

Christopher S. Boone, AICP

Professional Profile

Master of Urban Planning graduate with over 25 years of experience in the management of city operations with a passion for the improvement of cities and a record of success in managing, including planning, policy, budgeting, data-based analysis, project implementation and oversight and technology integration. Creative problem solver with the ability to initiate and implement a productive work program, lead and inspire a diverse staff, and create and maintain strong community relations.

Management – Decisive manager with proven success of managing a wide variety of city functions. These include street and drainage improvements and maintenance, code enforcement, disaster response and recovery, transit management, long-range planning and building construction administration, economic development programs, technology implementation, grant application and implementation, housing and CDBG management and downtown redevelopment planning, etc.

Planning – Proven record of success in implementing proper planning principles, balancing the opinions and desires of a wide variety of community stakeholders

Communication – Solid background in written and verbal communication, proven during public hearing settings and proven connector of diverse interests and groups in order to achieve success

Technology – Strong record of identifying and implementing technologies to improve and enhance the work product through data-based analysis and policy development as well as achieving better communication with our customers

Experience

July 2006 to Present

City of Beaumont, Texas

Beaumont, Texas

Director of Planning & Community Development

- Directed the **creation of the Planning & Community Development Department**, a new department responsible for planning, building codes, CDBG, HOME and disaster recovery programs, oversight of the Beaumont Municipal Transit system, code enforcement, economic development and downtown redevelopment programs. This new department also included the implementation of a new “One-Stop” permitting center with weekly pre-development meetings to improve communications between city departments as well as with developers and applicants as well as a conversion from paper to digital mapping and case management systems, allowing for online application processing, a critical factor during the Covid-19 pandemic
- **Economic Development** – Instituted the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ) Program in an effort to provide economic abatements for investment in low-to-moderate income areas; worked to provide abatements to attract a new H.E.B. grocer at 11th and College; worked to facilitate an abatement for Exxon/Mobil through the Governor’s Office along with many other industrial abatements

Christopher S. Boone, AICP

- **Community Development** – Managed the CDBG and HOME programs in order to provide the most efficient expenditure of limited funding in an effort to assist low-to-moderate families and neighborhoods in need of investment. Successfully managed the expenditure for more than \$5 million in ARRA/Stimulus redevelopment funding in the wake of the great recession. Successfully managed multiple Disaster Recovery programs, including home reconstruction as well as buyouts following Hurricanes Rita, Ike and Harvey
- **Quality-of-Life and Planning** – Worked to help implement a variety of Quality-of-Life initiatives in Beaumont, including such projects as a citywide Beautification Committee project, the city’s first Dog Park, the city’s only Farmers Market, a Recycling Committee, resulting in a private contract for a citywide recycling service, participation in the design of Calder Street - a \$60+ million drainage and “Complete Street” project which included bike lanes and street trees, and helped to secure \$1.25 million in federal funding for a new Amtrak station in Beaumont
- **Downtown Redevelopment** – Helped in the city’s efforts to revitalize Downtown Beaumont. These efforts included assisting in the planning and design of the new Event Centre and Lakeside Centre, securing funding and overseeing the design and construction of the Beautiful Mountain Skate Park, assisting in the planning of the restoration of Riverfront Park and 555 Main plaza, including helping to secure the removal of the rail yard impacting Riverfront Park as well as ongoing efforts to secure a developer of additional residential units as well as a downtown hotel

August 2002-July 2006

City of West Orange, Texas

West Orange, Texas

Public Works Director

- Policy Advisor to the Mayor and City Council
- Accomplished the following:
 - Served as founding member of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation
 - Secured funding for and implemented the following projects:
 - Secured grant funding to construct the city’s first sidewalks, connecting all schools to the new park
 - Secured funding and constructed Alford-Seale Park—the city’s new central location for all of its annual events and festivals
 - Secured a grant to construct the Gomez Nature Boardwalk
 - Completed an annexation increasing the size of the city by more than 10%
 - Served as a member of the Orange Independent School District’s Facilities Committee
 - Disaster Response – Following Hurricane Rita, worked to restore the city, including clearing streets, removing damaged structures and working with FEMA for assistance
 - Served as the chief administrator which included such roles as the Flood Plain Administrator, Personnel Director, Director of Streets & Drainage, Sanitation, Parks and Code Enforcement and economic development staff

Christopher S. Boone, AICP

July 1996-August 2002

City of Mobile, Alabama

Mobile, Alabama

Deputy Director of Land Use, Urban Development Department

- Planning and Zoning advisor to the Mobile City Council
- Staff to the City of Mobile Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment
- Responsible for adoption and revision of the Zoning Ordinance, Landscaping Ordinance, Sign Ordinance and other codes and ordinances

- Significant work on Downtown Redevelopment efforts to encourage residential development
- Coordinator of the Sustainable Development Initiative for the City of Mobile
- Managed the Long Range Planning Division, Land Use Division and Code Enforcement Division
- Served as liaison to the Downtown Redevelopment Commission, University of South Alabama's Small Business Development Center, Mobile Area Association of Realtors

February 1996-June 1996

Middle Georgia Regional Planning
Commission

Macon, Georgia

Economic Development Specialist (Six Month Contract)

- Produced FEMA-compliant Flood Plain Land Use Ordinances for member governments
- Assisted member governments with economic development and adoption of zoning ordinances
- Assisted Atlanta's Morris Brown College with their EDA application for on-campus improvements related to their hosting of the Paralympics

Education

- Master of Urban Planning, New York University, New York, New York, 1995

- B.A. History, Minor in Regional & Urban Planning, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 1992

Community & Civic:

American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)
American Planning Association (APA)
Leadership Beaumont
Oaks Historic District, Board Member
Art Museum of Southeast Texas-AMSET

Christopher S. Boone, AICP

United Way of Beaumont & North Jefferson County
Beaumont Main Street
Downtown Beaumont Cultural Arts District-DBCAD
Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce
Kiwanis Club of Orange