



American Planning Association
Oklahoma Chapter

Making Great Communities Happen

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER AWARD NOMINATIONS

OUTSTANDING PUBLIC OUTREACH, PROGRAM, PROJECT, TOOL, COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

This award is for a specific planning tool, practice, program, project, community initiative or public outreach. This category emphasizes results and demonstrates how innovative and state-of-the-art planning methods and practices help to create communities of lasting value.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to APA members and nonmembers. Must have been published, adopted, or completed between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2015. Published drafts or efforts that have not been completed are not eligible. The effort must help to create an Oklahoma community of lasting value. Nominations can include, but are not limited to, regulations and codes, tax policies or initiatives, design guidelines, public-private partnerships, handbooks, applications of technology, efforts that foster greater participation in community planning, and grassroots initiatives that utilize a planning process to address a specific need/issue within a community.

CRITERIA

Originality and innovation. Document how your entry uses new ideas or presents a visionary approach or innovative concept to address specific needs. Specify how planning principles have been observed, especially in consideration of your entry's effects on other public objectives.

Effectiveness and results. State how your entry addressed the need or problem that prompted its initiation. Be explicit about how the results make a difference in the lives of the people affected now and in the future. Show how your entry has increased the understanding of planning principles and the planning process. Provide measurable results if possible or appropriate.

Participation. Explain how various public interests were involved, the extent of that involvement and how your entry obtained public and private support. Competitive entries demonstrate a strong effort to solicit input from those who historically have been left out of the planning process. Clarify the role, significance, and participation of planners. Demonstrate the connection between the effort's success and increased awareness in the community of planners and planning.



OKLAHOMA CHAPTER AWARD NOMINATIONS

OUTSTANDING PLAN

For a plan that advances the science and art of planning.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to APA members and nonmembers. Must have been published, adopted, or completed between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2015. Published drafts of plans are not acceptable. All plans, including comprehensive plans, neighborhood plans, corridor plans, smart growth plans, transportation plans, small town/rural plans, economic development plans, environmental plans, etc. in Oklahoma, are eligible.

CRITERIA

Originality and innovation. Document how your entry presents a visionary approach or innovative concept to address needs. Explain how the use of the planning process in this context broadened accepted planning principles within the context of the situation.

Engagement. Explain how various public interests were involved and the extent of that involvement. Competitive entries demonstrate a strong effort to solicit input from those who historically have been left out of the planning process. Show how the nominated plan obtained public and private support.

Role of planners. Clarify the role, significance and participation of planners. Demonstrate the connection between the effort's success and increased awareness in the community of planners and planning.

Implementation. Address what steps have been taken to build momentum and public support for following and implementing the plan.

Effectiveness. State how your entry addressed the need or problem that prompted its initiation. Be explicit about how the results have made a difference in the lives of the people affected. Convey the level of effectiveness your entry can have over time.



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OUTSTANDING CITIZEN PLANNER

This award honors an individual or appointed or elected official who has advanced or promoted the cause of planning in the public arena. (Non-Professional Planner)

ELIGIBILITY

Engaged citizens demonstrating outstanding leadership in a community, region, or state; members of planning commissions, board of appeals, economic development boards, environmental or historic preservation boards, commissions or committees, or other appointed officials; elected officials holding office at the local, regional, or state level; citizen activists or neighborhood leaders.

CRITERIA

Originality and innovation. Document how your entry contribution go beyond the day-to day routine and has initiated new ideas, programs, plans, etc.

Effectiveness and results. State how the individual has helped advance the visibility and understanding of planning and has had a positive impact in their community, region, or the state.



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OUTSTANDING STUDENT PROJECT

Award recognizes a student or group of students in an Oklahoma planning, architecture, landscape architecture, or program for an outstanding paper or class project that demonstrates the contribution of planning to contemporary issues; best applies the planning process; or applied planning research. While it is appropriate to submit a project or paper on which a faculty member(s) has given guidance, the submission should be primarily the work of the students.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominations may be submitted by either faculty or an individual student or student group in a planning program or course in the state of OK. Papers/projects/research completed between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2015.

CRITERIA

Innovative: Originality of concept or appreciable refinement of existing techniques or procedures.

Transferable: Potential application to other locations, projects, or areas of planning interest.

Quality: Excellence of thought, analysis, writing, graphics, and character of presentation.

Implementation: Effectiveness of the work (proposals have been carried out, show promise of being carried out, or demonstrate an effective implementation technique).

Comprehensive: Planning principles have been observed, especially in considering a project's effects on other public objectives.



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SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

All nominations must be submitted in electronic format through the OKAPA Chapter Dropbox. No hard copies of any nomination materials will be accepted. Your project folder must be labeled with the appropriate award category and name of the project (Ex: Outstanding Plan City of X Comp Plan). If nominating for multiple categories please create separate folders. Please place each of the following electronic files in separate folders within your project folder in the dropbox.

NOMINATION FORM: The completed APA Oklahoma Awards Nomination Form.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION: One page summary description of the submission or in the case of an individual, a one page resume. If chosen as the award winner, portions or all of the summary description may be used for the video presentation at the Awards ceremony.

AWARD CRITERIA: One- or two-page explanation demonstrating how the submission specifically meets each criterion in the order listed under each award category.

LETTER(S) OF SUPPORT: A least one (1) but no more than three (3) one-page letters in support of the entry from someone familiar with the nomination but other than the nominator and/or staff/consultant.

PROJECT OR PLAN: A digital copy in PDF format of the document for which the nomination is submitted. If nominating a long document or a series of plans, please save them as a single PDF. Please do not provide a separate PDF for each chapter or graphic.

IMAGES: Up to Ten (10) high-resolution (1024x768 or larger) digital images in JPEG format of project-related images, such as photos, renderings, maps or other graphics. The images should be representative of the nominated project, person, process, or program. Please also include a document that lists image names and a brief caption for each image. Do not submit pdfs, a PowerPoint presentation or slides for this item. Quality is important because the images will be used in the awards PowerPoint presentation and newsletter. Outstanding Citizen Planner Award nominations need only to supply two to three images of the individual nominated.

SUBMITTAL METHODS

Nomination Package Submittal: For access to the drop box link please contact [Danielle Barker](#).

Submittal Dates: June 15, 2016 through July 15, 2016

APA Oklahoma will confirm receipt of your submittal, through e-mail, by 5pm on July 18, 2016.

Questions or Issues with Dropbox Submittals? Contact Danielle Barker by email at danielle.barker@bethanyok.org.

Awards Committee will resolve any questions regarding eligibility and submittal concerns.



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NOMINATED PROJECT

Category: _____ Outstanding Public Outreach, Program, Project, Tool, Community Initiative
_____ Outstanding Plan _____ Outstanding Citizen Planner _____ Outstanding Student Project

Plan/Project Title: _____

Brief Description: _____

Plan/Project Sponsor or Jurisdiction: _____

Other Agencies or Firms Involved (Name and Organization/Firm): _____

NOMINATOR

The Nominator will be considered the primary contact to the Chapter for all decisions made on this nomination.

Name: _____

Title/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

SIGNATURE

I acknowledge that the submitted work was done by the parties credited in this Awards Application Form, and that the work meets the eligibility and nomination submittal requirements. I understand that all winning documents will be placed on the Oklahoma Chapter website under Award Winners.

Signature of Nominator

Date

Printed Name of Nominator

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GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD, STREET OR PUBLIC SPACE

Great Places in America single out places of exemplary character, quality and planning; places with a unique identity, cultural interest, community involvement, and a sustainable vision for tomorrow.

Neighborhood Characteristics:

- Has a variety of functional attributes that contribute to a resident's day-to-day living (i.e. residential, commercial, or mixed-uses).
- Accommodates multi-modal transportation (i.e. pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers).
- Has design and architectural features that are visually interesting.
- Encourages human contact and social activities.
- Promotes community involvement and maintains a secure environment.
- Promotes sustainability and responds to climatic demands.
- Has a memorable character.

Street Characteristics:

- Provides orientation to its users, and connects well to the larger pattern of ways.
- Balances the competing needs of the street — driving, transit, walking, cycling, servicing, parking, drop-offs, etc.
- Fits the topography and capitalizes on natural features.
- Is lined with a variety of interesting activities and uses that create a varied streetscape.
- Has urban design or architectural features that are exemplary in design.
- Relates well to its bordering uses — allows for continuous activity, doesn't displace pedestrians to provide access to bordering uses.
- Encourages human contact and social activities.
- Employs hardscape and/or landscape to great effect.
- Promotes safety of pedestrians and vehicles and promotes use over the 24-hour day.
- Promotes sustainability through minimizing runoff, reusing water, ensuring groundwater quality, minimizing heat islands, and responding to climatic demands.
- Is well maintained, and capable of being maintained without excessive costs.
- Has a memorable character.

Public Spaces Characteristics:

- Promotes human contact and social activities.
- Is safe, welcoming, and accommodating for all users.
- Has design and architectural features that are visually interesting.
- Promotes community involvement.
- Reflects the local culture or history.
- Relates well to bordering uses.
- Is well maintained.
- Has a unique or special character.



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GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD, STREET OR PUBLIC SPACE

Type: ___ Great Neighborhood ___ Great Street ___ Great Public Space

Name of Nomination: _____

Location (City): _____

For streets, start and end points: _____

NOMINATOR

Name: _____

Title/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

SALIENT FEATURES

List four or five salient features or reasons that make the nomination outstanding and worthy of a Great Places in Oklahoma designation. Oklahoma's program follows the National APA criteria, so for more information and guidelines go to <http://www.planning.org/greatplaces/>.

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5.

Submit nomination form and 6-8 digital images showing the nomination's outstanding qualities with captions highlighting the salient features listed above via drop box by July 15, 2016. A one-page narrative is optional. Nominations of interest with satisfactory photos will be considered.

To submit contact Danielle Barker at danielle.barker@bethanyok.org by July 15, 2016.