

SQUARING OFF: A New Paradigm for Urban Change



1-3 April, 2007

The International Conference on Sustainable Urbanism at Texas A&M University brings together leaders from many segments of society to debate the future of cities. The conference could not be more timely in view of the IPCC report on Global Climate Change, and the numerous and growing concerns about the state of the planet's cities, as evidenced by the recent United Nations report *The State of the World's Cities 2006/2007* and WorldWatch Institute report *The State of the World 2007: Our Urban Future*.

In the face of all this data and concern, many have been working on positive responses to these conditions. The conference is organized around the twin themes of Sustainability and Urbanism, and their intersection in a rapidly emerging field we call Sustainable Urbanism.

Squaring Off: A New Paradigm for Urban Change is hosted by Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, USA and will be held from April 1-3, 2007, at the University Center Complex on the campus of Texas A&M.

Register today at <http://sustainableurbanism.tamu.edu/>. Early registration ends March 14.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, 1 APRIL, 2007

4:00-8:00 pm **Conference Registration**
6:00-9:00 pm **Opening Reception**

MONDAY, 2 APRIL, 2007

8:00-9:45 am **James Howard Kunstler**
Keynote Speaker
9:45-10:15 am **Break**
10:15 am-Noon **Concurrent Paper Sessions***
Noon-1:30 pm **Larry L. Peterson**
Luncheon Speaker
1:30-5:30 pm **Concurrent Paper Sessions***
6:00-7:30 pm **Sponsored Reception**
7:30 pm **Dinner/Speaker**

TUESDAY, 3 APRIL, 2007

8:00-9:45 am **Concurrent Paper Sessions***
9:45-10:15 am **Break**
10:15 am-Noon **Concurrent Paper Sessions***
Noon-1:30 pm **John Norquist**
Luncheon Speaker
1:30-3:15 pm **Concurrent Paper Sessions***
3:15-3:45 pm **Break**
3:45-5:00 pm **Closing Plenary Session**

**The four concurrent tracks are described below.*

CONCURRENT TRACKS

1 INTELLECTUAL FOUNDATIONS

- ◆ What is Sustainable Urbanism?
- ◆ Theoretical, philosophical, and ethical foundations

2 APPLICATIONS

- ◆ Implementing Sustainable Urbanism
- ◆ Methods, techniques, tools
- ◆ Governance, policy, politics
- ◆ Best practices

3 MEASURING RESULTS

- ◆ Case studies
- ◆ Lessons learned
- ◆ Performance and other measures
- ◆ Critical research

4 FUTURE DIRECTIONS

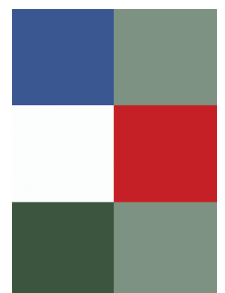
- ◆ New science
- ◆ New developments and trends
- ◆ Emerging issues

POSTER COMPETITION!

Create a poster regarding any topic, project, research, case study, or program related to sustainable urbanism. Bring your poster to the conference, up to 4 feet tall (1.25 m) and 6 feet (2 m) wide. No advance submittal is required. A jury will review the posters at the conference Monday evening, and **prizes** will be announced and awarded Tuesday.

Questions? Please contact Technical Program Committee co-chairs Chanam Lee or Phill Tabb at clee@archone.tamu.edu or ptabb@archone.tamu.edu

PRIZES!
\$750—First Place
\$250—Second Place
\$100—Third Place





Keynote Speaker, Monday, 2 April, 2007

JAMES HOWARD KUNSTLER

Author and Social Commentator

With his classics of social commentary *The Geography of Nowhere: The Rise and Decline of America's Man-made Landscape* and *Home from Nowhere*, James Howard Kunstler has established himself as one of the great commentators on American space and place. With his latest book, *The Long Emergency*, he offers a shocking vision of a post-oil future. He expands on his past work on sprawl and automobile culture by exploring the sweeping economic, political and social changes that will result from the end of access to cheap fossil fuels.



JOHN NORQUIST

President, Congress for New Urbanism

John Norquist was the Mayor of Milwaukee from 1988-2004. Before he was elected Mayor, John Norquist represented Milwaukee in the Wisconsin Legislature. Under his leadership, Milwaukee experienced a decline in poverty, saw a boom in new downtown housing and became a leading center of education and welfare reform. *Governing* magazine named him Public Official of the Year in 1998. He is the author of *The Wealth of Cities* (Addison-Wesley, 1998) and has taught courses in urban planning and development at the University of Chicago, Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's School of Architecture and Urban Planning.



LARRY L. PETERSON

Director of Architecture and Sustainable Planning, Kitson/Babcock, Babcock Ranch Community

Larry L. Peterson has worked in the areas of energy, planning, and architecture since 1968. He worked in the Governor's Office of Oregon and with the Secretary of Resources for California. He was Associate Dean and Professor of Architecture at Florida A & M University. Peterson also served as Director of Florida Design Initiative and as Director of Florida Sustainable Communities Network. He joined Kitson/Babcock in January 2007 after serving as a consultant on the Babcock Ranch Community project in 2006.



Invited Speaker

WILL WYNN

Mayor of Austin, Texas

Will Wynn was elected Austin's mayor in 2003 and re-elected in 2006. Mayor Wynn graduated cum laude from Texas A&M University in 1984 with a degree in Environmental Design. Wynn has over 20 years of experience in the commercial real estate industry, and is a member of the Urban Land Institute. Will is Chair of the Energy Committee with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and is a member of the US Mayors Council on Climate Protection. In February of 2007 Mayor Wynn unveiled the *Austin Climate Protection Plan* will eliminate carbon dioxide emissions from virtually all municipal



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- Students
- Citizens
- Architects
- Landscape Architects
- Engineers
- Urban Planners
- Infrastructure specialists
- Scientists
- Policy makers
- Educators
- Researchers
- Industry and business leaders
- Real estate developers
- Political leaders
- Government officials
- Non-profit and non-governmental organization leaders



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