

## Land Use Working Group Member Bios

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**Andrea Almond** is a Director at 3north – a unified design firm - and is a licensed landscape architect with 20+ years of practice. The desire to impact people’s everyday lives and experiences is the driving force behind Andrea’s passion in life and is also what inspires her work. The importance of community stakeholders engaging in the design of public and private green spaces, growing food in communities, healing the environment, and understanding urban ecology and culture is the focus of both her work and community involvement. She received her Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from Virginia Tech and is currently the chair of Richmond’s Urban Design Committee, a mentor with the Armstrong Leadership Program, and is active in ULI and ASLA.

**Shawn Balon** is a Landscape Architect Project Manager at Timmons Group in Richmond, VA. Shawn’s twelve plus years of professional experience includes work with a variety of award-winning firms in Florida, Texas, Washington, DC, Virginia, and Beijing, China. Throughout his career Shawn has had the opportunity to explore and design various projects domestically and internationally focusing his efforts in the US, Mexico, Latin America, Middle East, and Asia. Most recently, his primary focus includes the design of urban spaces, public parks, and private developments in Washington, DC and Richmond, VA. Shawn graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Degree and received a Master of Science in Urban Design Degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

**Eldon Burton** is the Director of Community and Government Relations at Virginia Commonwealth University. Prior to his current role, Eldon held several positions throughout Congress including District Director for U.S. Congressman A. Donald McEachin as well as Outreach Representative and Legislative Correspondent for U.S. Senator Mark R. Warner. He has earned both a master’s in economics and a bachelor’s in business management from Virginia State University and is currently enrolled in the Land Use Education Program at the L. Douglas Wider School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University. Eldon is a member of the Reynold’s Community College Board, the City of Richmond’s Economic Vitality Advisory Committee, and the Richmond Arts Academy.

**Cyane Crump** serves as the Executive Director of Historic Richmond where she works to shape the future of Richmond by preserving our distinctive historic character, sparking revitalization and championing our past and future architectural legacy. A former partner in Hunton & Williams LLP, for nearly twenty years, she practiced business law with a focus on mergers, acquisitions, corporate transactions, private equity and fund formation, real estate investment trusts and securities law matters. She brings extensive experience in nonprofit governance with community boards and her service has been recognized with awards such as *Style Weekly's* Top Forty under 40. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the University of Virginia School of Law, as well as the Leadership Metro Richmond Class of 2005. A Richmond native, she has a passion for history and Richmond's historic built environment.

**Chuck Davidson** has over 32 years with the City and has been the Zoning Administrator since 2000, managing all permit review and zoning enforcement processes. He holds a Master of Urban & Regional Planning (1988) from Virginia Commonwealth University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies (Minor: Landscape Architecture) from the State University of New York - College of Environmental Science & Forestry in Syracuse, NY. He is also a founding member of the Virginia Association of Zoning Officials (VAZO), serving as both Secretary and Treasurer, and was instrumental in the development of the organization in 1990. Areas of expertise include: Land Use Law, Zoning, Permitting and Code Development and Implementation.

**Al Dobbins** is the founding principal with Al Dobbins Consulting (ADC). ADC's core services include community and land use planning, zoning, heritage area planning and regulation, strategic planning, project management and coordination, public engagement and photographic survey. Between 2000 and 2015, he served as the deputy director of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Prince George's County Planning Department and the Planning Department's Community Planning Division Chief where he directed the agency's comprehensive planning and zoning program. Prior to joining the Prince George's County Planning Department, Al was the founding principal with A. G. Dobbins & Associates, the planning director for the District of Columbia, deputy planning director of the Brooklyn Borough Office of New York City, and associate director for planning with Richmond Renaissance, Inc. in Richmond VA. Al is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, the American Planning Association and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He holds a bachelor's degree in

mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Commonwealth University and is a Loeb Fellow at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

**Jeff Eastman** joined the Planning & Design Division of VCU in 2016 as the University Planner and since fall 2017 he has been leading the ONE VCU master plan process (<https://masterplan.vcu.edu/>), which is scheduled to be adopted March 22nd. For most of the previous decade, Jeff was employed in various roles with the City of Richmond Department of Planning and Development Review, first as a Land Use Planner and then as the Secretary to the City's Urban Design Committee. Jeff received his Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree from VCU.

**Stacey Farinholt** is a Richmond native educated at VCU School of Arts and UVA School of Architecture. She is a landscape architect that has worked on state and city projects including the VMFA, 17th St. Farmer's Market and various city masterplan studies. Stacey is also a board member of Capital Trees.

**Tim Feehan** moved to the Richmond area in 1989 and has lived in the Fan since 1998. He is a father to two incredible young men, husband to an amazing wife, and a lawyer [don't hold that against me]. Tim's interest in serving on the Land Use Working Group comes from his involvement with the Fan District Association, of which he is the current president and chair of the committee that drafted and is working to implement design overlay guidelines aimed at preserving the architectural character of the Fan.

**Bruce Gould** was appointed to the position of Executive Director of the Virginia Motor Vehicle Dealer Board (MVDB) in April of 1997 and retired from this position in April of 2016 and currently spends much of his time as a volunteer for a number of organizations. Prior to his appointment at the MVDB, Bruce held planning, legislative and management positions with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles; worked as a city planning consultant for Harland Bartholomew & Associates; as a planner for the Henrico Division of Police; a graduate assistant for Richmond Revitalization and as a well site geologist in Texas. He has a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Commonwealth University and a B.S. in earth science from Boston State College. A native of Boston, Massachusetts, Bruce and his wife of 41 years reside in Richmond's Westover Hills neighborhood; enjoys music,

including playing the drums; hiking/walking; volunteer work; vacationing in Maine, and cheering-on the VCU Basketball team and the Boston Red Sox.

**Bernard Harkless** is a principal at Lynx Ventures where he is responsible for development management and project execution. Prior to Lynx Ventures, he worked for Fountainhead Properties, primarily developing affordable housing projects. He has significant design, planning, and construction experience from his time in Boston, Washington, D.C., and New York City and has worked on a variety of projects from affordable housing and luxury condominiums in Manhattan to large scale institutional projects in Montgomery County, Maryland. He likes to utilize his comprehensive background to maximize the impact real estate development projects can make in a city. Bernard earned a bachelor in architecture from UVA and master's degrees in urban planning and real estate development from MIT. Bernard also serves on the board of Storefront for Community Design. He is originally from San Antonio, Texas.

**Tim Hayes** is an architect and planner at Glavé and Holmes Architecture who is devoted to urban design and historic preservation. His projects within the city of Richmond include the Science Museum of Virginia's Master Plan, the renovation of University of Richmond's historic North Court, and the forthcoming ONE VCU Master Plan. Raised in Philadelphia, with subsequent stints in Charleston and Miami, Tim brings a broad perspective to Richmond in everything except his choice in sports teams. Tim and his wife, Kasey, recently move to the Museum District so that their golden-cavalier mix, Tarzan, could finally have a yard.

**Max Hepp-Buchanan** loves living in Richmond, though he is not a Virginia native. He grew up in Seattle and attended the University of Washington where he earned master's degrees in Urban Design and Planning and Public Administration. Max moved to Richmond in March of 2013 to direct the Bike Walk RVA program for Sports Backers, Richmond's active living nonprofit organization. In addition to advocating for biking and walking infrastructure throughout the region, he also serves on the City's Planning Commission and Safe and Healthy Streets Commission.

**Barbara V. Jacocks, AICP** is a professional urban planner with 30+ years of experience in the Richmond area with a focus on community/economic development, land use/zoning, and transportation. After spending a majority of her professional career in the private sector—most notably on an on-call land planning team for the City of Richmond for 7 years—she now serves as the Planning Director for the Richmond Regional Planning District

Commission (RRPDC). The RRPDC provides intra-jurisdictional support and technical assistance to the City of Richmond and surrounding jurisdictions including the counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, and Powhatan, and the Town of Ashland.

**Dave Johannas, AIA** is the principal of the Johannas Design Group, and has been committed to the revitalization of our city for more than 35 years. Past commissions include the Richmond Urban Design Committee, the Commission of Architectural Review, the Arts Commission, and currently the Planning Commission. Past projects and studies include, the first phase of the Haxall/Kanawha Canal Walk, Maggie Walker Plaza, Cary Street Revitalization Plan, Main Street Corridor Plan, and the Union Hill and Spring Hill City Old and Historic Districts.

**David Lambert** is a resident of Richmond's 3<sup>rd</sup> District. He is an LDO (Licensed Dispensing Optician) and his practice is located in Jackson Ward North. The name of my business is Eye Que Optical. He currently sits on the Commonwealth of Virginia Board for Hearing Aid Specialist and Opticians. He has two amazing sons; Joshua and Jonah.

**Preston Lloyd** is a partner at Williams Mullen. He advises property owners and developers on commercial real estate transactions, especially regarding land use and zoning, economic development, historic preservation, public finance and local government law. He assists clients throughout the development cycle, from the purchase/sale of land, to site development, financing and leasing. His experience includes obtaining rezonings, special use permits, and other approvals for a diverse range of projects in localities across Virginia. Preston serves on the Boards of Directors of the United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg, and Storefront for Community Design. A native of Norfolk, he resides in the Fan.

**Charles Macfarlane** is Managing Member of Macfarlane Partners, LLC, a Richmond, VA based real estate development company which has management and ownership interests in office, apartments, hospitality and industrial properties mostly located in Central and Southwest Virginia. Charles has been involved in many real estate, business, community, and charitable organizations in RVA and the metro area. He currently holds a seat on the Boards of St. Catherine's School, the Capital Trail Foundation, the Three Chopt Association and the Capital Region Airport Commission. Charles received his B.A. with Distinction in Economics from Duke University, and his M.B.A. from the Darden School at the University of Virginia.

**Andrew Moore** has practiced architecture for over twenty years in Richmond, Virginia, exploring a wide variety of building types. As Principal and Partner at Glavé & Holmes Architecture, Andrew directs the Urban Architecture Studio, focusing on designing buildings, in both the private and public sectors, which enhance community life and the neighborhoods in which they are located. A graduate of Virginia Tech, Andrew is licensed to practice architecture in Virginia, Delaware and California, and is an Accredited Professional in the USGBC's LEED system. Andrew is active in various community and professional organizations at both local and national levels, including Partnership for Smarter Growth, Storefront for Community Design, Urban Land Institute and the Congress of the New Urbanism. He also lectures in various venues on issues of civic architecture and urban design. When not working or spending time with his wife and three daughters, Andrew enjoys sketching as a way to slow down and see the world around him.

**Deborah E. Morton** is currently the Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities for the City of Richmond, Virginia. In this role she oversees the day to day operations of the following areas: Recreation Services, Cemeteries, Park Services, and Facility Maintenance. She recently served as Interim Director from October 2016 to October 2017 where she was responsible for the day to day operations of the department. In her previous role as Deputy Director for Recreation Services, she oversaw the Recreation Services area which included: Recreation Centers, Cultural Arts, Special Events and Marketing, Athletics, Senior Services, Aquatics, Federal Food Program and the Before and After School program. She has 30 years of local government experience.

**LaJuan Neal** is a Richmond native and lifelong resident of the city. He holds bachelor's degrees in sociology and urban planning from Virginia Commonwealth University and currently works in state government as a floodplain management planner. In his free time, LaJuan enjoys capturing the city through the lens of his camera. He is an advocate of walkability, mass transit, public space, and responsible urban design.

**Clare Novak** has been a resident of the Stratford Hills neighborhood for the past twelve years. She currently works as a project manager in the wireless industry focusing on real estate and land use. She holds a master's in regional planning and worked as a planner before moving to the field of

telecommunications. She is an avid outdoors enthusiast and user of the James River Park System parks and trails.

**Gray O'Dwyer** is an attorney with a background in historic preservation and cultural resources law. She is a Richmond native and lives in Fairmount in the 7th District. Gray currently works in the Easement Program at the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

**Cristy O'Keefe** has lived on the southside of Richmond for the past 35 years, raising her children, who attended Richmond Public schools. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri at Kansas City, has been an active community volunteer, and is a registered Tree Steward Volunteer for the city of Richmond. Cristy takes an interest in public green space, urban design, and the arts in Richmond.

**Jerry Peters** has been part of the real estate development industry since 2001 where he has developed over 20 multi-family residential and mixed-use projects throughout Richmond. He is familiar with various aspects of planning, including permitting, code compliance, and zoning issues associated with real estate development. Prior to this, Mr. Peters spent significant time working in the field of Information Technology.

**Damian Pitt** is an Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Studies and Planning, in the Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University. His expertise is in state and local government approaches to energy conservation, renewable energy use, and multi-modal transportation. He has previously served on a clean energy working group for the City of Richmond Office of Sustainability and is on the Board of Directors of the Richmond Region Energy Alliance and the Virginia chapter of the American Planning Association.

**Rodney M. Poole** was a founding member and continues as the principal partner at Poole and Poole, Attorneys in Richmond, VA since 1973. Poole and Poole specializes in real estate practice, corporate formation and corporate finance transactions. Since 2002 Mr. Poole has been Senior Vice President and General Counsel of The Wilton Companies and has represented The Wilton Companies in the areas of real estate acquisitions, corporate financial transactions, land use planning, lease negotiations, corporate governance and corporate litigation. Mr. Poole currently serves as the Chairman of the City of Richmond Planning Commission and as a member of the City of Richmond Board of Zoning Appeals.

**Andrea Quilici** has been an urban designer and architect for over 20 years. He holds a Master of Architecture from the University of Florence, Italy; a Master of Science in Urban Design from the Herriot Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland; and is a registered Architect in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and the European Union. Andrea has worked on Master Plans for several universities, and, as an architect in Richmond, has worked on the VMFA expansion, the Main Street Station renovation and the Libbie Mill, Varina and the under-construction Fairfield libraries in Henrico County. Andrea lives in the Fan neighborhood of Richmond, is part of the Fan District Preservation Committee, and has been working on its development of a Design Overlay District. He is a member of the Design Forum Committee organized by the Virginia American Institute of Architects, and is helping the Grace Street Association as a consultant to make the community understand the implications of the new Pulse Corridor Plan for the Broad Street corridor. He is also an appointed member of the City of Richmond's Urban Design Committee.

**Brooke Saba McDowell** is a recent resident of the Randolph neighborhood where she and her husband bought a home in 2016 and is committed to a long life in Richmond. She is a VCU graduate student in the Masters of Gerontology program and is also taking a class in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. Brooke's interest is in land use designed for longevity, successful and optimal aging of all residents, with consideration for sustainable and equitable urban planning.

**Genni Sasnett** is a retired COO of a not-for-profit agency headquartered in the District of Columbia serving people with disabilities in 100% facility-free services in DC, NJ, TN, VA and PA. Genni's passion is working directly with private provider agencies, assisting them with conversion from sheltered work and other segregated services to competitive, integrated employment. She also provides technical assistance in the development of community based day services that support the acquisition, retention and advancement of competitive, integrated employment. Most recently, Genni has worked with provider agencies in AI, DC, PA, MI, IA, GA, IL, UT, LA, WI and MD on provider transformation through the Office on Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), and with other agencies in MA through the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI). Genni is one of four authors of "Provider Transformation 1.0" and is an author and co-editor of "Provider Transformation 2.0", both of which are manuals produced under the auspices of ODEP. Genni earned an

undergraduate degree in Special Education from Georgia State University and holds a master's degree in Transitional Vocational Special Education from George Washington University. She was the proud recipient of APSE's professional award in 2018.

**Darin Simmons, Jr.** is the Chief Operating Officer for Richmond Public Schools. Prior to joining RPS, Darin was a senior leader with DC Public Schools, and worked in senior management consultant roles with Booz Allen Hamilton and Accenture in Northern Virginia. Darin lives with his wife and young son on the South side of Richmond. Darin is a graduate of the University of Virginia and holds an MBA and a M.Ed. from George Mason University.

**John Sydnor** was born and raised in Virginia and has called Richmond home for over 35 years. John received his Master of Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Commonwealth University and has been in the nonprofit field for over 20 years. John has worked in economic and community development, affordable housing, and has served as the Executive Director of the Enrichmond Foundation since 2011. Under his stewardship the foundation has grown from a one-person operation to the vibrant, multi-departmental team that it is today. In his free time, John enjoys camping the AT, building Lego creations with his son, and traveling with his family.

**Ted Ukrop** is a developer and businessman in Richmond. Currently, Ted is working on a second Quirk Hotel and Gallery in Charlottesville, Virginia. It will be the second Quirk, the first is on Broad Street. Prior to Quirk, Ted developed and managed President's Walk Properties on Broad Street, the Berry Burk Building and Ginter Place Condominiums on Westwood Avenue. Ted started his career at Ukrop's Super Markets before becoming VP of Construction and Site Acquisition for First Market Bank. Ted lives in The Fan with his wife Katie and two daughters.

**Sarah Weisiger** has worked as a local land use planner, regional planner and as VDOT's Safe Routes to School Program coordinator. More recently, she has volunteered with Richmond's non-profit international hostel, with a refugee resettlement program, and as a court watcher in Richmond's General District Court. She has worked and travelled extensively in Europe, Africa and Latin America. She and her husband have been car-free for eight years.

**Alicia Zatcoff** has over 20 years of experience driving constructive change at the systems level in local government. She was appointed as the City's first Sustainability Manager in March 2010. In this role, she developed and leads the city's sustainability program and is currently championing RVAgreen 2050, the City's integrated adaptation, mitigation and equity-centered climate action planning initiative to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2050 (40% by 2030) and help the community adapt to Richmond's climate impacts (extreme heat, extreme precipitation, and sea level rise). Alicia holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia, a JD from the University of Richmond School of Law and is a LEED AP.