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Kindergarten Institute Forum

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Welcome
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Program
Antoine Bryant
Director, Department of Planning and Development, City of Detroit

Question & Answer

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Antoine Bryant is the director of the Planning and Development Department for the city of Detroit. He has 25+ years of experience in the design, development, engagement and empowerment of underserved communities across the United States. Previously, he was the executive director of Row House Community Development Corporation, where he managed and directed the construction of the award-winning Row House Duplexes, the newest quality affordable housing in Houston’s Third Ward in 15 years. He also served as business development and project manager for architecture firm Moody Nolan, where he worked on projects in Houston’s historic African-American neighborhoods. Bryant will share lessons learned from Houston, and how they can be adapted for Detroit and other cities to make them more equitable.

About the Kinder Institute for Urban Research

The Kinder Institute for Urban Research is a multidisciplinary think-and-do tank housed at Rice University in central Houston, focusing on urban issues in Houston, the American Sun Belt and around the world. Through informed research, data and policy analysis, the Kinder Institute hopes to engage civic and political leaders to implement solutions to critical urban issues.

About the Kinder Institute Forum Lecture Series

The Kinder Institute Forum lecture series brings thought leaders from around the world to Houston to share ideas about the most pressing urban issues facing us today. Previous KI Forum speakers have included Pulitzer Prize-winning author Matthew Desmond, global urbanist Richard Florida, Kresge Foundation senior fellow Carol Coletta, former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Henry Cisneros, sociologist Eric Klinenberg and New York City Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver.

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About the Speaker

Antoine Bryant

Antoine Bryant, NOMA, Assoc. AIA, APA, is a thought leader and community engagement expert. As executive director of Row House Community Development Corporation, he managed and directed the construction of the award-winning Row House Duplexes. His work in affordable housing acquisition, rehabilitation, development and construction has been recognized throughout the country.

As principal of The Bryant Design Group, Antoine focused his efforts on effective and inclusive processes of design and development. As such, a key building block in said development is the empowerment of the local populace, which has led his efforts to engage communities. He has worked in South Dallas and Fair Park with Brent Brown and the noted building communities Workshop (bc WORKSHOP); South Side Day Nursery in St. Louis, MO; Neighborhood Recovery CDC in Houston’s Third Ward; the Community Design Research Center of the University of Houston; and the Rice Building Workshop, among many others.

Recently, Antoine led the engagement and capacity-building efforts in Houston’s Third Ward and Old Spanish Trail/South Union neighborhoods, as a key part of METRO’s Public Affairs team, starting with construction and eventual opening of the Light Rail Southeast Line. He also was the engagement lead for the Livable Centers Study for Independence Heights and the Greater Northside Management District in Houston. In the summer of 2016, he was the public engagement lead for APA’s nationally recognized Community Planning Action Team’s (CPAT) first international study, in Belize City, Belize.

Antoine has earned a Bachelor’s of Science in Urban and Regional Planning from Cornell University, with architectural training at the University of Texas at Austin Graduate School of Architecture, and study-abroad experience in Tokyo, Japan.
Upcoming Programs

**November 16, 2021 | 10:00 AM**

**Preserving Affordable Housing in Harris County**

This panel discussion will focus on how Houston can stem the loss of affordable housing amid rising land values and demand.

**December 1, 2021 | 12:15 PM**

**Kinder Institute Forum: Donald Shoup**

Donald Shoup, professor of urban planning at the University of California, will discuss the high costs associated with parking, as well as market-based parking reforms that can improve urban metro areas both economically and environmentally.
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