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## News Release

(Mobile, Alabama) The world-class team of experts assembled by Duany Plater-Zyberk (DPZ) to steer the visioning process for Downtown Mobile includes authorities in the areas of architecture, urban planning, transportation, public safety, economic development and demographics. Led by Andres Duany, founder of the New Urbanism movement, the DPZ team will be working with all the downtown stakeholder groups to create a better city center for all the citizens of the region.

The week-long process will include general public sessions in the evenings, focused discussion groups during the day, and open studio times for citizens to drop in throughout the week (schedule attached). The visioning process began in July when the Downtown Mobile Alliance engaged the firm of DPZ to help create a new development procedure for downtown, and will draw on the recommendations of the New Plan for Old Mobile that was adopted by the City of Mobile earlier this year.

### Team Bios

**Andrés Duany** is a founding principal at Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company. Andrés received his undergraduate degree in architecture and urban planning from Princeton University, and after a year of study at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris, he received a master's degree in architecture from the Yale School of Architecture. He has been awarded several honorary doctorates, the Brandeis Award for Architecture, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Medal of Architecture from the University of Virginia, the Vincent J. Scully Prize for exemplary practice and scholarship in architecture and urban design from the National Building Museum, the Seaside Prize for contributions to community planning and design from the Seaside Institute and the Richard H. Driehaus Prize for exemplary work in keeping with the principles of classicism, including sensitivity to the historic continuum, the fostering of community, and the impact to the built and natural environment in contemporary contexts.

Currently based in Atlanta, **Scott Ball** is a Senior Project Manager with DPZ and leads the firm's Lifelong Communities Initiative. Prior to his work with DPZ, Scott worked with various hurricane recovery housing efforts, including assisting with the creation of Louisiana's Road Home Program and Mississippi's Home Again program. While the Executive Director of the Community Resource Center in

Atlanta, Scott oversaw the design and construction of over \$10,000,000 in development, focused on the integration of design services into community development efforts and concentrated on needs of older, long-term homeowners in a rapidly gentrifying city. This work resulted in the development of housing support programs that served over 1,000 senior Atlantans each year. Scott also worked to support the long-term viability of the housing stock, and created a series of programs that integrate affordability into broader community design and development efforts. Scott is a trained architect and has managed numerous projects in the northeast United States and the Atlanta area.

**Dr. Randall Atlas** is a registered, NCARB-certified architect practicing environmental security design and infrastructure protection. Dr. Atlas teaches Crime Prevention through Environmental Design and has conducted CPTED and security audits for various municipalities and agencies. He collaborated with DPZ on the SmartCode Crime Prevention Module and shall be responsible for crowd management planning and other downtown security aspects of this initiative.

**Eusebio Azcue** is a senior planner, architectural designer and renderer with Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company (DPZ). He has more than four decades of experience in his field. Mr. Azcue has participated in architectural and urban planning projects around the world as well as having taught at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM). Originally from Spain, Eusebio has lived and practiced in Mexico, Cuba and Morocco before settling in Miami. Mr. Azcue graduated in 1966 from the Mexican Autonomous National University with a degree in Architecture.

In 2012, **Michael Huston** joined Duany Plater-Zyberk & Co. in their Miami office. A licensed architect since 1993, he, began his career as a principal designer for a firm specializing in educational facilities for 10 years. In 2002 he partnered with a local developer on the design of the Glassworks District in downtown Louisville. In this capacity, he gained valuable experience with various forms of urban housing and mixed-use building types. Michael has a BA in Design from the University of Florida and a five-year professional BA degree in Architecture from the University of Kentucky-- where he participated in their study abroad program in Venice, Italy. He is a member of the Congress of the New Urbanism and has LEED-AP certification.

**Matthew Lambert** is a Partner as well as Director of Information and Technology at the firm of Duany Plater-Zyberk and Company (DPZ). He joined DPZ as an intern in 2000 while studying at the University of Miami. Matthew Lambert earned his Bachelor's of Architecture at the University of Miami in Architecture and Computer Science in 2005. Matt's work is well represented in dozens of DPZ projects over the years. Currently he is working on an updated Smartcode (version 10) and Seven50 a long term regional plan for the East coast of South Florida.

**Tom Low** is the director of Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company's Charlotte, North Carolina office, which he opened in 1995. Tom received his Bachelor of Architecture from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, and gained ten years of experience at an architecture firm in Charlotte after completing his degree. In 1989 he enrolled in the University of Miami for a Master's Degree in Architecture with a specialization in Suburb and Town Design. He is an expert on town planning and traditional neighborhood development, light imprint urbanism, and school campus design. Tom has managed and completed more than 100 New Urbanism projects across the U.S. and in addition has recently published the Light Imprint Handbook, influential in its own right.

**Daniel Morales** is a Designer at the firm of Duany Plater-Zyberk and Company (DPZ), Architects and Town Planners. He joined DPZ during the Summer of 2012. Daniel earned his Bachelor's of Architecture

at the University of Notre Dame in 2010 with a Concentration in Historic Preservation. His involvement in DPZ include projects in Utah and Florida, he is currently working on Seven50, a regional long-term plan for Southeast Florida. He is a member of the Congress of the New Urbanism (CNU) and the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art. (ICAA)

**Scott Douglass**, a Massachusetts native, has been with Duany Plater-Zyberk and Company (DPZ) since an internship in 2008. His work has spanned illustration, architectural design, and code writing on a variety of projects and publications. Scott has a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from the University of Miami class of 2011. Since graduating he has assumed a full time position and completed design work on various domestic and international masterplans as well as work on The Sprawl Repair Manual. Scott is a member of the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU)

**Kennedy Smith**, head of the CLUE Group, has served as a consultant to towns and cities in all 50 US states and internationally, and to organizations ranging from UNESCO to the US Army. The CLUE Group helps communities create vibrant, dynamic downtowns and neighborhoods. They assist local and state governments, developers and nonprofits design innovative municipal economic development strategies. She is a popular speaker on retail development policy, commercial district development and historic preservation issues and has written numerous articles on the economic dynamics of traditional business districts. In May 2004, the National Trust for Historic Preservation recognized her achievements with its President's Award, for her "leadership and vision ... in creating one of the most admired and successful preservation programs in the country."

**Peter Swift** is a Smart Growth civil and transportation engineer dedicated to the design of sustainable and walkable communities, Mr. Swift brings over 30 years of experience to the proposed initiative's aspects of infrastructure/public works planning and design; complete thoroughfares and parking design; and land use/transit interfaces, providing solutions to the problems of the motorist and non-motorist. Peter is among the co-authors of the ITE Walkable Urban Thoroughfares Manual and has also collaborated with DPZ on the SmartCode.

**Laura Poncelet** is an intern at the firm of Duany Plater-Zyberk and Company (DPZ), Architects and Town Planners and a current student at the University of Miami. She is a fifth year student pursuing a Bachelor's of Architecture degree with minors in Architectural Engineering and Business Administration and an emphasis in Real Estate Development. Laura Poncelet achieved the Preston Award for outstanding architecture student of the year in her second year. She is a member of the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) and the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU).

<b>Topic - All Sessions Open to the Public</b>	<b>Time/Date</b>
Opening Kickoff Presentation	5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, 10/23
Open Studio	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, 10/24
Discussion Forum with Andres Duany: The Importance of Signage to Commerce	11:00 a.m. - noon, Wednesday, 10/24
Discussion Forum with Andres Duany: Opportunities Presented by West Wallace Tunnel Redesign	2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, 10/24
Open Studio	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Thursday, 10/25
Discussion Forum with Andres Duany: Entertainment, Trash, Crowd & Noise Management	10:00 a.m. - noon, Thursday, 10/25
Discussion Forum with Andres Duany: Thoroughfare Standards that Create Vibrant Urban Spaces	2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Thursday 10/25
Midweek Update & Neighborhood Cookout (\$5.00/person or \$10.00/family for cookout)	5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Thursday, 10/25
Open Studio	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Friday, 10/26
Open Studio	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Saturday, 10/27
Closing Presentation	5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Monday, 10/29