

ReVisioning Planning

Thursday June 25th, 2020 // 5:30-7:30pm // 2.0 HSW LU

To better inform solutions to the contemporary challenges of our shared built environment, the *ReVisioning History* series proposes a critical re-examination of the collective values and visions that have historically guided Santa Fe's plans for the future.

This series consists of public discussions organized around a set of interrelated topics that have, and continue to shape our physical environment, our daily lives and our communities: planning, preservation, housing and sustainability. Each session pairs leading contemporary voices in architecture, planning and community development with plans and studies commissioned by the City of Santa Fe over the last 50 years. Analysis and participatory discussions will inform, inspire and animate new collective visions for a more livable, equitable and sustainable Santa Fe.

ReVisioning Planning provides an examination of the past, present and future of the City Different's land use and planning efforts with a focus on the values that shape policy and development outcomes for our community. This session will specifically address the role of regulatory frameworks, community process, city planning efforts, and urban design strategies in delivering greater access to affordable housing, promoting sustainable development and creating equitable and healthy communities.

The following studies will be referenced in *ReVisioning Planning*:

- [City of Santa Fe General Plan \(1999\)](#)
- [City of Santa Fe Land Use & Urban Design Plan \(2017\)](#)
- [Northwest Quadrant Master Plan \(2009\)](#)
- [Santa Fe Downtown Vision Plan \(2007 Steering Committee Approved Draft\)](#)
- [Southwest Santa Fe Community Area Master Plan \(2005\)](#)

About the Organizers

[Friends of Architecture Santa Fe](#) (FASF) aims to build a more vibrant, equitable and sustainable future through provocative, inclusive dialogues about the design of our shared built environment. Our programs bring together design professionals, policymakers and the public in mutual education, conversation, and visioning exercises.

Note: Due to COVID-19 concerns, this session will be hosted online as a Zoom webinar and recorded for future viewing.

Course Description

SESSION OUTLINE

(10 min) Introduction // Gayla Bechtol

(50 min) Panelist Presentations

Panelist presentations will include visuals (10-12 min each)

- Carlos Gemora // Senior Land Use Planner, City of Santa Fe
- Suby Bowden // Principal of [SBA](#)
- Miguel Angel Acosta // Co-Director of [Earth Care](#)
- Andrew Irvine // Senior Principal, Planning and Urban Design at [Stantec](#)

(50 min) Panel Discussion with Audience Q&A // Moderator (Lisa Gavioli Roach)

(10 min) Closing Remarks

PRESENTERS

Carlos Gemora // Senior Land Use Planner, City of Santa Fe

Carlos Gemora is an urban planner working to facilitate creative changes in the built environment. He currently works for the City of Santa Fe as a Senior Land Use Planner, where he advocates for long-range planning efforts. He is focused on big, invisible systems and transformative change, specifically in the areas of affordable housing, long-term infrastructure costs, and the effects of land use on sustainability, equity, and local businesses. Carlos studied regional, community-based, facilitative planning practices at Cornell University and the Evergreen State College and has previously worked in New York and Washington State. He volunteers his time with educational non-profits like Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Telluride Association.

Suby Bowden // Principal of [SBA](#)

Suby T. Bowden is an architect, planner, performer and artist. She leads architecture and design studio SBA, and is honored to have worked with the citizens of Santa Fe since 1984. Her practice values community participation, humor, collaboration, and the preservation of our natural environment while pursuing affordability, the appropriate use of technology, quality and elegance in design. Suby's planning background includes participation in the "Santa Fe Land Use Resource Center", the early "Hillside Protection Ordinances", "Early Neighborhood Notification Systems", Water Resource Guidebooks, Santa Fe's County-wide Affordable Housing Study, and 36 years of fun in planning the Santa Fe Railyard.

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Miguel Angel Acosta // Co-Director, [Earth Care](#)

Miguel is the Co-Director of Earth Care, a multi-generational community leadership organization in Santa Fe, where his current focus is propelling Santa Fe Mutual Aid—a collective of organizations that have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. Miguel brings more than 45 years of experience in advocating for educational opportunities and sustainable community development for underserved populations. He has been the Director of El Colegio Sin Fronteras, a Principal Associate at the Center for Relational Learning, a Community Health Promoter with NM DOH, a program developer at UNM, and has served on the Board of Education of Albuquerque Public Schools. Miguel's family originated from Jalisco, Mexico and later migrated to Chicago in 1919. He studied urban planning and community development at the University of Illinois in Chicago and at the University of New Mexico.

Andrew Irvine // Senior Principal, Co-Leader Planning & Urban Design at [Stantec](#)

Andrew brings more than 30 years in the industry, a knack for bringing people together to work towards a common goal, and skill in leading large interdisciplinary teams. His range of projects includes major infrastructure, urban renewal, public domain, and traditional park design. Fundamental to his practice of urban design is consideration of the health and happiness of the future communities, and COVID-19 has shown this to be more important than ever. Andrew has served on Building Healthy Places Advisory Services Panels in Lamar, and Colorado Springs CO, and co-authored ULI's Ten Principles for Building Healthy Places. He has also worked in collaboration with Charles Montgomery's Happy City Lab integrating the principles of happiness into the planning and design of our communities.

Gayla Bechtol, AIA // Treasurer, [FASF](#) // Principal of [Gayla Bechtol Architects](#)

Gayla Bechtol practiced deep democracy while leading the citizens of Santa Fe to the award-winning Santa Fe Railyard. She founded Gayla Bechtol Architects, a design-centered architecture/urban design/historic preservation practice creating award-winning designs for homes, institutions and urban spaces for over 27 years in New Mexico, Colorado and Texas. She received her Master of Architecture in Urban Design from Harvard University Graduate School of Design and her Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Southern California where she developed a passion for design, theory, love of architecture, context and collaborative planning.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By attending this session, participants will be able to:

- **Learning Objective 1**

Identify the major values and priorities that have guided planning policy in the city of Santa Fe in the last 50 years.

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- **Learning Objective 2**
Describe the role of regulatory frameworks in both preventing and incentivising desired design and planning outcomes.
- **Learning Objective 3**
Identify the planning processes and design strategies that increase equity, diversity and inclusion at the project, neighborhood, and urban scale.
- **Learning Objective 4**
Understand the best practices for creating urban neighborhoods and districts that promote wellness, healthy lifestyles, and better life expectancies.

HSW Justification

This session qualifies for HSW credit because it identifies design and planning measures that dramatically reduce carbon emissions that stem from the built environment, to immediately reduce the negative impacts of climate change on the health, safety and welfare of the public.