

## **Ramond A. Chiamonte, AICP**

### **Summary of Accomplishments**

#### **Changed the Planning Paradigm in Hillsborough County, Florida**

- ❖ Led first Hillsborough County comprehensive planning efforts that included modified compact growth concept and protection of urban, suburban and rural lifestyles, creating planning principles that have made a visible impact on the built environment and continue to guide the County forty years later.
- ❖ Championed first historic preservation and neighborhood planning efforts and built on that success to create a heritage of neighborhood plans, charting a unique course for each community.
- ❖ Formulated the first county Urban Service Area, which after 20 years has remained intact and contains 87% of all growth.
- ❖ Created the award winning *Livable Roadways Study*, an approach that introduced design standards and set a funding basis for landscaping and pedestrian amenities on new roadways.
- ❖ Produced a multi-modal Long Range Transportation Plan that forged a fresh direction for transportation planning in Hillsborough County by focusing on transit and pedestrians.
- ❖ Successfully championed the merger of the Hillsborough County transportation and land use planning organizations. Shifted the newly created organization's planning focus from managing growth to sustainable economic development based on the integration of transportation and land use planning, job creation and redevelopment.

#### **Innovative Public Participation and Outreach**

- ❖ Created new form of public participation with "gamification" of MetroQuest software using social media, I Pads, computers, newspapers, flyers, and moveable kiosks that drew more than 2,500 people to participate in the Imagine 2040 vision plan.
- ❖ Initiated, created, co-produced and hosted 70 episodes of *Beyond Today*, a quarterly government access television program bringing planning issues directly into the homes of residents and helping them to understand the role of planning in their communities. The program won two National Telly Awards for public service.
- ❖ Managed public participation for the Plan 2025 update that featured a database that allowed citizens to directly enter comments, which were then used as the basis for plan themes and topics.
- ❖ Pioneered the creation of the first *Vision of Hillsborough County* through 300 of interviews with elected officials, community and business leaders. The award-winning vision document guided the update of long-range plans.
- ❖ Led Post Referendum Study using private sector market research that was awarded Florida APA's only Award of Excellence in 2013 and is now the basis of a cutting edge land use/transportation plan.

#### **Outstanding Service to the Community and Profession**

- ❖ Part of the team that successfully advocated for the New Urbanism Division of the American Planning Association, Chair 2007-2009; Vice-Chair 2003- 2005.
- ❖ Served as Chair and Vice-Chair of the New Urbanism Division and produced *An Introduction to New Urbanism Video*, which received the Division Council Best Project Award.
- ❖ Moved to Celebration, Florida, one of the first new urbanist communities, to experience new urbanist living first hand. Led local elected officials on tours of Celebration, which led to changes in comprehensive plans, zoning, and land use regulations resulting in the creation of new urbanist and mixed use communities.
- ❖ Created *Tour of Central Florida New Urbanism* approved for 10 CM credits, which was a prototype for divisions and APA Chapters working together and won an award for Best Division Project.
- ❖ Received Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administration 2012 Transportation Planning Excellence Award for Hillsborough Countywide Bicycle Safety Action Plan.
- ❖ Developed an environmental education and tree adoption program that resulted in thousands of trees being planted and recognition as Rotarian of the Year.
- ❖ Granted Lifetime Service Award For Outstanding Achievements in the Field of Planning from Florida Chapter of APA in 2014.