

Planning Academy 2018 Schedule

6:30-9:00 pm

Novato City Hall, 922 Sherman Avenue

January 11 Class I Introduction to the Wacky World of Planning

- ❖ Class Introductions/Logistics 6:30-7:00
- ❖ Introduction to the Academy – Bob Brown 7:00-7:15
- ❖ A Brief History of Novato – Susan Magnone, Historical Guild 7:15-7:30
- ❖ What is Planning All About? – Bob Brown 7:30-7:45
- ❖ City Organization: Structure and Financing – Regan Candelario 7:45-8:00
- ❖ Break 8:00-8:15
- ❖ Land Use Rights and Limitations: Interface with the Feds, State, Region and County – Bob Brown 8:15-8:45
- ❖ Regional Planning – Bob Brown 8:45-9:00
- ❖ Class Exercise: Opportunities/Constraints Analysis (“What do you love about Novato? What’s missing? What’s keeping us from being the city we want?”) 9:00-9:25
- ❖ Close and Session Evaluation 9:25-9:30

January 25 Class 2 General Plan and Housing

- ❖ Novato’s Long-Range Plan: General Plan 2035 – Bob Brown 6:30-7:15
- ❖ The Dreaded Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and Novato’s Housing Solutions – Hans Grunt 7:15-7:30
- ❖ Examining Our Housing Needs: 7:30-8:30
 - Affordable, Workforce Housing – Linda Jackson
 - Housing for the Elderly – Linda Jackson
 - Housing the Homeless – Mary Kay Sweeney (Homeward Bound)
 - The “D” Words: Design and Density – Rick Williams
- ❖ Class Exercise: Affording housing in the Novato market 8:30-9:00
- ❖ Close and Session Evaluation 9:00-9:15

February 8 Class 3 Mobility for All

- ❖ Managing Local and Regional Traffic Congestion:
 - Traffic Modeling for Dummies – Bob Grandy 6:30-6:45
 - Acronym Soup: The Shift from LOS to VMT – Bob Grandy 6:45-7:00

- “Getting Around Marin” - transportation vision plan (travel behavior, future projects and programs, and funding) – Derek McGill 7:00-7:30
- ❖ Break 7:30-7:45
- ❖ What are Complete Streets? - Dan Dawson 7:45-8:15
- ❖ Class Exercise: What does an autonomous car society look like? 8:15-8:45
- ❖ Close and Session Evaluation 8:45-9:00

March 1 Class 4 Design for Good Projects

- ❖ Demystifying the Development Review Process – Steve Marshall 6:30-7:00
- ❖ Principles of Good Design – Patrick MacLeamy 7:00-7:30
- ❖ A Developer’s Perspective – Justin Derby, Doug Elliott 7:30-8:15
- ❖ Class Exercise: Class Site Design Charrette [redevelop The Square] 8:15-9:00

March 15 Class 5 Protecting the Environment

- ❖ CEQA: How it Works – Steve Marshall 6:30-7:00
- ❖ Novato’s Hillside Protection and Urban Growth Boundary – Steve Marshall 7:00-7:15
- ❖ The Threat of Climate Change – Bob Brown 7:15-7:45
- ❖ Break 7:45-8:00
- ❖ Novato’s Response to Climate Change – Gretchen Schubert 8:00-8:30
- ❖ Behavior Change at the Household Level – Tamra Peters 8:30-9:00
- ❖ Class Exercise: Household Sustainability Test 9:00-9:15

March 29 Class 6 Community Engagement

- ❖ Changing Expectations for Community Engagement 6:30-7:00
- ❖ Perspectives of a Planning Commissioner 7:00-7:30
- ❖ Class Exercise: Mock City Council Meeting 7:30-9:00

April 12 Class 7 Graduation

- ❖ Class Selected Topics
- ❖ Final Exam
- ❖ Class Exercise: The Novato of Your Dreams
- ❖ Presentation of Certificates – Mayor