



American Planning Association Louisiana Chapter

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In 2004, Governor Blanco signed Act 859 into law, making sweeping changes in the planning laws of the state of Louisiana. Act 859 requires Planning Commissioners, Zoning Board members, etc. who are appointed after January 1, 2005 receive a minimum of four hours training in "the duties, responsibilities, ethics and substance of the position..." of a planning commissioner.

To help new commissioners meet this requirement, the Louisiana Chapter of the American Planning Association is offering a Planning Commissioners Workshop on Saturday, April 5, 2008 in Vacherie, LA. The workshop is offered free of charge but advance registration is requested so that we can plan for the number of chairs, refreshments, etc. Please fill out the form below and fax it to 985-851-4472 ATTENTION MARTHA or you can e-mail your response to Martha Cazaubon at martha@scpdc.org Please respond by Friday, March 28th. Coffee, donuts and refreshments will be provided.

Although the new law applies only to newly appointed Commissioners, this workshop is open to all Commissioners and Zoning Board members, as well as elected officials. Even experienced Commissioners will benefit from the information being presented.

____ YES! I will attend the Planning Commissioners Workshop!

To register, fax or email this form to 985-851-4472 ATTENTION MARTHA or martha@scpdc.org

DATE: Saturday, April 5
TIME: 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
LOCATION: St. James Parish Courthouse Annex
2631 Highway 20 West
Vacherie, LA 70090

Questions about the session? Call Martha Cazaubon at 985-851-2900

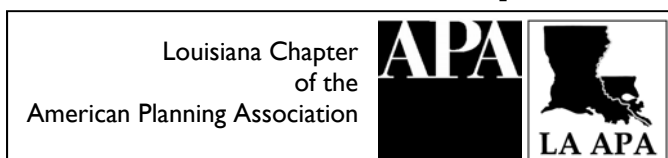
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General Questions about Act 859 Training? Contact Tim Jackson at tjackson@cityofslidell.org or (985) 646-4320



Louisiana Chapter American Planning Association Act 859 Planning Commissioners Training

AGENDA

Saturday April 5, 2008

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| 8:30 | Welcome & Introductions |
| 8:45 | Planning Commissions – A Historical Perspective |
| 9:15 | Planning Enabling Legislation and Important Court Decisions |
| 10:00 | The Comprehensive Plan – What Is It? |
| 10:20 | Break |
| 10:30 | Zoning, Subdivision Regulations and Other Tools of the Trade |
| 11:00 | Ethics Law for Planning Commissioners |
| 11:30 | Smart Growth, New Urbanism and Other Trends |
| 11:45 | What's Hot? Local Issues of Concern |
| 12:30 | Closing Remarks and Adjournment |

SPEAKERS FOR THE WORKSHOP

Mart Black, AICP

Mart is Senior Planner with Providence Engineering & Environmental Group, LLC, a full service engineering and planning firm headquartered in Baton Rouge. He was formerly President/CEO of Planning Concepts & Strategies, Inc. A former President of the Louisiana Chapter, Mart serves as a volunteer instructor for the Act 859 Planning Commissioner's Training Program. He has served as the Economic Development Director for Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and was instrumental in establishing the Terrebonne Economic Development Authority. He was Senior Vice President/Partner with Urban Systems, Inc., and served as a Staff Planner with the Community Improvement Agency in New Orleans. His first planning position was Assistant Planning Director with the City of Lake Charles. Mart has a BA in Sociology for the University of St. Thomas and an MS in Urban Studies from the University of New Orleans. He lives in Houma.

Stephen D. Villavaso, FAICP, JD

Steve is currently serving as the President of the Louisiana Chapter. He is a land use/zoning attorney and a city planner specializing in smart growth, comprehensive planning, Brownfields redevelopment, and land use law and zoning. Steve is also an Adjunct Professor at the College of Urban and Public Affairs at the University of New Orleans teaching Land Use Law, Development Practices and Grant writing. His degrees come from the University of New Orleans with a Master of Urban and Regional Planning and the Loyola University School of Law with a Juris Doctor. He has published many articles on zoning and land use issues and he is currently working on numerous projects to re-plan, re-grow and rebuild his hometown community of New Orleans after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005.