PDD 611 Capstone Course

Spring 2010

Tuesdays and Thursdays

4 to 5:50 pm

Room 247

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Course Requirements:

This is a capstone course that requires students to work in teams on a research project and make a final presentation that integrates their knowledge from previous courses along with the research for this project. The class will be divided into four groups that will research potential strategies for the development of the west end of the City of Lakewood, a first ring suburb. The class project has been requested by the City of Lakewood and the class will work with the Assistant Planning Director of Lakewood, Dru Siley, who will define the work products that will assist the City in its planning efforts.

Students are responsible to be fully engaged in the research and to fully participate as a member of the team in planning the research, doing research, preparing a presentation and participating in the final presentation and paper. There will be a group grade based on the presentation and the paper. Failure of
a group member to be fully engaged in the process will result in a lower individual grade.

The class will provide an overview of the history of the development of suburbs and current planning challenges. The majority of the class time will be set aside for group research and group meetings with the planning staff in Lakewood and the instructors.

**Books:**

**Required reading:**


**Suggested Background reading**


William Hudnut, *Halfway to Everywhere: A Portrait of America's First Tier Suburbs*. 2004 (Urban Land Institute)


Robert Puentes and Myron Orfield, "Valuing America's First Suburbs: A Policy Agenda for Older Suburbs in the Midwest" 2002 (Brookings).

**Syllabus**

Tues. 1/19: Course Introduction and History of Lakewood
Guest Speaker: Mazie Adams, Executive Director of the Lakewood Historical Society

Thurs. 1/21: Research on Lakewood Demographics (group assignment)

Tues. 1/26: Class presentation on demographics
Thurs. 1/28: Planning Issues in Lakewood: Issue 47
   Professor Dennis Keating

Tues. 2/2: History of First Suburbs
   Guest Speaker: Tom Bier, Executive in Residence
                  College of Urban Affairs
   Jennifer Kuzma, Executive Director, First Suburbs Consortium

   Read: Teaford, The Suburbs, Chapter 1 and pages
         (electronic reserve)
   Bier and Keating: First Suburbs Consortium, Housing Policy
   Debate: Vol. 19, No. 3. (handout)

Thurs. 2/4: Issues in suburban development
   Read: Hanlon: Once the American Dream

Tues. 2/9: Scope of the Capstone Research
   Dru Siley, Assistant Director, Planning and Development, Lakewood

   Assignment: Place Narrative

Thurs. 2/11: Forum: “A Crack in the Pavement, Fix it First?”
   Meet in the Atrium for College Forum presentation

Tues. 2/16: Tour

Thurs. 2/18: Organize into teams

Tues. 2/23: Redeveloping Commercial Corridors and Reuse of Closed Churches
   Professor Roby Simons and Eugene Choi

Thurs. 2/25 Commercial Development in Lakewood: A panel discussion

Tues. 3/2 Sustainable Development and LEED Certified Neighborhoods

   Guest Speakers

   Read: Principles of Neighborhood Planning (handout)

Thurs. 3/4 Group research

Tues. 3/9 Place Narrative presentation and discussion
Thurs. 3/11  Group Research Reports: Present Research Findings

Tues. 3/16:  Spring Break

Thurs. 3/18:  Spring Break

Tues. 3/23:  From research to project development: How to design interventions

Speaker: Dan Cufaro, Cleveland Institute of Art

Thurs. 3/25  Group Research

Tues. 3/30:  Group Research

Thurs. 4/1:  Group Research

Tues. 4/6:  Group meetings with instructors

Thurs. 4/8:  Group Research

Tues. 4/13:  Group Research

Thurs. 4/15:  Group preparation of presentation

Tues. 4/20:  Group Preparation and meeting with other groups

Thurs. 4/22:  Planning of group presentations

Tues. 4/27:  Group presentation to class (2 groups)

Thurs. 4/29:  Group presentation to class (2 groups)

Tues. 5/4:  Practice for public presentation

Thurs. 5/6:  Practice for public presentation

Tues. 5/11:  Public presentation: 6 pm

Place TBD