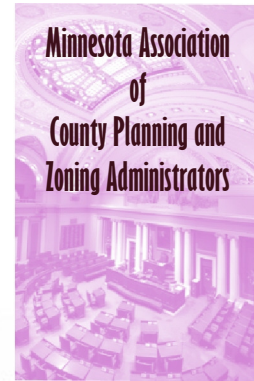


Planners' Day At the Capitol

Tuesday, March 23, 2010



Laws made in St. Paul can have a profound effect on the practice of planning, the health of our communities, and the environment throughout Minnesota. Planners need to understand the issues, know how the law-making process works, and be able to engage in that process when needed. Attend the brown bag meeting with colleagues. Learn about how and where to find your legislators' offices and experience firsthand what goes on at the State Capitol. Watch a legislative hearing where a bill is shaped into law before passage. Then, attend an important program to hear about a State Planning Enabling Law Reform Initiative for Greater Minnesota hosted by the APA Minnesota and MACPZA Legislative Committees. Hear from key legislators and organizations with strong interest in this initiative and how you can become involved. Learn about key planning, land use and zoning related issues currently before the 2010 Legislature. Find out how you as a planner in Minnesota can have a meaningful impact on policy before being shaped into state law. The program will wrap up with a social gathering, including complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

Preliminary Schedule

- 11:30 Brown Bag and Joint Legislative Committee Meeting of APA MN and MACPZA
Meet at the Mn Association of Counties Building, 125 Charles Ave. St. Paul, MN
http://www.mncounties.org/About_AMC/maptoamc.html
Free parking is available at their building or at the Sears building
- 12:30 Attend a Committee Hearing or participate in group legislator visits
Details of when and where to go will be provided at Joint Meeting
- 2:00 Legislative Committee Program – Presentation and Discussion on State Planning Enabling Law Reform Initiative and Hear About Current Legislative Topics. Rep. Michael Nelson, Chair, House Local Gov't
State Capitol Room 318 - Third Floor East Wing
- 4:00 Social Gathering Hors d'oeuvres - provided compliments of APA Minnesota & MACPZA
Kelly Inn 161 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul, two blocks SW of the State Capitol

Maps of the capitol complex may be found at:
http://www.admin.state.mn.us/pmd/4-1_building_locations_maps.htm and
<http://www.gis.leg.mn/html/gisdirections.html>



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