

NEWSLETTER

# BELIZE ASSOCIATION OF PLANNERS



*"Making Belize Sustainable"*

## Introducing: Anthony Andrews - BAP's



## Assistant Treasurer

It is not often that you hear of a former Belize Force Corporal becoming an Assistant Treasurer of the only registered group of professional planners in Belize. But, this retired BDF, public officer, husband, father, and grandfather is proud of the legacy that he has created and will leave behind for his family and those who love him.

Anthony Andrews started off as a Junior Commissioned Officer in the Belize Defense Force, with clerical and logistical duties. As a BDF he travelled extensively throughout the country, completing his tenure of service to Belize with the rank of Corporal. He then transitioned to the public service where he served from 1987 to 1991 at the Urban Development Corporation as a Planning Technician. During that time, Mr. Andrews helped to form the Belize City Urban Development Corporation; and helped to prepare the Belize City Comprehensive Development Plan. He conducted field research and surveys in the preparing of the plan, and drafted maps to support field research and surveys.

For almost two decades, he worked at the Housing and Planning Department as a Planning Technician, where he conducted housing and building surveys; drafted low income housing plans for the department; and assisted with research for updating the Belize City Comprehensive Development Plan and the Ambergris Caye Development Plan.

Mr. Andrews also served on various planning committees to review applications for development; advised the Housing and Planning Officer and Ministry of Housing on planning and development issues; and served on building committees to review applications to construct buildings in urban and rural areas.

Although he has retired from both the BDF and public life within the Ministry of Housing, Mr. Andrews believes that his job to serve Belize is not over. As a founding member of the Belize Association of Planners, and the only man on BAP's Board of Directors, he describes himself as "someone always willing to share his vast knowledge."

When he is not spending time with his wife, 2 sons, and 2 grandchildren, Mr. Andrews enjoys playing basketball and football. But, very importantly, he finds pleasure in contributing his knowledge to BAP, and serving as the Association's Assistant Treasurer.

# Moments that Inspire Us



Photo by Karl Wellington

These are the moments that inspire our work at the Belize Association of Planners.

During COVID-19, Karl Wellington organizes youth to engage in a community clean-up, using equipment sourced from the 'Leveraging Solid Waste Management for Community Resilience to Natural Hazards and Climate Change Project'.

Karl Wellington is a Mayflower community leader and doer, recognizing the work that BAP does; i.e., partnering with communities to plan, source financing and manage projects

The residents identify these projects as important to addressing their unique development challenges.

The project is financed by the British High Commission, Belmopan, and executed by the Mayflower Community Development Foundation.



Photo by Nisha Humphreys

The City of Belmopan, besides being the capital of Belize, is renowned for its green spaces and network of pedestrian walkways. Both these characteristics are urban design attributes that support healthy lifestyles and social distancing.

Imagine that the design of Belmopan which was completed in 1963, and which is relevant to a health pandemic in 2020, was influenced by the 'garden city movement', an urban planning concept initiated in 1898 by Sir Ebenezer Howard in the United Kingdom.

This concept supports well-planned, self-contained communities surrounded by green spaces, with an appropriate mix of residences, commerce, industry and agriculture.

## BAP Upcoming Activities

The Belize Association of Planners Annual General Meeting will be held on June 6, 2020

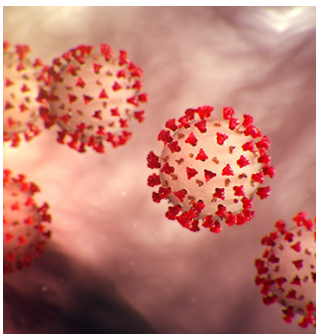


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**MISSION** – To address relevant planning and development issues in Belize by working in partnership with the public and private sector and civil society organizations, and the people of Belize through research, education, advocacy and action.

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