

NEWSLETTER

BELIZE ASSOCIATION OF PLANNERS



"Making Belize Sustainable"



The Board of Directors (BOD) of BAP is elected by the AGM to serve a two year term

INTRODUCING: BAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Belize Association of Planners was incorporated as a non-profit and non-governmental organization on April 4th, 2013 to partner with the state, municipal, and village councils, the private sector, civil society and communities to help shape spaces and places to bring about more sustainable, inclusive safe and resilient communities.

It is governed by a general membership with an elected board that meets in quarterly sessions to review the progress performance of BAP, to adapt and to align to new and emerging issues and trends relevant to the planning profession and the work BAP, and to make decisions as is necessary in the best interest of the organization.

MIDDLE: Carolyn Trench-Sandiford (President/Director); **LEFT CHAIR:** Malika Cardona (Treasurer); **RIGHT CHAIR:** Barbara Tillett-Abdulhadi (Secretary)
BEHIND (L-R) Carianne Johnson (Research and University Protocol); Anthony Andrews (Assistant Treasurer); Keisha Rodriguez (Vice President, Communications, Outreach, and Networking); Carren Williams (Membership and Professional Development);

BAP ACTIVITIES FOR THE LAST QUARTER



BAP's Executive Director, Carolyn Trench-Sandifo (C); Carla Patnett, City Planner, Belize City Council (L); and Rochelle W. Newbold (R), Director of The Bahamas Environment, Science and Technology Commission

BAP President Attends UN Forum in Lebanon

BAP's President and Executive Director, Carolyn Trench-Sandiford participated in discussions on sourcing financing for urban development projects at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 2019 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance "Climate Finance and Sustainable Cities".

This was held in Beirut, Lebanon. Thanks to Nellie Catzim, Technical Expert Climate Change, Oceans and other Environmental Agreements Alliance of Small Island States, Permanent Mission of Belize to the United Nations.

Mayflower Community Development Foundation Conducts Successful Community Clean-Up



Some volunteers at the Mayflower Clean-up



Residents of Mayflower join in the clean-up

The Mayflower Community Development Foundation (MCDF) with the support of the Belize Association of Planners (BAP), the Belize City Council, the SJC Environmental Club, Cisco Construction Ltd. and the British High Commission, conducted a successful community cleanup in Mayflower Community on Saturday October 5, 2019.

This community consists of 0.4 miles or 700 meters of narrow, uneven sand and gravel alleyways with potholes and no drains, and which are prone to flooding. Garbage trucks cannot enter the community, which places approximately 600+ residents in an unfair position of having to traverse through a hostile environment for a considerable length of time to dispose of their garbage, in comparison to other city residents, who simply place their garbage outside their yard for Belize Waste Control Ltd. to pick up.

A Board Meeting and Mixer was also held on Friday September 6, 2019 in Belmopan.

The community clean-up activity represents phase I of a project titled 'Leveraging Solid Waste Management for Community Resilience to Natural Hazards and Climate Change'. The purpose of the project is to turn a community health risk into a community resource and a community action for disaster and climate risk reduction. Other components include capacity building on reducing, reusing and recycling garbage for art and alternative livelihoods; piloting the use of an industrial heat press machine to produce items such as raincoats, garbage bags etc. out of recycled plastic; producing knowledge products on best practices in solid waste management; and to partner with the Belize City Council for a sustained and structured approach to solid waste management in the community.

The MCDF and BAP acknowledges the support also of the Belize Red Cross and the Belize Tourist Board in providing water bottles and other needed supplies for the clean-up.

World Town-Planning Day 2019

November 8 is commemorated annually as World Urbanism Day, also known as World Town Planning Day. Professor Carlos Maria della Paolera of the University of Buenos Aires founded the international organization for World Town Planning Day 70 years ago, in an effort to advance professional and public interest in planning, both locally and internationally.

The day recognizes and highlights the role of comprehensive planning for the creation of functional communities, particularly as it relates to land-use and design of inner cities, as well as the systematic development of human settlements and satellite communities. As modern society faces issues of unsustainable development, climate change, and population growth, the need for urban planning increases.

In his address, Belmopan Mayor Khalid Belisle said, *"We appreciate the importance of proper planning so that our community's development can be sustainable, and done in a way such that future leaders are not adversely impacted by the decision that we as leaders make today."*

The event is celebrated in thirty countries on four continents across the globe. In Belize, the Mayors from all over the country will join the Belize Association of Planners by engaging in an activity which gives special recognition to the ideals of community planning in their municipality. They were invited to host open houses at their respective town or city halls to share components of their municipal development plans (maps); a community project, or a short video message in commemorating the day,



Downtown Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town (Photo Courtesy Untamebelize.com)

Upcoming BAP Activities

- **Media Tour** to discuss the planning profession and the work of BAP; to coincide with World Town Planning Day on Friday November 8, 2019
- **Workshop on Reducing, Reusing, and recycling Garbage for Arts and Alternative Livelihoods;** piloting the use of an industrial heat press machine to produce items such as raincoats, garbage bags etc. out of recycled plastic (Date TBA)



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MISSION – To address relevant planning and development issues in Belize by working in partnership with the public and private sector and civil society organizations, and the people of Belize through research, education, advocacy and action.



Yurumein: The reenactment of the Garifuna's arrival to Belize (Photo courtesy of Belizenet.com)

The Belize Association of Planners wishes all Garinagu at home and abroad, a Happy Garifuna Settlement Day on November 19!

VISION – BAP is a proactive professional planning organization committed to assuring social justice and promoting sustainability in the natural and built environment.

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