



**Task Force Attendees:** Michael DiVietro, Bradley Flamm, Lindsey Graham, Novella Hinson, Morgan Hugo, Joe Johnson, Dick Linderman, Peter Meyer, Brian Traylor, Theresa Ziegler, Shoshana Akins (Staff), Alison Hastings (Staff), Barry Seymour (Staff)

**Additional Attendees:** Laura An, Berlee Barnes, Tim Carey, Eric Cohen, Bill Comer, Mark Frey Harris, Paul Glover, Straso Jovanovski, Shawn Megill Legendre, Terence Miksted, Philip Pierdomenilo, Joe Russell, David Siegelmen, Jason Tronchaiv, Cheryl Graff Tumola, Dennis Winters

### Welcome and Meeting Overview

Shoshana Akins opened the meeting with a brief overview of the agenda and announcement of another PPTF membership applications round. Bradley Flamm, Vice Chair of the PPTF, facilitated introductions and one-minute reports. All members and attendees reported out about their backgrounds, interests, and current news. Represented backgrounds included: engineering, architecture, community organizing, economics, planning, social justice, and advocacy.

### Presentations

#### **Citizens Planning Institute (CPI)...** *Donna Carney, Director*

Donna Carney, Director of the Citizens Planning Institute, presented the Philadelphia City Planning Commission's education and outreach arm. The Institute was created to educate citizens about the importance of planning and increase involvement in important decisions, with the advent of a new zoning code and the start to a comprehensive plan update – *Philadelphia 2035*.

During Carney's presentation, she highlighted the importance of zoning reform in the creation of CPI. The last comprehensive plan and zoning reform actions had been in the 1960's, creating a need to understand the new social and built environment of Philadelphia in order to create new ones.

The *Philadelphia 2035* plans have also played a major role in this initiative. Ten of the eighteen neighborhood plans are completed.

**PlanPhilly...** *Jon Geeting, Engagement Editor*

Jon Geeting, Engagement Editor of PlanPhilly, presented on the role of PlanPhilly as a media website within Philadelphia's recent planning history. The website was created to engage the planning audiences and fill the gap left by traditional "beat reporting".

**South Jersey Urbanists...** *Joe Russell, Lead Organizer*

Joe Russell, lead organizer of the South Jersey Urbanists Facebook group, presented an introduction on South Jersey Urbanists as well as some background on citizen engagement activities the group has been able to undertake in traditional municipal planning and development decisions.

**Panel Discussion...** *Donna Carney, Jon Geeting, and Joe Russell and facilitated by Barry Seymour*

Barry Seymour, Executive Director of DVRPC, facilitated the panel discussion to discuss the present and future of citizen planning. Overcoming cynicism from citizens, sharing of tools, avenues of engagement, and potential for youth engagement were all discussed among the group.

The panel was opened up to take audience questions.

Flamm closed the meeting with a few summary comments.

Committee Business and Upcoming Outreach, Events, and News

Akins announced that the next Task Force meeting will be in February 2016 with announcements of new Task Force members at the end of January 2016.

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