

BEST PRACTICES SYMPOSIUM MARCH 20, 2023

The Lake Wales Envisioned Best Practices Symposium will bring together industry leaders and experts in neighborhood design, conservation, and development to share experiences and help spark conversation about the future of greater Lake Wales.

Introduction 2:00pm

Robert Connors, President, Lake Wales Heritage

Session 1: Livable Community Design 2:05pm

This session will cover what creates good neighborhood plans. What should new neighborhoods look like? What do livability, walkability, and sustainability look like on the ground?

Victor Dover, FAICP, Dover, Kohl & Partners Town Planning. Victor is nationally recognized as an innovator in city planning, traditional neighborhood design, and street design.

Wade Walker, PE, Senior Principal Engineer, Kittelson Associates. An advocate for complete streets and context sensitive solutions, Wade works to promote walkability and livable design.

Jonathan Paul, Principal, NUE Urban Concepts. Jonathan is a respected transportation planner specializing in integrating mobility, land use, and parking strategies for communities across the country.

Session 2: Community Development that Builds Lasting Value 3:00pm

Join us for a nuts and bolts session about what makes good design possible. Does quality design bring more value to a community? Does it even make financial sense?

Vince Graham, President, I'On Group. Vince is an experienced developer that makes the business case for human-scaled urbanism; he is the founder of Newpoint, I'On, and other livable communities focused on sustainability and creating enduring economic value.

Marcela Camblor-Cutsaimanis, AICP, Marcela Camblor & Associates, Inc. Marcela is a town planner and leader in the public and private sectors implementing traditional neighborhood development, including for over 11 years as Urban Design Director at the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

Session 3: The Big Green Network 3:45pm

Building better is only half the equation; how might we develop responsibly while still preserving and protecting what makes the Lake Wales Ridge special, and provide access for people to parks and open spaces?

Steve Nygren, Founder & Managing Partner of Serenbe. Steve will share common sense neighborhood design principles for economic vitality and lives well lived, based on his experience designing and building a community that connects people to nature and each other.

Dr. Jay Exum, Exum Associates, Inc. Jay is an expert in responsible urban design and planning that can aid conservation efforts and protect vital ecosystems.

Closing Remarks 4:30pm

Robin Gibson, Chair, Lake Wales Community Redevelopment Agency

Paul Owens, President, 1000 Friends of Florida

Skip Alford, President and CEO, Lake Wales Chamber of Commerce