

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2014**

Notice is hereby given that the Titus County Commissioners' Court met in a Special Meeting on Friday, November 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Titus County Courtroom, with the following members present:

Judge Brian P. Lee	County Judge
Al Riddle	Commissioner Precinct 1
Mike Fields	Commissioner Precinct 2
Phillip Hinton	Commissioner Precinct 3
Thomas Hockaday	Commissioner Precinct 4

Public Attending Meeting:

Leonard Rockwell	Chris Basham	Carolyn Norman
Joyce Simpson		

Pledge of Allegiance led by:	Judge Lee
Invocation by:	Judge Lee

1. CANVASS THE RETURNS FROM THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION FOR FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS (LISTEN TO AUDIO AND/OR VIEW VIDEO)

According to Elections Administrator, Leonard Rockwell, there are 15,988 registered voters in Titus County and only 5,239 ballots were cast making the turnout 32.77%. This is lower than the turnout four (4) years ago. There are still some problems with ID's and six (6) were unable to vote. Chapel Hill School has requested that the polling places for Box 17 and Box 7 be changed for the next election. Commissioner Fields stated that he had some complaints from residents from Box 4 that live in Titus County but have a Pittsburg address and were unable to vote in Titus County because they had been registered in Camp County instead of Titus County due to the boundary line.

Mr. Rockwell presented a true and correct tally list of the votes cast in the General Election held on November 4, 2014 as tabulated by the 650 Ballot Scanner and the M-100 precinct counters. **(SEE ATTACHMENT #1)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve the returns from the November 4, 2014 General Election for Federal, State and County officers. Motion passed unanimously.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

Chris Basham asked to speak to the Court in regards to a conversation that he had with Commissioner Riddle who asked why he had an interest in the Titus County projects and where he was from. Therefore, Mr. Basham thought that the other Commissioners might have some questions as well. **(SEE ATTACHMENT #2 FOR RESUME)**

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Fields to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Basham, AIA, FAICP, CID, LEED AP

Background/Foundations

Purpose: A brief excerpt on my experience, qualifications and purpose – foundations of trust

Background:

- Born in Lake Charles, La – first baby born in new hospital on Father's Day – Ham and Turkey
- Grandfather was 7th son of 7 sons – all builders in LA and TX – all bids ending in 77 cents
- Graduated Valedictorian Sulphur High School, Sulphur, LA – Played football and band – HS coach was ex-Marine drill sergeant – “Swap your brains with a monkey and I'd be cheatin' the monkey”, however got multiple scholarships for football, academics, ROTC
- Graduated from Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA with degree in Architecture

Air Force Officer (1979-2002)

- Master's Degree in Engineering Management – Air Force Institute of Technology
- Entered Air Force in 1979 as second lieutenant – 10 years active duty, 13 years in Reserves – retired in 2002
- Gave up pilot slot to be an architect for the Air Force – Quality of Life Initiative – Retention
- As an Air Force Architect
 - Served as Chief of Design and Chief Engineer in several locations
 - Planned, Designed, and Managed Construction on over \$1 billion in facilities around the world including two new bases from the ground up
 - Led 43 planning assistance teams to support commanders at installations in Japan, Greece, England, Spain, Canada, Panama, Caribbean, Germany, and Crete
 - Master Planned over 100 military facilities and campuses around the world
 - 7 years as Chief Engineer for 307th RED HORSE unit – a 400 person worldwide mobile design and construction unit – Nation Building and Drug Interdiction – Designed and built schools, clinics, airfields in the Caribbean and South America
 - Lead for Damage Assessment Teams and Base Denial
 - Retired from the Reserves in 2002 as Lieutenant Colonel

Registered Architect (1990- Present)

- In the last 24 years, have worked for both large and small firms – Engineering, Architecture, and AE (Architecture and Engineering) firms
- Served 7 years as member of hand-picked Air Force Design Advisory Council advising Chief Engineer of the Air Force on policy matters related to planning and design of facilities and installations – worked with 6 reserve colonels who all had private practices – including chief of Disney's Imagineering Department – an unbelievable experience as a young Captain and the first certified planner in uniform
- Planned and designed airports and airport facilities for 10 years – developed 7 new airports in Texas, Oklahoma and Mississippi
- Design Build of nearly \$600 million in facilities – 30 projects from \$95K to \$350 million
- Warrior-in- Transition Facilities in Arizona, El Paso and Killen
- Won 7 Air Force Design Awards to include New B-1 Bomber Base Design, U.S Air Force Academy Master Plan Update, Kadena AB Housing Redevelopment Plan, and two different awards for Anti-Terrorism/ Force Protection Entry Facilities at 46 installations across the US (post 9-11)
- Developed several successful community grants in North Texas – over \$1 million in funding
- Indoctrinated as a Fellow – American Institute of Planners – 2012 – top 1% nationwide

Personal

- Met a beautiful, smart and classy lady – a Mount Pleasant born and bred lady - in Madrid, Spain in 1985. 16 years later married Karen Newman Gage in 1999. Karen is a certified therapist and counselor and currently works for the Lakes Regional Counseling Center here in Mount Pleasant

- After years of hearing great things about the “Community” of Mount Pleasant and after initial wooing to the downtown Mt P Christmas lights, moved here in 2002



**ENGAGE
FARMS**

- Bought one of the McKellar farms owned by Mark and redeveloped it into Engage Farms – breeding, raising, training, and selling Performance Quarter Horses – Cutting and Reining bloodlines and got my start in cattle ranching crossing Red Angus and Charolaise
- Daughter – Aimee Catherine married living in New Orleans and with her husband John own and operate Keife’s Bottle Shop – a European vintage wine shop recently named wine shop of the year

Since in Mount Pleasant

Local Projects

- Designed the addition to the Chamber for the Industrial Foundation
- “**Smallville – The Making Of Community and Superheroes**” – A Strategic Plan for the Chamber, Mount Pleasant and Titus County – Vectors for the future (also the beginnings of a book of same name) (Presentation to Texas Municipal League)
- MPISD Administration Building Renovation
- Feasibility Study for Redevelopment of Old Mt P High School Gymnasium
- Feasibility Study for Mount Pleasant/Titus County Event Center (in association with Priefert)
- NTCC Dorm Construction Administration Oversight
- NTCC Capital Improvements Program – an assessment and a plan for the future – foundation for recent bond election propositions
- Ongoing consultation with Priefert Complex Designs on arena and event center development

Non Local

- Facility Assessment and Capital Improvement Plan, Air Force Villages – retirement community - over 1 million sf
- Barksdale AFB Dental Clinic renovations and Kirtland AFB Medical Clinic Renovations
- Lackland AFB Military Working Dog Hospital – Recovery and Rehabilitation Units
- Architectural Quality Control – Fort Hood \$15M Tactical Equipment Maintenance Facility
- Expert Witness for Design Build Facility Delivery Processes in Federal Court Cases
- Establishment of Design Build Consortium, LLC – a service disabled veteran owned small business – focusing on VA projects

My Goals in This Community – This is Home

- **To help facilitate growth in the region, improving quality of life and the regional economy**
- **How?**
 - County redevelopment projects
 - Preservation and Development of the community historic
 - Development of standards for redevelopment and new development
 - Engaging, encouraging and promoting the regional capabilities and businesses – selling the concept and reality of Community
 - Preservation and Regional Expansion of NTCC – foundations for strong regional development
 - Mount Pleasant/Titus County Event Center – “the next big thing”??
 - New Veteran’s Administration Clinic in this region – further developing the regional healthcare system



Concept Development Services, LLC

A Veteran Owned Small Business

P.O. Box 352, Mount Pleasant, Texas 75456

Chris Basham

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mikefields.tituscounty@gmail.com
Subject: Additional resume information
Attachments: Annotated Resume and letters of support.pdf

Al,

You asked for a listing of information on all my jobs since the military. That request represents work I have been involved with since 1989. I do not have a complete or accurate listing of what you requested for that period. What I do have readily available and am willing to share with you and the other commissioners is the nomination package for my recent award to "Fellow" status with the American Institute of Certified Planners (Top 1% of planners in the United States). That package includes letters of support from 12 individuals that I have worked for in the last 20+ years. Three of those letters are from local leaders in Titus County. This package should provide you with an expanded idea of who I am, what I stand for, and what I can do in terms of promoting and facilitating the forward development of Titus County. I would appreciate your support.

Chris

Introduction

Chris began his career in 1975 in the Air Force on an ROTC scholarship destined to be an Air Force Pilot. In 1979 the Air Force adopted a new policy of improving the Quality of Life of its members as a way to improve retention. One element of that new policy was to bring on military architects and interior designers to help fashion better places for the military members to live, work, and play. Facility and development planning on military installations in those days was usually done by an architect. That “planning architect” at Robins AFB, Georgia was Chris Basham. That beginning blossomed into an **expanding focus on the how to create ideas and manifest those ideas into the fabric of an organization through the avenue of planning**

Chris Basham’s enthusiasm and passion for planning made him a **key planning leader within the federal government over the last 30 years**. His constant and igniting selling of the value of planning has inspired and encouraged federal leaders and young planners, alike to employ good planning as a prerequisite for installation development and project financing. He makes planning both fun and profitable.

Chris is likely best known for his “What-If” analysis and planning process that creatively lays the foundation for community visioning and helps identify and empower the champions for the plans. His thirty years of planning leadership in federal communities manifests into the same energy and excitement for planning in several small communities. **He sells the “Vision, Value, and Voodoo” of planning and its power to make a difference – in quality of life and in regional economies.**

He is a community integrator expertly tying together the elements of community into a framework that **both educates and inspires communities** to take steps toward their future. His recent planning for the Mount Pleasant/ Titus County Chamber of Commerce provided a strategic plan entitled “Smallville – The Making Of Community and Superheroes” has ignited a economically dwindling community with hope and actions to realize new futures by their own hands.

Chris has also distinguished himself with proactive research efforts, development, and applications toward defining and documenting the value of planning. From his creation of humorous and thought provoking presentations on planning such as “Selling Planning – Vision, Value and VooDoo” to the conceptualization and development of planning models that link funding and planning like airport community value, Bare base planning, and Airport Business plans, he explores and expands new approaches to planning that highlight the value of planning.

Education

- Bachelor of Architecture, Louisiana Tech University, 1979. Attended college on a Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) scholarship and an academic merit scholarship (High School Valedictorian).
- Master of Science in Technology Management (Engineering Management) from the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Graduated from a new 15 month Graduate Engineering Management (GEM) Program in December of 1982.
- Various Continuing Education Programs

Professional Experience

- **1979-1981 - Air Force Architect and Planner – Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins, Georgia (Rank – 2nd Lieutenant)**
 - Project Architect for military housing, medical, and base entry facilities
 - Researched and developed the first base development standards for the installation

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- **1981-1982 - Student- Master's Program – Air Force Institute of Technology – Graduate Engineering Management Program (Rank - 1st Lieutenant)**
 - Master's Thesis – Development of Facility Type Information Packages for Design of Air Force Facilities – one of four master's thesis chosen for presentation at the Pentagon for potential development and adoption by the Air Force – began development of a series of Design Guides for Air Force Facilities which include planning, programming and design information by facility type
- **1982-1985 – Chief of Engineering Section, England AFB, Alexandria, Louisiana (Air Force Rank - Captain)**
 - Managed a staff of 14 engineers in the development of installation and facilities. Planned and led the redevelopment of all base facilities to codify a campus aesthetic
 - Participated in several Air Force planning assistance teams
- **1984-1986 – Owner/Manager – Catfish Junction Restaurant, Alexandria, Louisiana**
- **1985-1987 – Division Chief (Chief Engineer), Engineering and Environmental Planning, Torrejon Air Base, Madrid, Spain (Rank -Captain)**
 - Led the largest installation development program in Europe at Torrejon AB in 1986
 - Planned and led the transfer of all base facilities to the Government of Spain
 - Participated in several Air Force planning assistance teams
 - Planning for the first public private partnership for development of military housing
- **1987-1989 - Deputy Chief, Air Force Regional Civil Engineer, Environmental Planning Division, Atlanta, Georgia (Rank – Air Force Captain)**
 - Managed a worldwide planning assistance Team Program providing installation leadership with on-call planning services. Participated or led 43 planning assistance teams around the world to include teams to Korea, Japan, Panama, Canada, England, Spain, Greece, Crete, and several states in the US.
 - Became the first uniformed military member worldwide to achieve AICP certification
- **1989-1995 – Vice President, Charles Willis and Associates, Inc., Arlington, Texas**
 - Led the development of the Bare Base Planning Model under a grant from the Small Business Innovative Research program – first use of Autocadd for planning the layout of temporary cities for forward military deployments
 - Project planner and manager for the 20 airport master plans, 10 airport economic impact studies, and 15 airport environmental assessments
 - Project manager and senior Planner for the North Texas Council of Governments Regional General Aviation and Airspace System Plan – the first of such efforts used to better plan for regional capital expenditures for aviation system improvements
 - Project manager and senior Planner for the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments Regional General Aviation and Airspace System
 - Zoning Update and concept plans for new courthouse and downtown development – City of Granbury, Texas
- **1990-2011 – Principal, Engage Concept Development Services**
 - Granbury “Moments in Time” Trail program – Planning, design and grant development for over \$1.5 million in fitness trails that doubled as history tour through the community. Courthouse, Parks
 - Lucas Parks and Recreation grants and park planning
 - “Keepin’ It Country” - a Long Range Planning mandate for Fairview, Texas, a small suburb of Dallas, Texas
 - Strategic Plan – Mt Pleasant/Titus County Chamber of Commerce

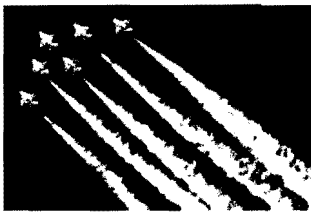
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- Regional Event Center Feasibility Study – Titus County, Texas
- Aviation Education Initiative – an integrative program to tie industry, educational entities and the emerging workforce in North Texas to potential careers in aviation from professional pilots to logisticians to aviation management
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- **1989-1996 – Air Force Reserves, Chief Engineer, 307th RED HORSE unit, Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas (Rank – Major)**
 - Chief Architect and Planner – 7 years of Mission and Nation Building projects (Community development) -schools and clinics in developing countries in South America and the Caribbean
 - Implemented new planning tools for expeditious planning and development of bare base installations in war zones
 - Led the preparation of plans and projects focused on counterdrug operations stemming from South American Countries
- **1995-2000 – Vice President, GRW Engineers, Inc, Planning Division, Lexington, Kentucky**
 - Sr. Planner and Project Manager for 32 Air National Guard Master Plans several of which were the recipients of Air Force Design Awards for Planning
 - Led the professional development and training for several new certified planners
 - Led the integration of technology, environmental stewardship, development planning and socio-political realities in the 6 year development of Edwards Air Force Base Comprehensive Plan
- **1996-2003 – Air Force Reserves, Individual Mobilization Augmentee to Chief Architect of The Air Force, Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence, Brooks AFB, San Antonio, Texas (Rank – Air Force Lieutenant Colonel)**
 - Planning and Design Policy reviews and implementation
 - Leadership of Worldwide Planning Assistance Teams mentoring young planners and providing valuable planning input to Federal Leadership
- **2000-2006 – Integration Manager and Senior Planner/Project Manager, Parsons Infrastructure and Technology, San Antonio, Texas**
 - Led the planning for the redevelopment of military family housing communities at 10 installations (over 20,000 housing units)around the world to include locations
 - Base closure and reuse studies
- **2006-2009 – Senior Associate and Director of Federal Programs, CHA, Inc, Albany, NY and Dallas, Texas**
 - Led many federal planning projects for the firm focused on improving the quality of life for military members
 - Project manager and senior Planner for the North Texas Council of Governments Regional General Aviation and Airspace System Plan – five year long update of the aviation system developed 15 years earlier – goal to create a new strategic approach to aviation system planning
- **2009-Present – Director of Federal Programs, Corgan Associates, Inc., Dallas, Texas**
 - Sr. Planner for all Federal Planning and associated projects
 - Sr. Planner for the development of a new Regional Training Academy for technical training – a dual credit program between the Northeast Texas Community College and the Mount Pleasant Independent School District

Major Accomplishments and Outstanding Professional Accomplishments

“Planning should be an igniting mix of Vision and Value. That combination will create the Voodoo (magic) of planning to make a difference.”

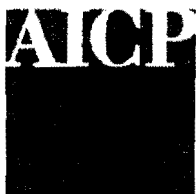
Chris Basham



“Selling Planning - Vision, Value and Voodoo”.

Chris Basham has been a constant purveyor of planning – he passionately sells planning as an invaluable process toward goal accomplishment. This passion for planning has grown in the heart and head of Chris Basham over the last 30 plus years and has resonated with a constant push for the vision, value, and “voodoo” that can emanate from a community commitment to employing good planning practices. It is this belief in the power of planning that has driven Mr. Basham to influence and contribute to a steady and progressive change in the adoption of and reliance on planning in both the federal and community arenas to guide the development of, commitment to, and steps toward a community vision. His efforts have increased the “fun” and profitability of planning in the federal market and in numerous local communities.

From a single invite to participate in an innovative community planning program developed by the American Institute of Architects and adopted and adapted for use by the Air Force, the Air Force Planning Assistance Team (PAT) Program began an enduring passion in Chris for the valuable and igniting possibilities of planning. The PAT program initiated in the early 80’s began three decades of opportunities to offer planning services around the world to military installations and guide the development of better installations. Leadership at installations around the world was introduced to planning and realized the value of a plan – to create a community excitement, to generate support for funding, and to step positively forward toward accomplishment of the Air Force goal to improve the Quality of Life for its members. **Mr. Basham participated in 43 of these Planning Assistance Teams as a team member and as the leader of more than 25 of these planning studies.** His enthusiasm, team building, and creative application of federal project delivery processes to the plan recommendations realized visual pieces of many installation developments over the last 30+ years. These planning vignettes made a difference in the promotion of planning as a valuable tool for military installations on a worldwide basis.



In 1988, Chris Basham became the **first certified planner in the Air Force and the Department of Defense as a uniformed military member.** This commitment to planning as a career choice landed him a one of a kind opportunity in 1990 to become a **7 year member of the Air Force Design Advisory Council** – a professional think tank appointed by the Chief Engineer of the Air Force whose purpose was to advise Air Force leadership on the development of Air Force Planning and Design Policy - how to better adopt the professional planning and design practices of the private world into the Air Force practices. As a young

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Captain, Chris worked with a group of Colonels (all architects) to carry the torch of planning into the arena of Air Force installation development. **His introduction of planning and planning professionals into this high level leadership earpiece contributed to the realization of the value of planning and its need at every military installation around the world.**



Chris Basham's role as a leader in the military planning world was initiated with his service as the **1990-1991 Chairman of the Federal Planning Division of the APA.** His contributions to the early development of this new division of the APA include the enhancement of an annual division conference, **the creation of the Division planning Awards program, and the leading of efforts resulting in a doubling of division membership.**



Chris's planning passion and expertise has been applied in the development of master plans for many installations around the world. Two notable efforts were for the creation of new installations from the ground up. **He led these plans from the visioning through planning, design and construction – a rare and invaluable experience to stay with an idea from concept to concrete.** These planning efforts helped further forge the belief in the power of planning for Chris. The development of a new base for the Beddown of the B-1B Bomber at Robins AFB in Georgia began a list of **seven Air Force award winning plans that Chris Basham led.** The Beddown of the B-1B focused on the creation of an enduring vision that represented the development of a state of the art installation to service this new mission for the Georgia Air National Guard.

In the Site Selection, Master Plan and Environmental Assessment planning for the relocation of the Nevada Air National Guard, Mr. Basham was forced to the forefront of community debate acting as the airport and ANG spokesperson for communicating the issues associated with this relocation within the community. From starting the planning effort with a charrette of 50 community leaders to managing press conferences and public meetings of over 200 hundred concerned citizens, Mr. Basham's "ability to deal with widely diverse groups and individuals" were served with commitment to facts, acceptance and detailed addressing of community concerns, and the incorporation of incremental community education. This led to a well-organized and coordinated approach to the relocation.

In several small communities over the last 25 years, Mr. Basham has been the proponent of planning methodically instilling the value of planning to leadership and community members. His planning process is a call to action – informed and caring actions that transform these communities to hold a commitment to quality of life improvements and to understand and implement changes that enhance and protect the

"Mr. Basham was the ideal Program Manager; the insight, experience, ability to deal with widely diverse groups and individuals, creativeness, leadership, thoroughness and dedication were nothing short of superb."

*Giles Vanderhoof,
Major General,
Adjutant General
State of Nevada*

regional economies. The Strategic Plan for the Mount Pleasant Titus County Chamber of Commerce entitled “Smallville – The Making of Community and Superheroes” has become a mantra for community action. He teaches the integration of planning into an agenda for personal and community success – a real value of planning and some of the Voodoo (magic) of the planning process.

A Developer of New Planning Approaches - The Business of Planning – “Show Me the Money”.

The world seems to revolve around money or passion (or both). Chris’s selling of planning brought him to a realization that the value of planning would be measured by some in terms of the dollar. He worked to understand **how planning could/would contribute to the generation of support for funding for projects. This focus took two paths – (1) the identification of links between planning and funding and (2) the modeling of planning efforts toward predicting (and protecting) revenue generation.**

In 1991, Chris led the development of a **Bare Base Planning model** utilizing Autocadd to provide a method for military engineers in the combat field to quickly assess real estate options for the development of a “tent city” to support forward operations of the military. The model lays out alternative plans for utility and road way infrastructure and the array of service tents (housing, hospital, admin, logistics, supply, dining, etc) taking into account terrain and site dimensions to deliver a constructable, efficient, and highly operational layout for temporary base operations. This project was selected by and funded with a grant from the Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) program.

Working with leadership at the National Guard Bureau for a period of over five years, Chris assisted in the development of support for a **campaign of “plan before you fund”** that mandated that project funding for an Air National Guard (ANG) Installation must be preceded by inclusion in and endorsement from the installation master plan. This movement significantly improved the status and accomplishment of planning across the Air National Guard resulting in better decisions related to facility needs – the right projects and the right time. Mr. Basham was **involved in the master planning of 30 ANG installations across the US** and assisted in the development of the ANG Statement of Work for Master Planning.

Chris spent numerous years surrounded with the planning of and for aviation assets. His love of aviation yielded insight into many out of the box approaches to aviation system planning and airport master plans. Focusing on the Business of Aviation, **Mr. Basham initiated development of a new economic metric for calculating and presenting the value of an airport to its community and region – Airport**

“Chris was able to demonstrate that the value of the planning process provided a much higher degree of confidence in establishing the priority of the capital improvements.....The benefits of his efforts is still evident today ”

*Ray Detig, AICP
Former Air National
Guard Command
Planner*

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“Airport Community Value – It is this kind of foresight, critical reflection, and sensitivity to regional development needs that is inherently characteristic to Chris’ planning reputation”

*Dr. David A. Byers, AICP
Professor of Aviation
University of Nebraska*

Community Value. This calculable value takes into account replacement costs, depreciation, economic impacts, market evaluations, and potential development assessments to provide communities and regions with a tool for assessing highest and best use of land for development and comparison with other land use assets. This new metric significantly increased the awareness of existing aviation assets in the region and continues to contribute to transportation development decisions in the North Texas region.

Chris has studied revenue generation of aviation facilities and **developed a planning tool that methodically calculates revenue generation potential of a facility over time in relation to the master plan for that facility.** Incremental development is translated into the potential for incremental increases (or decreases) in revenue from the potential investment in that facility. This new tool along with Airport Community Value facilitates return on investment decision making and planning in the aviation community.

Mr. Basham has continually looked for opportunities to codify and/or quantify planning as a tool for effective decision making. These efforts include:

- **US Air Force Academy Master Plan** – Working with the original architect of the Academy (1950) Identified and **framed 12 planning principles that molded the development of the academy and packaged them for application in perpetuity.** These are now tied to all development projects at the Academy.
- **Farming and Agricultural Revenue Management Model (FARM)**– an **Agricultural Economics modeling program** to facilitate long range planning and development of agricultural properties
- **INVE\$T** – A public/private investment and programming strategy for public private development for transitioning military properties in the Pacific, specifically Guam and Japan.
- **Airport Business Plans** – Led the creation of the concept of modeling and marketing revenue generation streams as tied to airport Master Planning

“Chris is to be commended for his ability to lead a planning process that educates the principles of community planning and development, that creates a community aligned for the future of the region and that provides a well-documented path to that future”

*Troy Sellers
President
And Faustine Curry,
CEO
Mt. Pleasant/Titus
County Chamber of
Commerce*

A Community Integrator

Chris’s selling of the value of planning has also permeated planning efforts in local communities. His enthusiasm and belief in the power of planning elevates community interest and participation and assist in helping communities realize their futures with positiveness and purpose.

The recent **pro bono development of a Strategic Plan** for the Mount Pleasant/Titus County Chamber of Commerce afforded another opportunity to engage a range of community leaders in the development of a strong community vision and provide the avenues for

““Every city and region needs such an integrating and informational process to help strengthen the real meaning of and hope of community.....Mount Pleasant, Texas, indeed the entire region, is fortunate to have him (Chris) as a resident and tireless contributor to the economic and social well-being of our corner of the world” ”

*Lynn Dehart PhD
Superintendent of Schools*

7 Air Force Planning Awards

- *B-1 B Beddown Master Plan - 1996*
- *Relocation of the Nevada ANG – Site Selection, Master Plan and EA - 1997*
- *Air Force Academy Master Plan Update and Area Development Plans - 1998*
- *Housing Community Development Plan – Kadena AB, Japan - 1999*
- *Vision 2020 Plan – Charleston AFB, SC - 2000*
- *Anti- Terrorism Force Protection Planning – Air Mobility Command - 2001*
- *Anti-Terrorism Force Protection Master Plan and Program – Air Force Space Command - 2002*

success. **The Plan entitled “Smallville - The Making of Community and Superheroes”** provides a historical analysis of key peoples and actions that molded the community we see today and offers community members the chance and the path to don their capes and make a future difference in the community. The year-long planning and community involvement process yielded a continuing community excitement, and a belief in the value of planning. It has also set the foundation for planning book with the same title. The primary message is that we can all make a difference if we think, we act, we communicate, and we care.

Managing community involvement for the Site Selection, Master Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Relocation of the Nevada Air National Guard presented challenges of large concerned crowds and intensive media coverage. The crowds were calmed with facts, consistency and a thoroughness of process that allowed sanity and business decisions to preside.

Chris led the long range planning committee for the City of Lucas, Texas with a campaign of “Keepin’ It Country”. Working with the city council and Planning and Zoning Committee members, he codified the physical and operational elements that community members felt definitive. He wrote new zoning ordinances that protected that vision of the community.

A Leader in Federal Planning and Policy for Three Decades

Chris Basham has been a key member of a small cadre of federal planners that honed the products and expectations for federal planning on an international basis. Employing aspects of public practice, community service, research and teaching, Chris has served and continues to help define the value of planning to federal leadership and federal communities. His energy, enthusiasm, and expertise in planning and solid community integration skills have helped promote the value of planning across the federal government and in surrounding communities. Examples include:

- Led over 150 planning efforts for military installations around the world. Participated and/or led 43 Air Force Planning Assistance Teams at installations around the world refining and improving the efficiency of the process and the effectiveness of the products.
- Co-lead for an agency rethink of Air Force planning policies. Served as the “revolutionary” leader identifying key linkages between planning and funding to support installation redevelopments and enhancement of professional planning career paths in the military
- Lead Planner/PM for 30 Air National Guard Installation Master Plans (1/3 of the inventory) setting the standard for installation master

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*“Planning is a team effort and
Chris Basham is their natural
born leader.”*

Dr. Stanley M. Bell, AIA

plans and evidencing the essentialness of planning prior to funding decisions

- Lead Planner/Integration Manager for the 6 of the largest Military Housing Community Plans (over 20,000 housing units) integrating the development of housing standards, facility condition assessments, and master plans into a comprehensive and prioritized capital investment strategy for repair and replacement of Air Force military family housing worldwide.
- One of the early military planning leaders as Chairman of the Federal Planning Division of the APA. Established the planning awards program for the division and created a new approach to increasing membership (doubled in one year) and attendance at FPD and APA annual conferences.
- Awarded APA grant for research and publication entitled “Federal Planning Dollars – Where are They?” which highlights and provides linkages to over 100 federal programs that fund planning from a federal perspective - 1990
- Served 6 years (1989-1995) as the planning representative on the Air Force Design Advisory Council – a 7 person think tank for the Civil Engineer of the Air Force tasked to research and make recommendations the Air Staff on planning and design policy issues.
- Author of seven master plans receiving Air Force Design Awards for Planning
- Leader of 7 years of progressive planning efforts for Edwards AFB, California – A research and test facility for new aircraft and technologies and one of the world’s largest military installations encompassing over 1800 square miles of territory. Worked with Chief Scientist to reflect and support mission directions with installation and facility development. Innovative efforts included (1) the comprehensive integration of GIS, environmental issues, and development planning for the first time on a US military installation, (2) the re-invigoration of the ECIP (Energy Conservation Investment Program) at the installation, and (3) the creation of a new proactive approach to base realignments whereby the installation aggressively planned for and sought out new missions.

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comprehensive and integrated
planning effort for 7 years
establishing the model and the
benchmark for base
comprehensive planning in the
Air Force.”*

*John Avolio, PMP,
CQCM, REA
Former Director of
Environmental
Management, Edwards
AFB, CA*

APA and AICP activities

- 1988-2011 – Member American Institute of Certified Planners
- 1990-1991 - Chairman, Federal Planning Division of The American Planning Association
- Member, North Texas Chapter of APA
- APA Grant Recipient – “Federal Planning Dollars – Where Are They?”

Other activities and Leadership Roles

- **Honors, Awards, and Recognition**
 - *Air Force Planning Awards*
 - *B-1 B Beddown Master Plan-1996*
 - *Relocation of the Nevada ANG – Site Selection, Master Plan and EA - 1997*
 - *Air Force Academy Master Plan Update and Area Development Plans - 1998*
 - *Housing Community Development Plan – Kadena AB, Japan - 1999*
 - *Vision 2020 Plan – Charleston AFB, SC - 2000*
 - *Anti- Terrorism Force Protection Planning – Air Mobility Command - 2001*
 - *Anti-Terrorism Force Protection Master Plan and Program – Air Force Space Command - 2002*
 - Fort Bragg Sustainability Plan – APA Award
 - Parsons – 2003 President’s Award for Outstanding Performance and Dedication
 - USGBC accredited – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – 1995

- **Public service**
 - Member – Long Range Planning Committee, Fairview, Texas - 1990
 - Member – Planning and Zoning Commission, Lucas, Texas - 1992
 - Member – Chamber of Commerce, Mount Pleasant/Titus County, Texas – 2008-Present
 - Member – Mount Pleasant/Titus County Agricultural Committee - 2011
 - Member – Mount Pleasant/Titus County Legislative Committee - 2011

- **Presentations and Publications**
 - **“Federal Planning Dollars – Where are They?”** – a reference guide/publication to sourcing Federal funds for planning efforts. Publication was accomplished under an APA grant through the Federal Planning Division in 1989
 - **“Selling Planning - Vision, Value and Voodoo”** presented on multiple occasions at Federal Planning Conferences, for the Society of American Military Engineers, and Air Force Architects workshop
 - **“You Gotta Kill A Dragon Before You Can Marry A Princess”** – a primer on getting plans implemented through the myriad of elements that seem to always work at killing plans presented at the Air Force Architect Workshop
 - **“US Air Force Academy – Creating a National Monument – Passion, Policy and Precedence”** – summary of master plan development and codification of planning standards presented at Educational Forum for Corgan Associates, Inc.

- **Membership in Allied Organizations**
 - Society of American Military Engineers
 - American Institute of Architects
 - Design Build Institute of America

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

For FAICP nominee - Chris Basham, AICP, AIA, LEED AP

	Name	Position	Relationship to Nominee	Primary Area of Comment
1	Phil Clark, FAICP	Planning Consultant, Retired, Former Director of Air Force Planning	Client and Colleague	Selling the Value of Planning, Development of Air Force Comprehensive Planning, Community Visioning and Leadership
2	Roger Blevins, FAICP	Planning Consultant, Former senior planner for U.S. Air Force	Colleague	Educating Air Force Community Planners, Development/Promotion of Air Force Community Planning, and Giving Back to the Profession
3	Mark Sanchez, AICP	AFCEE Planning Manager and former Chairman of the Federal Planning Division, Retired Air Force Colonel	Client and Colleague	Creating new planning models and new planning pathways, Leadership
4	Ray Detig, AICP	Planning consultant and former Air National Guard Command Planner	Client and Colleague	Instilling Plan ownership, Selling the Value of Planning
5	Jerry Zekert	Chief of the Master Planning Office for Headquarters US Army Corps of Engineers and Technical Advisor for Dept. of Defense Master Planning	Client and Colleague	Sustainable Leadership, Collaboration and Selling the Value of Planning
6	John Avolio, PE, REA, PMP	Engineer, former Deputy Director of Facilities and Director of Environmental Management, Edwards AFB, CA	Client and Colleague	Development of Base Comprehensive Planning, Integration of Technology, Leadership
7	Dave Byers, PhD., AICP	President and Principal Planner for Quadrex, Aviation Professor at University of Nebraska (formerly at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University)	Client and Colleague	Leadership, Aviation Planning, Selling and Creating the Value of Planning
8	Faustine Curry and Troy Sellers	Executive Director /CEO and President – Mt Pleasant/Titus County Chamber of Commerce	Client	Strategic Planning, Community Leadership and Education, Collaboration
9	Lynn DeHart, PhD	MPISD Superintendent	client	Selling the Value of Planning, Community Inspiration and Leadership
10	Stan Bell, PhD, AIA	Dean of Architecture, Planning and Design Consultant, Retired Air Force Officer	Colleague	Planning Leadership



Philip H. Clark, FAICP

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November 13, 2011

FAICP Selection Committee—2012 Nominees
American Institute of Certified Planners
1776 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 400
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Ladies and Gentlemen of the FAICP Selection Committee:

I have known Christopher D. Basham, AICP, professionally for 30 years, and I enthusiastically support his nomination to become a Fellow of the Institute. His many decades of broad and diverse experience in urban planning in both the public and private sectors are outlined in his resume information, and is meritorious in its own right. But to be a Fellow is to be a leader, to be a Fellow means having a positive and widespread effect on the profession. Chris meets those criteria in numerous ways, for example,

- He established the planning awards program for the Federal Planning Division (FPD) of APA, based on APA's awards program criteria. This program grew from a couple of entries to more than 40 contenders for awards in a half dozen categories. The awards juries, always chosen from unbiased faculty of urban planning departments from universities near the APA's National Conference venues, have consistently stated how impressed, and sometimes surprised, they were at the high quality of federal agency planning; that image enhancement can be traced back to Chris's initiative.

- His many presentations on the value of planning, such as "Selling Planning-Vision, Value and Voodoo" are energetic and uniquely creative and amusing, yet hard hitting; he is a master at selling planning, sometimes to skeptical audiences; an image enhancer applicable to the entire profession.

- His leadership skills are exemplified by the fact that he was a team member of 43 Air Force Planning Assistance Teams, and led 25 of them, based on the AIA's RUDAT program, and now also used by APA; these brief but intense planning exercises test the knowledge and managerial and organizational skills of a team leader, and Chris has those.

- Chris has helped extend the boundaries of planning from a "traditional master plan" to show how good planning can enhance revenues of a facility, such as his work with general aviation airports; again polishing the image of planning as an important tool in improving the future of a community.

- As he notes in his long resume, Chris has worked with many community leaders in many locations to develop a community vision and provide an "avenue for success" based on that vision; that is true planning leadership.

- His expertise has been recognized by his membership on many planning advisory committees and as a recipient of an APA research grant.

He truly deserves the honor and recognition that comes with a Fellow of AICP, and I am proud to support his nomination.

Sincerely yours,

Philip H. Clark, FAICP

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November 13, 2011

American Planning Association
Attention: 2012 FAICP
205 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1200
Chicago, IL 60601

RE: Letter of Support for Christopher D. Basham, AICP to the 2012 Class of the College of Fellows

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the FAICP Nomination Committee:

As a "Fellow" and long-time professional planning colleague, I heartily add my strong support for the election of Christopher D. Basham to the College of Fellows. Mr. Basham and I have worked closely together on Air Force comprehensive planning projects, and American Planning Association (APA) and Federal Planning Division (FPD) events. In the early 1980's Christopher was assigned to the eastern regional office responsible for Air Force comprehensive planning east of the Mississippi and locations in Europe. At that time I was senior community planner responsible for planning at several Air Force bases. Our community planning positions required that we closely coordinate our planning activities.

First, Chris is one of the most energetic and creative planners with whom I have had the privilege of working. Our first introduction was on a planning team dispatched to Royal Air Force (RAF) Kemble air base in the United Kingdom (UK) in May and June 1985. Chris was responsible for orchestrating a team of United States and UK planners, architects and engineers to develop a long-range plan for this UK airfield. The client (US Air Force) required an industrial location in the UK to repair military aircraft and preposition of military assets for the European Theater, requiring a skill set unique to military service community planners. The operation would require planning for several industrial facilities; compliance with local UK and US environmental rules; the plan would mitigate operational noise and land-use compatibility; and yet the facility would function to justify the investment. His superb organizational skills and planning capability ensured preparation of a master plan that exceeded the client (USAF) specifications and included the local UK community concerns. Although this was the only planning exercise Chris and I directly worked together, I know he replicated this type of exemplary planning effort numerous times continuing to establish a very high baseline for other Air Force planners.

Second, Chris was instrumental in making USAF community planners more familiar with the traditional role of city and regional urban planners. The Department of Defense (DOD) aggressively recruits planning graduates and retrains engineers and architects to work in urban planning roles. However, many are not directly exposed to the rigors of traditional city planning. While serving as the FPD Chair Chris organized one of the earliest Division efforts to bring DOD planners to the APA National Planning Conference

(April 29-May 3, 1989) in Atlanta, Georgia. Chris convinced the Air Force director for facility development to attend the APA National bringing to the forefront of DOD thinking the need for greater professional planning on equal level with engineering and architecture. These ground breaking events established a precedent for all FPD Chairs to duplicate. He also initiated the first FPD Awards Program that continues today, another example of nurturing the role and value of excellent planning in U.S. military environments. Mr. Basham's mentoring and demonstration projects made a significant change in gaining needed DOD support for the continued building of the Air Force comprehensive planning program.

Third, Chris continued to push the planning envelope anticipating technology impacts on Air Force comprehensive planning requirements. During the mid to late eighties Chris was charged with providing planning assistance to Air Force installations and staff in eastern US and Europe. He recruited the Georgia Institute of Technology to assist in planning research on the noise impact and operational constraints of advanced technology aircraft that at that time were either concepts or experimental, yet in 20 years could become fully operational as military and civilian aircraft. Chris and Georgia Tech faculty developed planning guidance that provided exemplary forward thinking guidance. He followed this research with tutorials and educational materials to ensure long-range comprehensive planning factored these requirements into the DOD installation comprehensive and/or master plans.

Those professionals that had the opportunity to work with large complex organizations like DOD can appreciate the obstacles Chris had to overcome to invent and "sell" these planning opportunities to leadership. These are only a few initiatives which I have first hand exposure and collaborative experience. I know Chris has continued to be extremely productive and has worked diligently to improve the success of his fellow planners, while providing his clients with innovative planning solutions.

Chris' type and style of involvement, as well as his leadership from within the private sector, advanced the cause of planning in communities and places of work for millions of US citizens. Chris took his dedication and used his professional planning skills to give back to the profession through his involvement with the FPD, development of plans for military installations around the world, and with his local community involvement in the Dallas-Fort Worth Texas area.

In closing, I am proud to provide my support for Mr. Basham's nomination to the College of Fellows in April 2012. I know he will continue to provide exemplary contributions to professional planning, and give special attention to his federal planning community.

Sincerely,



Roger D. Blevins, FAICP

15 November 2011

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Dear Selection Committee:

As an AICP member, Past Chair of the Federal Planning Division, and Air Force Installation Planning Subject Matter Expert, I appreciate the privilege of commending Chris Basham for appointment as a Fellow of AICP. My collegial association with Chris began in the 1980s during the early years of our respective careers in Air Force base comprehensive planning. My initial impression of Chris took place during one of his Planning Assistance Teams. I was surprised by his infectious enthusiasm and his 'outside the box' ideas about improving installation master planning processes.

The decades passed as Chris and I pursued our respective military master planning careers. During that time I followed Chris' influence and contributions on several significant Air Force planning projects. His work on the B-1B 'beddown' (stationing) at Robins AFB, Georgia, created an award winning master plan which successfully implemented a huge Military Construction Program (MILCON) initiative. The B1-B plan became a model for other Air National Guard installations. In the Charleston AFB "Vision 2020" Plan he developed Area Development Planning precepts that the Air Force still applies today. Chris' also facilitated a group of Air Force community planners to forge a revolutionary vision for Air Force comprehensive planning. This singular path finding event provided vital inputs to subsequent Air Force Planning Transformation and the worldwide deployment of a new Asset Management philosophy: that planning should inform capital investment decisions.

I have observed Chris' leadership qualities in both military and APA capacities. I, too, went on to complete a career as an Air Force Reserve officer. After the Khobar Towers attack and redeployment of US forces to Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait, I was able to institute Chris' Bare Base Planning Model to develop a tent city concept for the expeditionary commander. Additionally, during a Reserve assignment at Headquarters, 3d Air Force, US Air Forces Europe, I became familiar with Chris' War Readiness Planning work at Bitburg Air Base, Germany. The SALTY DEMO exercise experience provided unique insights for contingency general planning practices at our European installations. Upon succeeding Chris to Chair APA's Federal Planning Division, I encountered the direct results of his strong leadership in the success of the Federal Planning Awards program and the phenomenal growth of the Division's annual training workshops. I've also witnessed numerous instances of his enthusiastic magnetism during his FPD workshop sessions—advocating for planning excellence, innovation and continuous improvement.

Chris is approaching nearly 40 years in Military, Community, and Aviation Systems planning. He has become a leader in federal installation planning, earning the respect and admiration of his peers in both government and private practice. He has consistently contributed to the APA/Federal Planning Division, he has mentored federal installation planners, and he has enriched the techniques and processes of this unique planning field.

Sincerely,

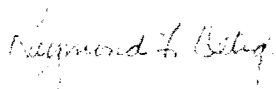

Mark A. Sanchez, AICP
Colonel, USAFR, Ret.

I am pleased to recommend Christopher Basham for Fellowship in the American Institute of certified Planners. I have known and worked professionally with Chris for nearly 20 years. Like Chris, I am also a registered Architect and member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. As Air National Guard Command Planner, I managed over 50 Air National Guard (ANG) Master Plans and approximately 20 of these were executed by Chris Basham and his associate firms.

Active duty installations may be several thousand acres, while ANG installations are usually between one and two hundred acres. Chris's understanding of both traditional military planning and community planning was extremely valuable when applied to our much smaller ANG installations. In that application Chris affected several significant and valuable paradigm shifts. The first and possibly most valuable influence was his ability to instill ownership of the master plan in the installation's leaders. Prior to this, the Master Plan was perceived as part of the installation's civil engineering maintenance function. This understanding was radically changed during the charrette process used to develop plan alternatives. By engaging all attending stakeholders, Chris and his planning teams challenged traditional thinking and provided an environment for all, regardless of military rank, to participate in the creation of the installation's master plan. The sense of ownership, acquired through this active charrette participation, gave members of the installation leadership teams the understanding that they needed to be responsible for their installation Master Plan. Additionally installation leaders became much more adept at using the Master Plan as the primary tool to advocate for capital improvements and maintenance projects for the installation through both the ANG and also their congressional representation.

A second paradigm shift occurred as a result of the detailed capital planning Chris provided during the development of proposed alternative plans. With limited funding available, Chris was able to demonstrate that the value of the planning process provided a much higher degree of confidence in establishing the priority of the capital improvements. Previously establishing priorities was done using a traditional incremental project programming process. That process tended to be more politically driven and did not guarantee that the projects submitted to congress were the best use of the military construction funds. During a subsequent White House line item veto of congressional inserts, the ANG was the only service that justified every project because each project had been previously identified on a Master Plan.

Chris demonstrated a true appreciation for the value of planning. This appreciation was an extremely valuable asset when developing a Master Plan for a highly motivated military organization, well schooled in operational and tactical processes but not in physical planning. Chris's military experience opened the, however his ability to "sell" the value of planning always made the difference. His understanding of the military's Planning, Programming and Budgeting process was extremely valuable and his ability to incorporate that in the plans he developed helped many installations "sell" their plans. The benefit of his efforts is still evident today.



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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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Master Planning Office

15 November 2011

To: FAICP Selection Committee

As Chief of the Master Planning Office for Headquarters US Army Corps of Engineers, I want to offer a strong letter of support for Mr. Chris Basham in his nomination to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners. As the Technical Advisor for master planning for DoD and the Army, I am responsible for the broad practice of worldwide base comprehensive planning. Chris has transformed military communities around the world. His leadership in promoting sustainable planning and his mastery of the values and principles of planning have served as a role model for planners throughout DoD, and the Federal Government.

Mr. Basham has demonstrated foresight and leadership in championing the principles of sustainable planning in the Federal Government. His ground-breaking work with formulating the Sustainable Master Plan for Fort Bragg, (a military community over 100,000 soldiers, civilians and families); has proven to be benchmark for community planning throughout DoD and the Federal Government. APA recognized his team's work by awarding the Fort Bragg an outstanding Planning award.

His portfolio of work involves a breadth in planning issues and challenges. He has worked with local communities, Regional Authorities as well as military installations and has been a leader in building close inter-agency partnerships between these entities. Chris has consistently demonstrated the sensitivity and sensibleness to affect a strong and viable plan for the installations, the communities and the region.

Mr. Basham has also been a leader in championing the profession of Planning in the Federal Sector. He has served as Chair of the Federal Planning Division of APA and served one of the Division's leaders in championing the professional practice of planning throughout the Federal Government. He has served as a passionate advocate of planning by speaking to many diverse professional forums on the value of planning. He's been able to broaden the understanding and importance to planning to other professions, stakeholders and the general public.

His nomination to the College of Fellows is fitting recognition for a career in planning that has significantly raised the importance of planning in the federal government and in the surrounding local communities and region, while making great communities for our soldiers, pilots, sailors and marines their civilian neighbors. Thanks for considering his nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Zekert", is positioned above the typed name.

Jerry Zekert
Chief of Master Planning
US Army Corps of Engineers

November 16, 2011

FAICP Selection Committee – 2012 Nominees
American Planning Association
Attn: 2012 FAICP
205 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1200
Chicago, IL 60601

Ladies and Gentlemen of the FAICP Selection Committee:

I have had the pleasure of working with Chris Basham in various modes for over 15 years. I have been client, colleague, subcontractor, and member of senior management to Chris working on various planning projects over the last 15 years. Chris ranks above any Community Planner or Professional Architect that I have experienced in my 20 plus years as an Engineer. His commitment to planning excellence is only exceeded by his creation of planning value to his clients.

His years of experience became very evident during his work at Edwards Air Force Base (AFB). My positions during Mr. Basham's 7 years of continual and expanding planning efforts at Edwards AFB were, initially, Deputy Director of Facilities and later as Director of Environmental Management. The federal installation-community that is Edwards AFB is northeast of Los Angeles, California. It encompasses 301,000 Acres and 470 SQ/miles of property and is the Air Force's second largest base in the United States. Edwards AFB is the Premier Flight Test Center for the Air Force. Edwards is home of the one and only Air Force Test Pilot School, it also hosts various types of test aircraft from other nations, trains test pilots from other Countries and supports National Security Programs and construction of special one of type facilities

Mr. Basham started as a consultant with a small task order to provide a comprehensive development plan for the community that would guide all future capital investments in the community. The effort was to also provide guidance to assist the facility management leadership with planning for several new high level test missions. Through the continual delivery of superior planning products and a mandate to plan with the highest levels of collaboration and creativity, this single task order grew over the next seven years to over \$19 million in community planning, environmental planning, cultural resources planning, area development planning, facility planning and Geographic Information System efforts. Chris led the charge for this comprehensive and integrated planning effort for 7 years establishing the model and the benchmark for base comprehensive planning in the Air Force. His team building skills with all community leadership personnel strengthened the support for/commitment to planning and provided continuity at Edwards AFB for planned growth and expansion.

Mr. Basham's creativity, enthusiasm and insight of the Air Force and the Flight Test Center mission created a new and innovative genesis of thought for aviation at Edwards Air Force Base. His infrastructure planning concepts, sensitivity to environmental issues, mandates for improving the quality of life for service members, and architectural insight facilitated a community plan for the installation that moved the Center into a new future direction.

Mr. Basham's GIS (Geographic Information Systems) concepts for the Center quickly became integrated throughout various organizations on the installation. Civil Engineering, Test Wing and the Major General Twinting Center Command staff utilized the GIS Community program as a tool to assist with various base scenarios. Example of this use included planning for (1) dealing with terrorists conditions as part of base exercises, (2), response to natural disasters (such as the North Ridge Earthquake in the 90's), and (3) more responsive and effective utilization of the natural dry lakebed for recovering test aircraft saving the Air Force millions in aircraft repairs.

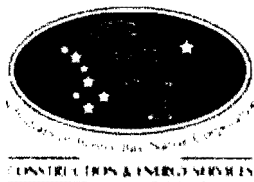
Mr. Basham has a strong ability to lead and create enthusiasm for new and innovative projects, concepts and ideas. His experience as a federal planner and architect and his in-depth understanding of how projects transition from a vision, through programming to funding and construction were vital to the success of the plan. His understanding and mastery of federal project delivery systems put a spin of realism and real hope for projects that were included in the comprehensive plan. Senior and Mid-Level management at Edwards AFB understood and became excited to support these projects.

Finally, I want to give my strong endorsement for Chris in his nomination. He always starts with the "why" and once an idea has proven itself, will then commit with a diligence and a creativity to deliver the "how". An engineer by training, the many years of working beside Chris Basham have provided me and countless others, a better understanding of the power of planning to inspire people and to make a difference.

Sincerely,



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November 16, 2011

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**RE: FACIP Nomination Support
Christopher D. Basham, AICP, AIA, Leeds AP**

As a colleague of Chris Basham, I am pleased to offer my support for his nomination to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Chris is one of those rare individuals that is never short on ideas and enthusiasm and my association with his contributions to the planning world over the last decade have been both exhilarating and rewarding - to the planning team and to the clients.

I was first introduced to Chris's ability to "sell" planning in a collaborative team interview for planning services to a prospective client operating the Hernando County Airport in Brooksville, Florida. His keen ability to get right to the core issues (and the hearts and minds of the selection committee) and to offer a myriad of potential solutions proved to be the right formula for success for them. As a result, we were unanimously selected as the top choice and hired to serve as their planning consultant for a three-year term.

Subsequent to this, my professional planning relationship with Chris reached a new plateau with our teaming for the development of a "new strategic vision for aviation system planning in North Texas" with the award of a five-year contract. Our mission was to craft a technically and more importantly, a politically acceptable systems approach to effective management and development of an aviation system plan for the 16+ counties in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex area that included over 400 airfields dispersed across the region. Chris' leadership skills in pulling together the right team of planning professionals and leading the team to new levels of thinking has undoubtedly set a new standard for the development regional aviation system plans. The strategic framework Chris' team has successfully woven includes emerging technology, compatible land uses, transportation access, and realistic economics into a planning tool that makes the most of available resources, all within a politically diverse environment.

One key aspect of the Regional Airport System plan that stands out as exceptional was his conceptualization of a new valuation method for understanding the worth of existing airfields in the region as compared to alternate uses. His creation of an Airport Community Value model that captures the value of an airport based on the age of and replacement value of in-ground assets, current uses, potential future uses, and land adjacencies and availabilities provides a new tool for accurately evaluating the highest and best uses of airport properties in a community. It is this kind of foresight, critical reflection, and sensitivity to regional development needs that is inherently characteristic to Chris' planning reputation.



Airport Development Services

As part of the Regional Aviation Systems Plan's strategic approach, it became apparent that there was a shortfall in the "system" related to creating the job skills necessary to continue to support the broad spectrum of aviation industry interests in the region. A follow-on study effort was commissioned to examine the educational and training needs of the region and to offer a plan for advancing aviation education. Chris and I worked as principal investigators for the project team, identifying and evaluating opportunities for developing and implementing a new four-year collegiate aviation education program in the Metroplex. Chris's creativity and insight on the relationships between education and industry helped forge a new paradigm for aviation education in the region. As a consequence, the region has been challenged to offer additional educational opportunities locally as a strong and continuous foundation for providing qualified professional and managerial skills for the regional aviation industry.

Another spinoff from the Regional Aviation System Plan was the expansion of the concept for promoting the "Business of Aviation". Chris led the planning team to explore the possibilities and potential benefits of developing airport business plans that would examine specific airports in terms of operating as a business enterprise and to quantify its impacts on airport revenues and the resultant economic impact on the surrounding communities and the region. The concept was enthusiastically embraced by the airport community and as a result, Chris was able to convince the Texas Department of Transportation to start funding the development of airport business plans as a way to strengthen and solidify the importance of community airports across the state. I believe this accomplishment speaks directly to Chris's planning approach which consistently demonstrates to clients and to the interested public the value of planning. It is his strong leadership that resonates through the projects I've been privileged to be associated with, that planning should improve quality of life and regional economies and if at all possible – both.

One last planning creation that can be directly attributed to Chris is the formation of a professional aviation planning group called "AV Think". He organized a group of aviation planning professionals to take a "no limits" approach for examining contemporary aviation planning issues. The Av Think group has met annually for the last three years and from this collaboration, new ideas for approaching the business of aviation have blossomed. The success of AV Think has encouraged our group to expand the concept to a broader audience within the next year.

I want to reemphasize my unconditional support for Chris's nomination to the AICP College of Fellows. He has been and continues to be a tremendous asset within the planning community. He comes loaded with creativity, energy, tact, and no shortage of curiosities to drive toward finding better ways to do what we as planners do. He challenges you to go beyond the conventional, to be bold, to find new values in planning, to engage planning for expanded economies for creating better qualities of life, and to never forget that the only limits are those of vision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. A. Byers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. David A. Byers, AICP
President & Principal Planner



November 11, 2011

American Planning Association
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Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Review Committee,

Representing the leadership of the Mount Pleasant/Titus County Chamber of Commerce, we want to offer a strong letter of support for Mr. Chris Basham in his nomination for Fellowship in the American Institute of Certified Planners. His work and that of his firm, Engage Concept Development Services, in the development of a Strategic Plan for the Chamber has increased community awareness of the interrelationships of the regional economy and quality of life in the region. The Strategic Plan has reignited visioning and hope for the future within Mount Pleasant by offering real projects and pathways to accomplish these projects.

Chris offered to facilitate the strategic plan as a pro bono service based on his care for Mount Pleasant and its potential. His only request for compensation was for the chamber to ensure one on one time with key community leaders. He met individually with over 100 community members to understand their hopes, fears and Mount Pleasant's history. The result was a cohesive packaging of the heart and the mind of Mount Pleasant leading to the Chamber's Strategic Plan entitled "Smallville – The Making of Community and Superheroes." The title is especially fitting as the planning efforts served also to identify the key community leaders of the past and their significant contributions to making Mount Pleasant what it is today.

Chris is to be commended for his ability to lead a planning process that educates the principles of community planning and development, that creates a community team aligned for the future of the region, and that provides a well-documented path to that future. His vision and belief in Mount Pleasant continue to make a significant impact in the direction of Mount Pleasant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Troy Sellers".

Troy Sellers
President
Mount Pleasant/Titus County Chamber of Commerce

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Faustine Curry".

Faustine Curry
Executive Director and CEO
Mount Pleasant/Titus County Chamber of Commerce



Mount Pleasant Independent School District
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November 10, 2011

Dear Review Committee,

As a member of the Mount Pleasant/Titus County Chamber of Commerce, representing the Mount Pleasant Independent School District, I offer a strong letter of support for Mr. Chris Basham in his nomination for Fellowship in the American Institute of Certified Planners. His work in the development of the Strategic Plan for the Chamber has created a new energy in this East Texas community. At a time when most Americans are looking for ways to “hold the fort,” Chris’s skill has engendered a new appreciation for planning and its value toward improving both the quality of life and the regional economy. He has shown the essentiality of planning to move us forward even when economic times are less than optimal.

Chris’s pro bono offer to lead the Strategic Planning effort served to get business and community leaders thinking about possibilities rather than the negative realities that are our daily news fare. His “Return on Investment” approaches to planning put a business spin on the plan that elicited strong support while using the plan to create a realistic path forward. Every city and region needs such an integrating and informational process to help strengthen the real meaning and hope of community.

The Strategic Plan entitled “Smallville – The Making of Community and Superheroes” really captured the essence of this region and the people and past actions that have molded it into what it is today. The honoring of past community movers and shakers provides aspiring leaders with examples of the kind of effort it takes to make a strong and viable community.

Mr. Basham’s commitment to the community and planning was also showcased through his assistance in the development of the new Regional Training Academy (RTA). The RTA is a unique program (dual credit - high school and college) that offers a seamless educational link to support the labor force needs of regional industries. Chris’s donation of time and effort toward this development made a significant contribution to this facility and the program. We believe this enterprise will make a huge difference the future of this entire region and Chris has been central to this success.

Let me finish by saying that Mr. Basham is to be commended on his ability to sell the value of planning to a diverse political community while getting that approach to stick. He is an energetic, creative professional thinker who gets things done. Mount Pleasant, Texas, indeed the entire region, is fortunate to have him as a resident and tireless contributor to the economic and social well-being of our corner of the world.

Sincerely

Lynn Dehart, PhD
Superintendent of Schools



November 14, 2011

The College of Fellows
American Institute of Certified Planners

To Whom it May Concern:

The writer of this Support Letter has the following credentials and professional experience:

Dr. Stanley M. Bell has been a registered architect (for 37 years) and is licensed in more than 12 states and territories of the United States. He is president of his firm Dr. Stanley M. Bell-Architect, PLLC with his home office in Berrien Springs, Michigan and a branch office in Cleburne, Texas.

Dr. Bell received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Montana State University in 1970, a Master of Environic Design from The University of Notre Dame in 1980, and a Doctor of Architecture degree from The University of Michigan in 1989.

In 1976 Dr. Bell was invited by Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan to join the faculty and to begin laying ground work for a professional degree program in architecture. That work began in 1977 and within ten years the program received their first accreditation from NAAB. By 1996 Dr. Bell was a tenured Professor of Architecture and Dean of the School of Architecture. He returned to the practice of architecture in 1996 where he continues to practice.

Lt. Colonel Bell was commissioned in 1970 and served as a reserve officer in the U. S. Army and the United States Air Force until his retirement in 1998. Lt. Col. Bell was the senior team officer in charge of a study of human behavior and design for dormitories/barracks in the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines. As a result of this study (3,000 military respondents) resulting in the development of official guidelines for the design of Unaccompanied Enlisted Personnel Housing throughout the Army and Air Force. In the 1980's and 1990's Bell and Basham were assigned as architects to the same commands where they often served on special joint assignments. The joint assignment's included serving on many Planning Assistant Teams and for six years on the Air Force Design Advisory Council serving at the pleasure of the Commander (Major General) of Civil Engineering in the U.S. Air Force.

It pleases me greatly to provide the following in behalf of Mr. Christopher Basham:Planning Assistance Teams:

In the military environment, and as fellow officers, Chris Basham and Stan Bell worked together on a many Planning Assistant Teams (PAT). The goal of a PAT study is to provide timely, insightful, visionary, but focused planning guidance for an Air Force Base. Whether Chris was the team leader or a member of the team he always took the lead in planning issues. As a person with talent, leadership ability, and planning experience he always provided cutting edge ideas and incredible rationale for shaping a design solution that stimulated the team and exceeded the expectations of the Base Commander.

Design Advisory Council:

Chris Basham and Stan Bell also served together on the Air Force Design Advisory Council (DAC) at the pleasure of the Major General of Civil Engineering for the U.S. Air Force worldwide (office in the Pentagon). The goal of each DAC study was to provide planning and design oversight for important Air Force institutions such as Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, the United States Air Force Academy, and/or at bases serving the nation in special ways like Andrews Air Force Base. Of all the planners in the Air Force Chris Basham was again selected for his design talent, enthusiastic leadership ability, and broad planning experience. When the Air Force was looking for vision and direction in base planning Chris Basham was not only on the team, but served in a critical role as planner. His vigorous and stimulating input consistently led to an approach that congealed the planning & design solution for the team. Time after time the team left the base with design guidance that resulted in clear unambiguous and an exciting plan for change and/or growth.

One Project:

As a civilian with GRW Engineers, Chris Basham took the lead role in planning a new base for the B-1b beddown at Robins Air Force Base. Always the visionary, Chris saw the benefit of including a study of human perceptions in the built environment and invited Dr. Bell with his research background in human perception to join his planning team to broaden the planning design perspective. Chris took the findings from the perception surveys and incorporated them into the overall base design in a way that helped create a "great working environment" for all who enter the base. His multi-layered thinking included the human perspective, job efficiency, traffic, phased growth, architectural themes, and even utility maintenance. In effect, Chris led an effort that resulted in a state-of-the-art base plan. Chris' insight and great leadership led to the base receiving the Air Force Design Award for Planning. His professional accomplishment in just this one project was significant, but Chris has continued to apply his incredibly comprehensive planning logic to all projects.

Teaming with Mr. Basham has been a stimulating and rewarding experience to my professional life as an architect. Chris only knows how to work at the cutting edge, never

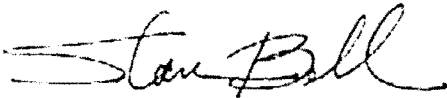


satisfied with business as usual, always planning and designing with the “big picture” in mind. Planning is a team effort and Chris Basham is their natural born leader.

As a professional who has been a member of the American Institute of Architect for decades, I understand the value of recognizing professionals with special talents and accomplishments to induct into the College of Fellows. Of all the planners I have worked with over the years I easily recognize Mr. Christopher Basham as one of those rare individuals who has made a very significant difference creating the built environment.

I whole heartedly recommend Christopher Basham as a Fellow in the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stan Bell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

Stanley M. Bell, AIA, Arch. D.
President





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Office of the President

November 10, 2011

The Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners

Dear Review Committee,

Representing the Northeast Texas Community College and as a member of the Mount Pleasant/Titus County Chamber of Commerce, I strongly support Chris Basham in his nomination for Fellowship in the American Institute of Certified Planners.

His work in this community has been a mainstay in keeping the community excited about the possibilities of the future and educated on the processes and thinking needed to develop an achievable community vision. His development of the Strategic Plan for the Chamber has created a new energy in the community for good things to happen and has engendered a new appreciation for planning and its value – a value toward improving both the quality of life and the regional economy.

The Strategic Plan entitled “Smallville – The Making of Community and Superheroes” really captured the essence of this community and the people and past actions that have molded this community into what it is today. The honoring of past community movers and shakers provides upcoming community leaders with examples of the kind of folks it takes to make a strong and viable community.

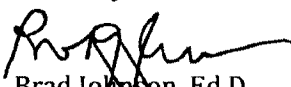
Chris’s “Return on Investment” approach to the Strategic plan recommendations puts a business spin on the plan that adds a needed realism to the process of plan implementation. Every community needs such an integrating and informational process. It helps strengthen the real meaning of and hope for community.

We at NTCC enjoy the opportunity to brainstorm and conceptualize the future with Mr. Basham. His unique abilities to frame the appropriate “what-if” analyses gets the group rethinking the possibilities and asking more often than not, “Why Not?”. His ability to frame the “what-ifs” provides a forum for folks to identify the actions necessary for the group to see an idea through to completion.

I have known Mr. Basham for a couple of years now and how found him to be an ever positive force in idea generation and in paving paths to successful accomplishment. Chris has sold this community on the vision and the value that good planning brings. He is a resourceful, energetic and highly creative professional thinker that gets community leaders to think outside of their boxes. He sets the stage for enlightened and heightened community action and provides the planning and communication tools to facilitate their success.

Again, I offer my strong support to Chris’ nomination. He is about making a difference in the community – he thinks, he acts, he communicates and he cares.

Sincerely,


Brad Johnson, Ed.D.
President

Christopher D. Basham, AIA, FAICP. CID, LEED AP
Background/Foundations

Purpose: A brief excerpt on my experience, qualifications and purpose – foundations of trust

Background:

- Born in Lake Charles, La – first baby born in new hospital on Father’s Day – Ham and Turkey
- Grandfather was 7th son of 7 sons – all builders in LA and TX – all bids ending in 77 cents
- Graduated Valedictorian Sulphur High School, Sulphur, LA – Played football and band – HS coach was ex-Marine drill sergeant – “Swap your brains with a monkey and I’d be cheatin’ the monkey”, however got multiple scholarships for football, academics, ROTC
- Graduated from Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA with degree in Architecture

Air Force Officer (1979-2002)

- Master’s Degree in Engineering Management – Air Force Institute of Technology
- Entered Air Force in 1979 as second lieutenant – 10 years active duty, 13 years in Reserves – retired in 2002
- Gave up pilot slot to be an architect for the Air Force – Quality of Life Initiative – Retention
- As an Air Force Architect
 - Served as Chief of Design and Chief Engineer in several locations
 - Planned, Designed, and Managed Construction on over \$1 billion in facilities around the world including two new bases from the ground up
 - Led 43 planning assistance teams to support commanders at installations in Japan, Greece, England, Spain, Canada, Panama, Caribbean, Germany, and Crete
 - Master Planned over 100 military facilities and campuses around the world
 - 7 years as Chief Engineer for 307th RED HORSE unit – a 400 person worldwide mobile design and construction unit – Nation Building and Drug Interdiction – Designed and built schools, clinics, airfields in the Caribbean and South America
 - Lead for Damage Assessment Teams and Base Denial
 - Retired from the Reserves in 2002 as Lieutenant Colonel

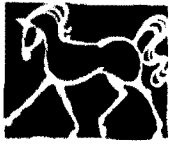
Registered Architect (1990- Present)

- In the last 24 years, have worked for both large and small firms – Engineering, Architecture, and AE (Architecture and Engineering) firms
- Served 7 years as member of hand-picked Air Force Design Advisory Council advising Chief Engineer of the Air Force on policy matters related to planning and design of facilities and installations – worked with 6 reserve colonels who all had private practices – including chief of Disney’s Imagineering Department – an unbelievable experience as a young Captain and the first certified planner in uniform
- Planned and designed airports and airport facilities for 10 years – developed 7 new airports in Texas, Oklahoma and Mississippi
- Design Build of nearly \$600 million in facilities – 30 projects from \$95K to \$350 million
- Warrior-in- Transition Facilities in Arizona, El Paso and Killen
- Won 7 Air Force Design Awards to include New B-1 Bomber Base Design, U.S Air Force Academy Master Plan Update, Kadena AB Housing Redevelopment Plan, and two different awards for Anti-Terrorism/ Force Protection Entry Facilities at 46 installations across the US (post 9-11)
- Developed several successful community grants in North Texas – over \$1million in funding
- Indoctrinated as a Fellow – American Institute of Planners – 2012 – top 1% nationwide

Personal

- Met a beautiful, smart and classy lady – a Mount Pleasant born and bred lady - in Madrid, Spain in 1985. 16 years later married Karen Newman Gage in 1999. Karen is a certified therapist and counselor and currently works for the Lakes Regional Counseling Center here in Mount Pleasant

- After years of hearing great things about the “Community” of Mount Pleasant and after initial wooing to the downtown Mt P Christmas lights, moved here in 2002



**ENGAGE
FARMS**

- Bought one of the McKellar farms owned by Mark and redeveloped it into Engage Farms – breeding, raising, training, and selling Performance Quarter Horses – Cutting and Reining bloodlines and got my start in cattle ranching crossing Red Angus and Charolaise
- Daughter – Aimee Catherine married living in New Orleans and with her husband John own and operate Keife’s Bottle Shop – a European vintage wine shop recently named wine shop of the year

Since in Mount Pleasant

Local Projects

- Designed the addition to the Chamber for the Industrial Foundation
- **“Smallville – The Making Of Community and Superheroes”** – A Strategic Plan for the Chamber, Mount Pleasant and Titus County – Vectors for the future (also the beginnings of a book of same name) (Presentation to Texas Municipal League)
- MPISD Administration Building Renovation
- Feasibility Study for Redevelopment of Old Mt P High School Gymnasium
- Feasibility Study for Mount Pleasant/Titus County Event Center (in association with Priefert)
- NTCC Dorm Construction Administration Oversight
- NTCC Capital Improvements Program – an assessment and a plan for the future – foundation for recent bond election propositions
- Ongoing consultation with Priefert Complex Designs on arena and event center development

Non Local

- Facility Assessment and Capital Improvement Plan, Air Force Villages – retirement community - over 1 million sf
- Barksdale AFB Dental Clinic renovations and Kirtland AFB Medical Clinic Renovations
- Lackland AFB Military Working Dog Hospital – Recovery and Rehabilitation Units
- Architectural Quality Control – Fort Hood \$15M Tactical Equipment Maintenance Facility
- Expert Witness for Design Build Facility Delivery Processes in Federal Court Cases
- Establishment of Design Build Consortium, LLC – a service disabled veteran owned small business – focusing on VA projects

My Goals in This Community – This is Home

- **To help facilitate growth in the region, improving quality of life and the regional economy**
- **How?**
 - County redevelopment projects
 - Preservation and Development of the community historic
 - Development of standards for redevelopment and new development
 - Engaging, encouraging and promoting the regional capabilities and businesses – selling the concept and reality of Community
 - Preservation and Regional Expansion of NTCC – foundations for strong regional development
 - Mount Pleasant/Titus County Event Center – “the next big thing”??
 - New Veteran’s Administration Clinic in this region – further developing the regional healthcare system

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