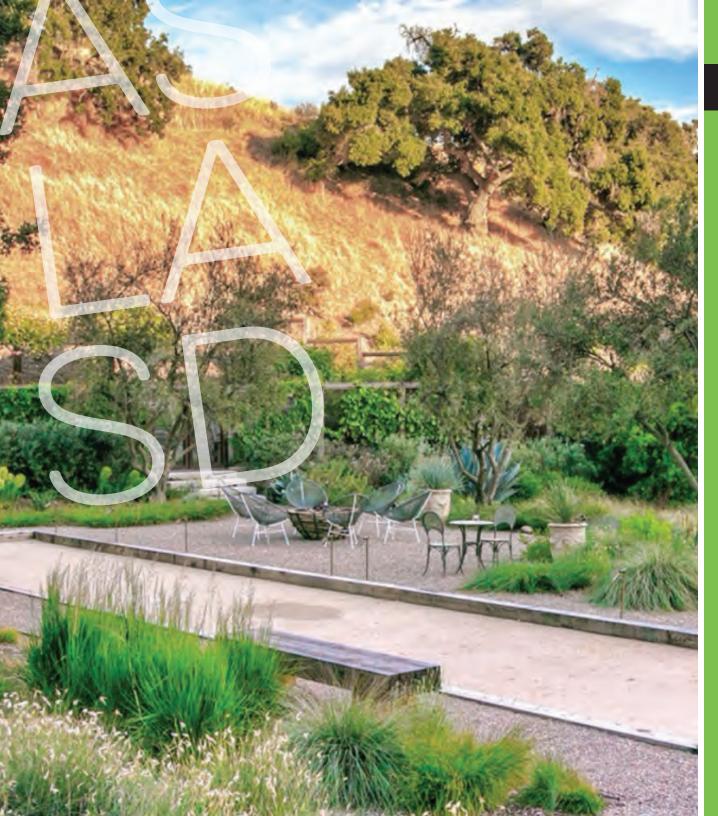
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# THE LOSS OF INFORMAL GATHERING PLACES IN AMERICAN CITIES



ABOUT THE AUTHOR CHRISTOPHER STEBBINS CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The verdict is in and has been for quite a while: regular social connections are a part of mental and physical health. Great cities are not made by their freeways and parking lots, but all share a feature which are their informal gathering places. These places can host and cultivate social connections while fostering a sense of community.

Over the last several decades following World War II, American cities have experienced a marked decline in gathering places near people's homes for easy access to familiar faces--necessary to a vital informal public life. The pattern of suburban sprawl connected by wide car boulevards and freeways has encouraged people to limit their social connections to their homes, or only for planned events. Outdoor green spaces such as parks have been established, but these typically serve as refuge away from public life, not to foster a sense of community. With the adoption of the new Parks Master Plan this year, San Diego could not only increase its park spaces, but provide places that serve a direct social function, beyond passive activities that are typically associated with parks. Sociable places include urban plazas, promenades, and wider sidewalks on streets, and succeed when located in dense, residential environments. These places contribute to a city's unique character, energy, and vitality of the city and enhance its economic prosperity. These socially-oriented public spaces also serve as the engines that build a community through informal daily social interactions.

Additionally, data unequivocally shows that peopleoriented streets are more economically productive than auto-oriented streets. Well-designed public spaces specifically bring more people and potential customers to small businesses. Rather than a single car trip planned to complete a single specific errand, pedestrians spending time in public spaces are more likely to visit a store due to spontaneous curiosity.

# Expansion of Outdoor Street Dining: A Silver-lining of the Pandemic

The pandemic has been a defining moment in our history, and it has also revealed something that city dwellers value, and that's a stimulating public life. As



15th Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter (Photographer: Bing Guan/Bloomberg)

a lifeline to restaurants, the City of San Diego and other municipalities have allowed outdoor dining areas in areas that would normally be sidewalks and parallelparking spaces. Data shows greater consumer interest at restaurants on pedestrian-friendly "slow streets" during the pandemic.

These often-beautiful outdoor eating areas have acclimatized people to the "buzz" of outdoor street life. Street corridors such as India Street and Fifth Avenue, have been intermittently closed to vehicles for outdoor dining and walkability, and these closures have dramatically increased foot traffic in front of restaurants and other businesses. Some cities are considering making these Covid-era traffic restrictions permanent. San Diego's Planning Department is currently outlining what would be called the "Spaces as Places" program, which would extend outdoor dining beyond the pandemic and make changes to the City's municipal code.

Outdoor dining areas are still extensions of the restaurant and are technically private. Therefore, the next logical step is to capitalize on this extension of public life and expand the public domain as well. This can be done by the creation of new permanent public spaces, or temporarily to prove their effectiveness.

#### The Annual Event known as Park(ing) Day

Park(ing) Day is an annual, international event that encourages community organizations, design firms, artists, business owners, planners, horticulturalists, and students to transform metered parking spaces into temporary public spaces (parklets) for a single day, every 3rd Friday of September. The purpose of the parklet is to demonstrate the value of social public spaces and to create a stimulating and beautiful place for the public to visit for one day. This strategy is also known as "tactical urbanism," a temporary experiment to test the effectiveness of a particular design proposal, and to warm the public and retail owners to ideas such as public spaces in front of their businesses.

### THE LOSS OF INFORMAL GATHERING PLACES IN AMERICAN CITIES (CONT.)

The parklet may encompass one or more adjacent parking spaces for the event and can take a wide variety of beautiful, artful, educational, or playful forms. Park(ing) Day is historically not a business venture, either internationally or locally. These are true public spaces. Typically, no vending of any kind, including food or alcohol, takes place in the parklets.

Our San Diego chapter of ASLA is planning to participate this year and design and build our own parklet, this year's event is on September 17. That said, our chapter is also promoting this county-wide, involving and educating as many organizations to establish these parklets as possible. On April 15 our chapter hosted and recorded an online webinar to provide information on the event and provide tips on establishing a successful parklet.

Each organization wishing to create a parklet will be responsible for organizing, permitting, and insuring their own parklet. Our chapter will promote all the parklets as a unified county-wide effort, with a list of all known parklets and a map on where to find them. We will also be available for consultation to help participants with aspects of developing their parklets.



# The Bigger Picture and the Future of Public Spaces in San Diego

In addition to temporary parklets and street closures, permanent public spaces will generate greater tax revenue per acre and offer a higher return on investment than auto-oriented streets. The businesses and homes fronting new public squares and plazas experience the equivalent of beach-front property and become highly desirable places to live. There are many case studies where a former street, parking area, or an empty industrial lot transforms that area of the city into an interesting, beautiful, safer, and vigorous urban community. Our best local example of this is the Piazza della Famiglia in Little Italy, a former one-block segment of West Date Street converted into an Italian-styled piazza which is now brimming with life. This was sure to succeed in that location because Little Italy is already a valuable destination for locals and tourists alike.

Urban public spaces should be in areas with sufficient residential density to support them, but more importantly for San Diego, be in under-represented communities who could best benefit from them. Public spaces can be instruments to catalyze long-term change, stimulate the local economy, provide the community with a beautiful outdoor space to informally meet, and provide easy access to familiar faces to build that vital informal public life. These do not have to be very expensive, and can be accomplished more affordably. Highly successful piazzas across cities in Italy are often just open spaces between buildings with nothing else in them other than paving, decomposed granite, or pea gravel for a floor. More features such as trees, fountains, or seat walls can be added later. It is more important that communities have a common ground, outside of their homes, outside of their jobs, that is their communal outdoor living room.

We simply need more public spaces, and landscape architects can design them.

### WE SIMPLY NEED MORE PUBLIC SPACES, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS CAN DESIGN THEM.



# DESIGN AWARDS 2022 PLANNING BEGINS NOW

If you saw the cover photo for this newsletter, you'll see how transformative landscape architecture is for our streetscapes and how what you do should be celebrated.

ASLA Chapter President and Design Awards Co-Chairman, Chris Stebbins, invites you to help the Chapter plan for an even bigger and better 2022 design awards competition.

They will hold monthly Design Awards planning meetings online and will divide the planning into four focused subcommittees – Promotion, Entries, Jury and Presentations. If you have an interest assisting on any of the subcommittees, send a quick email to <u>ASLASD@sbcglobal.net</u> to help start the planning for the 2022 Design Awards.



# EMERGING PROFESSIONALS UPCOMING EVENTS

### Last month we had a great 'Meet the Fellows' Event in which we heard from the Fellows in the San Diego

**Chapter of ASLA.** The Fellows designation is one of the highest honors within ASLA and signifies significant contributions to the profession of landscape architecture and society at-large based on completed works, knowledge, leadership, and service. This event gave our members the opportunity to hear from our FASLA members discuss anything from their professional experience and career milestones to favorite books to how they discovered the field of landscape architecture! It was an incredible experience getting to learn from the Fellows within our chapter who have had so much influence within our community and the profession of Landscape Architecture.

We are looking forward to a resume and portfolio review event on July 28 from 5-6:30 PM. This is a great opportunity for San Diego's emerging professionals looking to improve their portfolios as well as students looking to land their first job in the field. Anyone who wants to participate will be able to anonymously send in their portfolio and resume which will be reviewed and critiqued by one of the Principals at KTUA in a virtual meeting. Participants will receive insightful feedback on their work as well and their peers' work. They will also learn more about what employers are looking for in candidates beginning their careers in the field of landscape architecture as well as the responsibilities of an entry-level landscape designer. More information about the details and registration for this event will be provided in the coming weeks.

### On October 13, we will host another LARE review session. These review sessions provide LARE candidates with the resources necessary to pass the exam in the least amount of time possible, while avoiding spending an excessive amount of money on study materials, prep courses and potentially having to retake various sections of the exam. Stay current with upcoming events by visiting the EPC website at http:// www.asla-sandiego.org/emerging-professionals, and don't forget to RSVP to our bi-monthly EPC meetings by emailing Erik Rowan (erowan@rickengineering.com) or Co-Chair Gwen Stark (gwen@ktua.com). Also, be sure to sign up for the group email blast and newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!



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# CCASLA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



ABOUT THE AUTHOR JOY LYNDES, FASLA, CCASLA CCASLA DIRECTOR



### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SACRAMENTO THIS LAW-MAKING SEASON. IN THREE WORDS - BUDGET, LEADERSHIP AND BILLS.

### Budget:

The first deadline for State policy committees was April 30 and the number of bills that moved forward narrowed. Those bills are now being heard in the fiscal committees. The bills that have been held on the Suspense file will be heard in the next few weeks. The Governor's May budget revisions provided an additional \$76 billion in expenditures. The final budget will be passed by June 15th.

#### Leadership

CCASLA has been working with the California Natural Resources Agency as experts to guide the development of the Governor's efforts to sequester carbon and mitigate the impacts of climate change through better land management and the 30 by 3030 conservation goal. CCASLA has provided recommendations and hosted 2 informational zoom meetings for CNRA staff on how landscape architects can help. We've recommended that a SITES requirement be adopted for all state projects. This is consistent with the state's requirement that new and renovated state buildings be LEED certified. SITES is already being used by the Cities of New York, Chicago, and Atlanta, the State of Rhode Island, and the U.S. General Services Administration. Here is a link to an academic article discussing the SITES initiative if help. We believe that any state funded projects should incentivize climate positive design in landscaping, meaning projects should be incentivized not

#### **CURRENTLY MONITORED BILLS**

just to be carbon neutral, but to be net reducers of carbon by 2030. As such, we also recommended use of the <u>Climate</u> <u>Positive Design</u> tool which is available to help landscape architects and their clients achieve this for projects.

#### If you want to know more....

The California Council of ASLA (CCASLA), which is comprised of two members from each of the four California chapters, serves our membership by monitoring legislation and the lawmaking process taking place in our State's Capitol. The CCASLA works with legislative advocates to assist in determining what position to take on Assembly Bills (AB) and Senate Bills (SB) that might have an effect on the profession of Landscape Architecture in California. Your ASLA dues go toward funding CCASLA and our lobbyists.

BILL#	SUBJECT	POSITION	STATUS
<u>SB 27</u> (Skinner)	Carbon sequestration: state goals: natural and working lands: registry of projects.	NEW	Amended: 5/20
AB 30 (Kalra)	Parks: Access to Nature	Watch	Asm APPR 5/20
AB 107 (Salas)	DCA: boards: temporary licenses: military spouse	Watch	Asm APPR 5/20
AB 225 (Gray)	DCA: boards: veterans: military spouses: licenses	Watch	Asm APPR 5/24
AB 252 (R.Rivas)	Dept of Conserv: Multibenefit Land Repurposing Prog.	Watch	Asm APPR 5/20
AB 284 (R.Rivas)	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: climate goal	Watch	Asm APPR 5/20
AB 391 (Villapudua)	Pollinator Habitat Conservation Funding	NEW	Amended: 5/24
AB 416 (Kalra)	CA Deforestation-Free Procurement Act: Wood Products	Watch	Asm APPR 5/24
AB 585 (L.Rivas)	Climate change:Extreme Heat&Commun Resilience Prog	Watch	Asm APPR 5/24
AB 697 (Chau)	Forest resources: national forest lands: Good Neighbor Authority Fund: ecological restoration and fire resiliency projects.	NEW	Amended: 5/27
AB 646 (Low)	Dept. of Consumer Affairs: boards:expunged convictions	Watch	Asm APPR 5/20
AB 878 (Dahle)	Wildlife Resources: natural community conserv. plans	Watch	Asm APPR
AB 1026 (Smith)	Business Licenses: Veterans	Watch	Asm APPR 5/20
AB 1298 (Bloom)	Pesticides: 2nd Generation anticoagulant rodenticides	Watch	Asm APPR 5/19
AB 1384 (Gabriel)	Resiliency Through Adaptation, Econ Vitality & Equity	Watch	Asm APPR 5/20
AB 1395 (Muratsuchi)	Greenhouse gases: Carbon Neutrality	Watch	Asm APPR 5/19
SB 1 (Atkins)	Coastal resources: sea level rise	Watch	Sen APPR 5/20
SB 27 (Skinner)	CO2 Sequestration:State goals:Nat/working land registry	Watch	Sen APPR 5/20
SB 63 (Stern)	Fire Prevention: Vegetation Management	Watch	Sen APPR 5/20

#### **VIEW CCASLA BILL TRACKING REPORT 2021**

### **QUESTIONS?**

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### JUNIPER FRONT COMMUNITY GARDEN GRANT UPDATE

The Juniper Front Community Garden made steady progress toward fulfilling the guidelines established as the ASLA Community Grant goals:

- 1. Demonstrating the importance of landscape architectural principles and practices in helping to conserve and enhance the natural and built landscape, promote a sustainable design, and preserve the cultural heritage of San Diego County and
- 2. Have the support and involvement of local citizens and groups and provide some benefit to the environment or community.

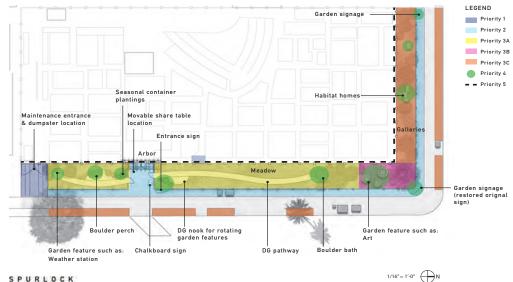
To meet these goals, we are fortunate to have the support of our dedicated community of gardeners and the creativity and full support of our ASLA member partner, Spurlock Landscape Architects, the Garden's partner in this project. They are providing design and guidance pro bono.

#### **READ MORE**



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# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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**2015** Nathan S. Elliott, ASLA; Kathleen Therese Brand, ASLA

- 2014 Christopher L. Langdon, ASLA
- 2013 Amelia Capron, ASLA
- 2011 JGail Zerbe, ASLA

#### **MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES**

Congratulations to the following members for reaching membership milestones (member anniversaries in April through June are for continuing membership).



ABOUT THE AUTHOR **Kenya Huezo, ASLA** VP MEMBERSHIP

# **1 - 5 YEARS**

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2016 Yu-Ju Liu, ASLA

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1993 Frank N. Brower, FASLA

## LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ENGAGEMENT CONTINUES



ABOUT THE AUTHOR Cisy (Ruoxi) Cao, ASLA VP COMMUNICATIONS/VISIBILITY

ASLA San Diego Chapter engaged with local firms to share their highlighted work through our third "Instagram Takeover Event" during April's World Landscape Architecture Month. We featured 14 firms and organizations on our local Instagram platform. Our local Chapter was also selected for the National IGTO. Our chapter's excellent local works are shared worldwide with people from all communities to celebrate "Growing Together" with fellow professionals in the nation. The IGTO made us and the public more aware of the profound and lasting connections between people and the landscape of the space landscape architects created.

Our social media platform shared the news on volunteering for events, professional lectures, community service, and stewardship to invite members to participate and learn landscape architecture professional knowledge after work and studies. We want to highlight how the spaces landscape architects create promote and facilitate people growing together and with nature. We are also excited to plan visioning events with a hybrid of virtual and in-person with diminishing health concerns later this year. We plan to hold a International Parking Day celebration September 17 in addition to San Diego Design week in September. This year, we will continue our focus on social media such as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and our quarterly newsletters to share our updates on events and enhance the engagement between the local communities and individuals. Please stay tuned for our updates by following our social media accounts at the following links:

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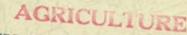


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### JULY

- 5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING | 6PM
- 15 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION
- 17 ACKERSTONE SKETCH CRAWL FREE EVENT RSVP BY JULY 15, 11 AM TO 2 PM MEET AT STONE BREWERY AT LIBERTY STATION. FIRST 80 REGISTRANTS WILL RECEIVE A SKETCH BOOK AND SUPPLIES. JOIN US FOR AN AFTER SKETCHING PARTY AT LIBERTY STATION PARK FOR TACOS, BEER AND NETWORKING.

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EMERGING PROFESSIONALS RESUME/PORTFOLIO REVIEW, 5PM RSVP <u>ERIK ROWAN</u>

28 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS SENT FOR AUGUST BOARD AGENDA SEND AGENDA ITEMS TO <u>KEATH</u>

### AUGUST

4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING | 6PM

**17 COMMUNITY GRANT DEADLINE** 

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19 RCP BLOCK AND BRICK - PARTY IN THE YARD WITH CLCA AND ASLA - 577 VULCAN AVE, ENCINITAS CA 92024. 5:30 PM NETWORKING, 6 PM DINNER/ PROGRAM AND 7 PM DRAWING RSVP TO TADAMS31@COX.NET



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### SEPTEMBER

4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING/RETREAT - 11:30 - 3:30 (LOCATION TBA)

6 E-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR OCT-DEC PROGRAMS & EVENTS SEND INFO TO <u>CISY@KTUA.COM</u>

17 PARK(ING) DAY CHAPTER PARKLET- LOCATION TBA -WATCH FOR UPDATE AT WWW.ASLA-SANDIEGO.ORG/ EVENTS

25 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS SENT FOR OCTOBER BOARD AGENDA - SEND AGENDA ITEMS TO <u>KEATH</u>

### OCTOBER

- 6 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING/RETREAT - 11:30 - 3:30 (LOCATION TBA)
- 11 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT MADERAS GOLF CLUB 10:30 REGISTRATION 12:00 SHOT GUN START

#### REGISTER

- 21 EMERGING PROFESSIONALS LARE REVIEW, 5PM RSVP ERIK ROWAN
- 25 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS SENT FOR NOVEMBER BOARD AGENDA - SEND AGENDA ITEMS TO <u>KEATH</u>

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# TRUSTEE UPDATE



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The Board of Trustees spring meeting was held remotely on April 22nd through 24th. Here is an overview of what was discussed and approved:

- » The Board approved the annual audit report, reviewed member and lapsed member survey results, participated in strategic planning in particular discussed our Mission Statement, voted on recipients of ASLA honors and awards, elected two vice presidents elect – Joy Kuebler for Government Affairs and Ebru Ozer for Education.
- » The ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture will be held in Nashville on November 19-22. The headquarters hotel is the Omni Nashville, which is across the street from the Music City Center where the conference will be held. Registration will open on June 24th.
- » Membership has surpassed 15,000, with full members making up 64% and students 27%.
- » Kevin Robert Perry, FASLA testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. He discussed how landscape architects use green infrastructure to address water and stormwater management issues. This is refreshing to see our members advocating for our environment and our profession.

» ASLA has been a member of the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) for about the past three decades, however, our involvement over the last few years has declined due to changes in IFLA leadership, and financial constraints. Under new leadership, IFLA has instituted sounder governance and financial accountability. Presidents Wendy Miller, Tom Mroz, and our CEO, Torey Carter-Conneen have had discussions with IFLA about ASLA's reengagement as a full participant in the organization. ASLA feels confident that rejoining IFLA would be a benefit to the Society as a whole. Membership in IFLA is a more strategic and costeffective way to broaden ASLA's outreach to international audiences, and to engage globally on issues like climate change and sustainability.

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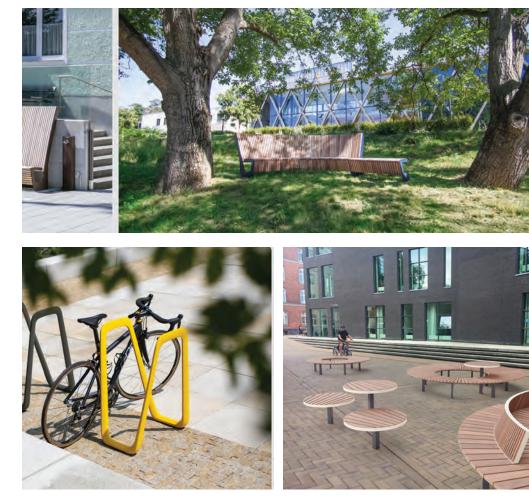


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