

A Note from Executive Director, Maria Furgiuele

November is my favorite month of the year, not only because it is my sister's and my birthday month but also because it is traditionally associated as a time of reflection and expression of gratitude. (For me,) As I approach my first year anniversary as Executive Director, it's hard to believe how quickly this year has passed! I have often said how grateful I feel to be engaged with an organization that I absolutely love, doing work that is meaningful to me and providing a service that is valuable to the community.

This causes me to reflect on the work that the CDCR has accomplished so far this year:

- Presenting the 12th Annual ReShaping Rochester lecture series culminating with a sold out luncheon featuring Kim White from River City Corporation, Chatanooga TN.
- Facilitating a community design charrette for the town/hamlet of Rush as part of their Comprehensive Plan process.
- Working with the Village of Lima to develop a new town square and historic inspired bandstand.
- Being a resource for Community Organizations, Municipalities and Developers by providing information about good design practices and planning strategies.
- Hosting student groups from Cornell University to learn about the work of the CDCR and also to engage in study projects based in our community.
- Facilitating a city & neighborhood supported community design charrette for the Port of Rochester & Charlotte Community as part of a long range planning process.
- Planning the 7th Annual Awards Luncheon to recognize people and projects that are making a difference in our region. (The luncheon is on November 16th! Please see below for more information.)

We are in the midst of planning the 13th Annual ReShaping Rochester lecture series. Advocacy, Education and Engagement continue to be the foundation for all the work that we do!

None of this would be possible if not for the tremendous support of the community, and very dedicated individuals who have generously shared their time, treasure and talent with the CDCR. I would like to acknowledge some of those people here:

- Our Board of Directors who have worked tirelessly to provide guidance and support to the CDCR and to Paul Tankel, our President of the Board, for his commitment and leadership.
- My amazingly talented and dedicated co-workers, Angela Richards (Director of Operations), Ricky Henehan (former Director of Operations) and Aaron Lehman (Director of Design Services). They are the unsung heroes of our organization and are responsible for making everything happen!
- Our small army of VOLUNTEERS! The CDCR could not possibly accomplish all that we do without you!
- Our founding members and former Directors whose vision, perseverance and hard work have laid the groundwork for what the Design Center is today.
- All of our sponsors & donors who have generously supported our programs, events and organization. We would not exist if not for your generosity!

It is impossible to give credit to everyone who has contributed to our organization, whether it be by sharing our story, giving time, sharing talent & expertise or making a financial commitment to help us provide a variety of services to the community. I am deeply GRATEFUL to each and every one of you!



Recognizing the people and projects advancing the Rochester region

Joni Monroe Award Winners Announced!

We are excited to announce the winners of the Joni Monroe Award decided by our Board of Directors!

Winner: Mark IV for Cornhill Landing and Cornhill Commons

Honorable Mention: The Landmark Society of Western New York

Join us in celebrating the people, projects, and efforts that are advancing the Rochester Region!

Our 7th Annual Awards ceremony will be held Thursday, November 16th at the Temple B'rith Kodesh from 11:45am - 1:30pm.

Please note: Tickets available in advance ONLY.

For a complete list of finalists or more information about the event <u>click here</u>.



The Charlotte Charrette is coming!

Reserve your spot now for the "Charrette for Charlotte" on November 4th!

Join us for a public brainstorming session to share ideas and discuss solutions and opportunities for redeveloping the Port of Rochester and surrounding areas.

Port of Rochester and Charlotte Community Charrette

Saturday November 4, 2017 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Port of Rochester Terminal Building (Rain Date November 11, 2017)

This is event is FREE, but pre-registration is required.

Register Here

Angela's Angle

Insights from CDCR's Director of Operations!

Spring Internship Opportunity!

We are looking for a student intern who wants an opportunity to explore urban planning, community revitalization, and civic engagement. This is an engaging, hands-on experience which will urge the intern to think critically and apply learned concepts to real world work.

Please contact Aaron Lehman here for questions.



Safe Streets Action Alert Public Meeting Tonight!

If you walk, bike, bus (or drive) and are concerned about the safety of everyone who uses our streets, please plan to attend this Public Meeting and voice your support for complete streets.

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 2, 5 - 7:30PM

WHERE: Allens Creek School, 3188 East Avenue, Brighton CONTACT: R4Projects@dot.state.ny.us or (585) 272-4818

For more information click here.



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