

URBAN LIGHT



The ULI Chicago Newsletter

ULI Chicago Transitions to New Leadership for FY13-14

ULI Chicago welcomes Paul Shadle of DLA Piper as the new Chair of ULI Chicago. Mr. Shadle formally transitioned into the new role July 1st. Kelley Smith from Kensington Realty Advisors has served as the ULI Chicago Chair for two years and put forth several successful initiatives. This transition provides an excellent opportunity for *Urban Light* to review the accomplishments of the outgoing Chair, introduce ULI Chicago's new incoming Chair and share their visions and goals for ULI Chicago.



Interview: Kelley Smith, Outgoing Chair, ULI Chicago

I had a list of goals I wanted to focus on and I feel like I accomplished many of them except a lot more work is needed on forming the local councils and on the Infrastructure Initiative Phase 2. [Read more](#)



Interview: Paul Shadle, Incoming Chair, ULI Chicago

I became involved in ULI at the recommendation of a partner in my law firm about 10 years ago and first attended a number of breakfast meetings. [Read more](#)

First Annual Vision Awards Sets New Standard for Success

ULI Chicago had the chance to sit down with some of the 2012 award winners and learn more about how their projects came to fruition.



Project Category: *The Shops and Residences at Uptown Park Ridge*, Park Ridge *Blossoming in the heart of Uptown Park Ridge sits a transit-oriented development containing a mix of residential condominiums, lofts, row houses and retail space.* [Read more](#)

Program Category: *Sweet Beginnings*, North Lawndale Employment Network *In May 2011, an apiary consisting of 28 beehives and more than one million bees was opened on the grounds of O'Hare International Airport.* [Read more](#)

Young Visionary Category: *Dave Cocagne*, President & CEO, Vermilion Development [Read more](#)

The first annual ULI Chicago Vision Awards were held on June 6 at the Bridgeport Art Center located on the city's south side. The venue was a unique departure for ULI Chicago – offering raw urban elegance with timber construction, exposed brick, soaring ceilings and sweeping views of the Chicago skyline. The 18,000 square foot open loft created an unusual and memorable atmosphere that promised guests an exceptional night for both award winners and the hundreds of audience members who attended the inaugural ceremony.

Guests enjoyed a specialty cocktail as they were transported to the loft space on a 40-person freight elevator. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were served during a networking hour and then guests were invited to sit and enjoy “Chinese” take-out, a selection of sauces, and a dessert platter at tables scattered throughout the open space. The program, emceed by the three Vision Award co-chairs, Teri Frankiewicz, Alicia Berg, and Kirsten Ekdahl Hull, highlighted the twenty-two projects, programs, and young professionals who were named as finalists. With photos and descriptive explanations, the finalists were

introduced and winners announced. The Awards Committee had reached out to a broad spectrum of project and program types. The finalists were selected based on their creative development practices, inventive partnerships or sharing of resources, imaginative problem solving, or visionary ideas that contributed to the growth of vibrant communities. The relative size of a program or project, whether square footage or total budget, was secondary to the innovative characteristics contributing to its success. The Young Visionary Award finalists were selected based on career achievements, goal-setting, community service and a strong commitment to ULI's principles of land use. Plans are already underway for the 2013 Vision Awards!

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Our committee update section rotates on a quarterly basis. The most recent committee activities are highlighted here. Contact [ULI Chicago](#) to get involved with a committee or initiative.

Communications

Members in Action Video Series

The "Members in Action" video series celebrates the 25th Anniversary of ULI Chicago / 75th Anniversary of ULI by focusing on ULI members fulfilling the mission of the organization at the local level. Our second profile is Chris Lambert, Cannon Design, co-chair of the Young Leaders Executive Committee and a member of the ULI Chicago Advisory Board and the Public Policy Committee.



Programs

Upcoming Events

September 27, 2012

Energy Use and Commercial Real Estate: A Members Only Policy & Practice Forum

DrinkerBiddle

7:45 am – 9:15 am

[Register Now](#)

October 3, 2012

Development Dialogue: Solutions for Failed Developments

Elgin Community College

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

[Register Now](#)

October 11, 2012

Suburban Housing Program

The Hyatt Lodge at McDonald's Corporation

4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

**more information to come*

October 16-19, 2012

ULI Fall Meeting

Denver, CO

[Register Now](#)

October 25, 2012

Real Estate Forecast 2013

Union League Club of Chicago

7:45 am – 10:00 am

**more information to come*

November 14, 2012

YL Leadership Series with John Buck

**more information to come*

December 6, 2012

18th Annual Lifetime Achievement Award Dinner

Four Seasons Hotel Chicago

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

**invitations coming soon*

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