

## **ANA MARIA APONTE, AICP, LEED AP**

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Bachelor in Architecture with Master in Development and Planning from the University College London, with other postgraduate studies in Japan. Over twenty years of experience in urban planning and urban design at the national and local level. For the past seventeen years, I have overseen the implementation of the West Palm Beach Downtown Master Plan and, along with a large group of people, support the successful redevelopment of downtown towards a vibrant urban environment with a mixed of uses and quality of public spaces.

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**09/15/03 to date**

#### **City of West Palm Beach Planning Division**

West Palm Beach, Florida

City Urban Designer from 10/05 to date

Senior Urban Design Planner 04/05 to 10/05

Urban Design Planner 09/03 to 04/05

- Oversee the implementation of the Downtown Master Plan. Specific assignments on:
  1. Review of new projects for code compliance and urban design compatibility.
  2. Preparation of staff reports regarding code amendments and variances from the code.
  3. Preparation of code amendments to reflect changed policies and conditions.
- Review and provide urban design advise on city-initiated streetscape projects such as Clematis Street and Banyan Boulevard.
- Project manager for the Downtown Master Plan update conducted from 2005 to 2009, including Comprehensive Plan amendments, and zoning and land development regulations amendments. Adopted in 2009.

**09/27/99 to 04/15/01**

#### **Departamento Administrativo de Planeación Distrital**

(City Planning Office)

Bogotá D.C, Colombia

Consultant architect in Urban Planning

- Member of the team in charge of the design of the Bogota's Territorial regulation plan - POT. Specific assignments on:
  1. Design and development of the Urban Strategic Interventions
  2. Implementation of the land regulation established by the Territorial Regulation Law

**12/1/96 to 07/18/99**

#### **Departamento Nacional de Planeación**

(National Planning office)

Bogotá D.C, Colombia

Consultant architect in Urban Planning

- Technical assistance on the implementation of the Territorial regulation law at the urban level
- Technical assistance on the design of the National Urban Policy 1999-2002
- Member of the team in charge of the design and implementation of the 2000's earthquake emergency plan in Quindio and Risaralda
- Member of the group in charge of the calculation of the National Housing deficit
- Various works and studies about the urban conditions of cities in Colombia

## **EDUCATION**

### **POST-GRADUATE STUDIES**

**2001 to 2002**

**University College London, University of London**

**Development Planning Unit**

London, United Kingdom

Master of science

Development and Planning – Building and Urban Design in Development

Final dissertation: The problems of the urban growth from a social justice perspective: The case of Bogota”

**1998**

**Japanese International Co-operation Agency - JICA**

Obihiro, Japan

Course

Land Readjustment project for Colombia

### **GRADUATE STUDIES**

**1991 TO 1996**

**Universidad de los Andes**

Bogotá D. C, Colombia

Bachelor in Architecture

### **EXCHANGE PROGRAMME**

**1994**

**Dublin Institute of Technology - DIT**

Dublin, Ireland

Fourth year of Architecture degree

## **SKILLS**

English and Spanish written and spoken

Windows; Autocad 2000; Basic Photo Shop;

## **AWARDS**

**2001**

**“Simon Bolivar” - British Council Scholarship**

Scholarship awarded nationally over 400 candidates from all backgrounds for graduate studies in the United Kingdom