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*Please Join the Florida Department of Community Affairs' Secretary Thaddeus Cohen and Former Secretaries Dr. John DeGrove, Tom Lewis, Linda Shelley, Jim Murley, Steve Seibert, and Colleen Castille at a Forum to Discuss Twenty Years of Growth Management in Florida.*

**February 10, 2005**

**1:30 PM to 4:00 PM**

**Shands Hospital - MSB Auditorium - 2nd Floor  
 1600 SW Archer Rd  
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**DR. JOHN M. DEGROVE**

*Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs,  
April 1983—July 1985*

Dr. John M. DeGrove was the first holder of the John M. DeGrove Eminent Scholar Chair in Growth Management and Development at Florida Atlantic University and now holds the title of Eminent Scholar Emeritus. Dr. DeGrove, who is recognized as “the father of Growth Management” in Florida and nationwide, served as the founding director of FAU/FIU Joint Center for Environmental and Urban Problems from 1972-1998. He is a leading figure in Florida growth management, and a nationally recognized authority in the fields of planning and public administration. Dr. DeGrove took a two-year leave of absence in 1983 to accept appointment as the Secretary of the Florida Department of Community Affairs. He was instrumental in the conception and passage of the 1985 Growth Management Act and the State Comprehensive Plan.

His memberships include the National Academy of Public Administration, the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners. He served as an advisor to the state/regional/local planning and growth management systems in the states of California, Georgia, Maine, New Jersey, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maryland, Virginia, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Texas and Canada. A frequent contributor to a variety of journals and law reviews, some of Dr. DeGrove’s publications include *Land, Growth and Politics* and *The New Frontier for Land Policy: Planning and Growth Management in the States*.

DeGrove was a member of the Governor’s Commission for a Sustainable South Florida and Chairman of the Commission’s Committee on Urban Form, Intergovernmental Coordination and Governance. Dr. DeGrove, a founder of 1000 Friends of Florida, also served as its President. Dr. DeGrove has also served on state and national panels on growth management, authoring numerous books and articles on the subject.

In discussing the “smart growth” movement, Dr. DeGrove has stated “whether it’s called smart growth, building sustainable urban and rural communities, or managing growth and change, the heart of the challenge is to plan carefully for the growth that has and will continue to come in Florida, and then make sure that those plans are implemented in a fair and comprehensive way at every level of government, and in partnership with the private and nonprofit sectors. Only in this way can Florida have a sustainable future that includes both a healthy environment and a vital economy.” Dr. DeGrove has a strong belief that until adequate funding is in place a system of growth management simply will not be effective.

**TOM E. LEWIS, JR., FAIA**

*Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs,  
July 1985—February 1987*

Tom Lewis attended Georgia Tech where he received a Bachelor of Science and both a Bachelor and Masters of Architecture degrees. He has been a Registered Architect for almost 40 years. After 11 years as an Air Force architect and manager, Tom entered the private practice of Architecture and developed one of Central Florida’s leading architectural-planning firms, which designed public and private buildings for commercial, residential and institutional uses.

Prior to joining Disney, Lewis left private practice and served eight years in the administration of former Florida Governor Bob Graham. He was Special Assistant to Governor Graham for two years, coordinating the Governor’s Florida Cabinet agenda on capital construction and land use/development issues. He then served as Assistant Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, where he was responsible for the day-to-day operation of the 10,000 person Florida DOT. He completed

his state service as Secretary of the Florida Department of Community Affairs where he was instrumental in passage of Florida’s historic growth management laws in the mid 80’s.

After leaving public service in 1987, Lewis joined Disney Development Company as Director of Residential Development and was subsequently promoted to Vice President of Community Development. In this role, he was responsible for the early market research, business plan development, master planning and design, and entitlements strategy for Disney’s new Town of Celebration. He also led the negotiation and management of an \$800 million public-private infrastructure partnership, resulting in development of three new Interstate Interchanges, extensions to the Orlando-area Beltway, a major east-west tolled expressway and the southwestern leg of the Orlando Beltway, now entering its construction phase.

He then served as Vice President of Development for Walt Disney Imagineering as part of the executive team overseeing the development of the Town of Celebration and also managed WDI’s government and community relation’s activities. Tom transferred to Walt Disney World Co. in June 1999, where he is part of the senior executive team managing development of land use and infrastructure master plans for the build-out of the Resort. He is also Disney’s lead executive on external transportation and growth management issues in Florida.

In 1987, he was nominated by his peers and elected by The American Institute to its College Fellows, the highest honor the Institute confers, limited to its member architects.

He continues to serve in public positions through appointed service. He is a former Commissioner, and Vice Chairman, of the Florida Ethics Commission and was Chairman of the Governor’s Commission on Building Codes. In 1998-2000, the Commission’s work resulted in major reforms to the State Building Code process including a new Statewide Uniform Building Code. He is on the Board of Directors of the Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber of Commerce and served as its Chairman in 2001. He was also previously on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Central Florida. He served as Chairman of the Osceola School Facilities Task Force 2003-2004.

**LINDA LOOMIS SHELLEY**

*Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs,  
May 1992—August 1995*

Linda Loomis Shelley is a partner in the Fowler White Fowler White Law Firm in Tallahassee, Florida. A member of the Florida Bar since 1977, she has extensive experience in Environmental and land permitting before state, regional and local entities.

Mr. Shelley was selected by Florida Trend Magazine as one of Florida’s Legal Elite, representing the top 1.6% of practicing Florida Bar Members. She is a member of Leadership Florida and the William F. Stafford Inn of Court.

Ms. Shelley has substantial experience providing advice and assistance in a wide range of land use and environmental matters, including zoning, development permits, comprehensive plan and plan amendments, environmental resource permits and annexations. Ms. Shelley is a frequent lecturer and panelist on environmental and growth management issues. She has recently participated in a panel for the **29th Annual Conference on Water Management**.

Ms. Shelley received her B.A. degree (1973) and J.D. degree (1977) from the University of Florida.

From 1992-1995, Ms. Shelley served as Secretary of the Florida Department of Community Affairs. Prior to being appointed Secretary of the Department, Ms. Shelley served as the general counsel both Governor Bob Graham and the Department of Community Affairs. Ms. Shelley went on to become the Chief of Staff for Governor Lawton Chiles and the Florida Department of Insurance, Office of the Treasurer and State Fire Marshall.

**JAMES F. MURLEY**

*Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs,  
August 1995—January 1999*

In February 1999, Mr. Murley became the Director of the Florida Atlantic University Anthony James Catanese Center for Urban & Environmental Solutions in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The mission of the Catanese Center is "to work with policy makers and the public in their pursuit of options for managing growth while preserving natural systems, promoting a strong economy and planning livable communities."

Mr. Murley is a 1974 graduate of the George Washington University Law School where he specialized in environmental and land-use law. Before coming to Florida, he worked for the National Atmospheric and Oceanographic Administration in coastal zone management.

He first joined the Florida Department of Community Affairs in 1983 as its director of Resource Planning and Management. In that position, Mr. Murley helped draft and gain passage of Florida's landmark Growth Management Act. In 1987, Mr. Murley left DCA to head 1000 Friends of Florida, a nonprofit, public interest group that works to promote sensible planning, economic development, and environmental preservation. He was then appointed Secretary of DCA by Governor Lawton Chiles, who called him a "seasoned leader on growth management issues with nearly two decades of experience under his belt."

Mr. Murley is a former member of the Miami River Commission and the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Coordination. He is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, a board member of the Seaside Institute, and the Congress of New Urbanism.

**STEVEN M. SEIBERT**

*Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs,  
January 1999—January 2003*

Steven M. Seibert's career as a lawyer, mediator, elected official and state agency director is founded upon innovative leadership and a successful knack for building consensus. The St. Petersburg Times called Seibert "a consensus builder with an eye to the future." (Editorial, 1998)

Mr. Seibert is a 1977 graduate of The George Washington University, where he was chosen for Phi Beta Kappa, and a 1980 graduate of the law school at the University of Florida. He served for 5 years in the Pinellas County Attorney's office, and in 1986, joined the Johnson, Blakely law firm in Clearwater.

Mr. Seibert was elected to the Pinellas County Commission in 1992, and in that capacity served as its Chairperson twice (1995, 1999), as Chairperson of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Agency on Bay Management, and as a charter member of the region's water supply authority, Tampa Bay Water.

After re-election without opposition in 1996, Mr. Seibert was tapped by Governor Jeb Bush to head Florida's Department of Community Affairs in 1999. Mr. Seibert directed an agency with a collection of programs and initiatives touching on critical functions in local communities, including economic development, emergency management and growth management.

As Secretary of DCA, Mr. Seibert was a member of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation's Board of Directors, the Governor's Growth Management Study Commission, Florida's Land Acquisition and Restoration Council, and he chaired the Florida Community Trust Governing Board and the Wekiva Area Basin Task Force. Governor Bush called Mr. Seibert "an outstanding public servant" and noted "his ability to bring people together to achieve meaningful reforms will be his lasting legacy."

Mr. Seibert is a certified mediator and has gained a statewide reputation for helping to resolve contentious environmental and land use disputes. He was awarded the "Excellence in Mediation Award" by Florida's Conflict Resolution Consortium and was significantly involved in helping to broker the end of the Tampa Bay "water wars."

**COLLEEN M. CASTILLE**

*Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs,  
January 2003—February 2004*

On February 13, 2004 Governor Jeb Bush appointed Colleen M. Castille as Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. As Secretary, Ms. Castille oversees Florida's environmental regulatory and law enforcement programs, the acquisition and management of public lands, including Florida's award-winning state parks, and the development and regulation of Florida's water resources through the State's water management districts.

Before this appointment, Ms. Castille served as Secretary of the Florida Department of Community Affairs where she supervised community growth, environmental assessment, disaster planning, community rehabilitation, local and state comprehensive planning and affordable housing provisions. During her tenure, Secretary Castille brought local government support for improved wastewater management, land conservation acquisition, and the protection of natural habitat in the Florida Keys. Governor Bush also appointed her to the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee, where she served as vice chair. She was named 2003 Conservationist of the Year by the Audubon Society.

From 1999 to 2003, Ms. Castille was the chief cabinet aide for Governor Bush, specializing in environmental issues and directing the Florida Cabinet's historic restructuring. She researched and helped develop Cabinet policy on Local Government Comprehensive Plans, Areas of Critical State Concern, Developments of Regional Impact, water-use disputes and Community Development Districts.

Ms. Castille served as chief cabinet aide for Education Commissioner Frank Brogan and was instrumental in the passage of education reforms used to build the Bush-Brogan A+ Plan. Prior to that, she worked for newly elected Insurance Commissioner Tom Gallagher's office and was promoted to senior cabinet aide. She also worked on behalf of Bob Martinez as a coordinator in his gubernatorial campaign.

**THADDEUS L. COHEN, AIA**

*Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs,  
March 2004—Present*

Thaddeus Cohen was named by Governor Jeb Bush as Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs on March 10, 2004. Secretary Cohen has over 30 years of experience in architecture, urban design and community planning. He has provided economic and development strategies for public and private clients. His areas of design expertise include urban planning, health care development, educational, recreational and water treatment facilities. In his approach to planning Secretary Cohen will place specific importance on the need for comprehensive planning in order to achieve a working relationship between public and private sectors.

Secretary Cohen has a history of proactive involvement in his community through professional and community organizations. Secretary Cohen is the past chairman of the Council for Black Economic Development of Broward County; past chairman of the Commission on Affordable Housing for Palm Beach County, a former member of the board of directors of the Broward Alliance, and a former Broward Workshop member. On a state level he served on the boards of 1000 Friends of Florida and the American Institute of Architects Florida Chapter.

Prior to his appointment as DCA Secretary, he was asked by Governor Jeb Bush to serve on the 2000 Growth Management Study Commission. He quickly garnered the respect and admiration of his fellow board members establishing himself as a creative thinker and charismatic speaker.