plan developed in the last two years that will greatly contribute to the field of planning upon completion; Distinguished Project, which recognizes an outstanding project or development completed in the last two years that greatly contributes to the field of planning; Best Planning Advocate, which recognizes planners or citizens who have advocated for better planning or made a difference to the future planning of a community; and Excellence in Media, which recognizes journalists or media outlets (including new media venues) that have written or reported extensively about planning/growth management topics and have been influential in local planning issues over the last two years. The First Coast APA Awards Committee reviewed all nominations on April 4th and its recommendations were made to the First Coast APA Board, which were confirmed at its April Board meeting.

Distinguished Service Award: Brian Teeple, Executive Director, Northeast Florida Regional Council

Planner of the Year Award: Margo Moehring, Strategic Planning Division, City of Jacksonville Planning & Development Department

Outstanding Master Plan Award: Dunn Avenue and Main Street Corridor Redevelopment Plan

Excellence in Media Award: Jacksonville Business Journal

Distinguished Project Award: 1661 Riverside, Midland Development Group

Best Planning Advocate: 2030 Horizon: City of Jacksonville Growth Management Task Force

The First Coast APA Awards Committee includes: Mark David Major (Chair), First Coast APA Chair, MAJOR Planning LLC; Paul Crawford, Jacksonville Economic Development Corporation (JEDC); Alyce Greider Decker, Urban Planning Community Research in Ponte Vedra Beach; Michael Harrington, Environmental Services, Inc.; and, Buck Pittman, England, Thims and Miller, Inc.

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