



## BUS TOUR GUIDES

# LAND ECONOMICS WEEKEND APRIL 26 -28, 2018

On behalf of the LAI Baltimore Chapter we would like you to know how pleased we are to host, and welcome you, to the upcoming Land Economics Weekend. Please be sure to sign up if you haven't already!

We have a busy weekend planned and look forward to our speakers sharing their knowledge and time with you. In advance of your arrival in Maryland, here is a bit of information about our Bus Tour Guides.

Sincerely,

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**Tamara Woods**  
Land Use Planner  
Senior Planner  
Baltimore Department of Planning

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Tamara Woods is originally from St. Louis, Missouri. She graduated from the University of Kansas in with a Bachelor's degree in Architectural Studies. In 2001, she received her Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from Alabama A&M University. In 2002, Woods came to work for the City of Baltimore Department of Planning as a community/comprehensive planner for several parts of the City.

As part of her duties she completed neighborhood plans, worked on the capital budget and extensively on TransForm Baltimore, the new Zoning Code for Baltimore that replaced the 1971 Zoning Code. She is currently a land use planner for the Department of Planning doing development project management, for large scale neighborhood redevelopment efforts and individual development projects. In addition, she works on policy initiatives for the Department.



Marshella Wallace  
Land Use Planner  
Eastern District Planner  
Baltimore Department of Planning

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Marshella Wallace was born in Philadelphia, raised in DC (mostly) and is loving Baltimore. Wallace enjoys everything about the built environment and working to understand what it means to communities and how to jointly improve places. Her alma maters are the University of Virginia with a Bachelor's Degree in Urban and Environmental Planning; Cornell University with a Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning; and Morgan State University with a Master of Architecture. She enjoys museum strolling, photography, jazz and gardening.



**Johns Hopkins, Jr.**  
Executive Director  
Baltimore Heritage

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Johns Hopkins, Jr. is the Director of Baltimore Heritage, Inc., a non-profit organization that works to preserve and find new economic uses for Baltimore's historic buildings and neighborhoods. Hopkins previously helped create and was the director of the Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code Program, within the State of Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development. The "Smart Codes Program," as it is called, streamlines government regulations to encourage investment in older buildings and neighborhoods. Hopkins also teaches a class on environmental law and regulation in Towson University's Environmental Science and Studies graduate program.

Hopkins serves on the board of directors of Civic Works, Inc., Baltimore's youth training and neighborhood revitalization corps, the Garrett Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund, the Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation, The Friends of Clifton Mansion, a non-profit group that is working to restore the summer home of the benefactor of his namesake university and hospital, and GreenMount School where his two young children attend.

Hopkins is a graduate of Yale University, the George Washington University Law School, and the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment.



**Kirby Fowler**  
President  
Downtown Partnership

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Kirby Fowler serves as the President of the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, Inc., and the Executive Director of the Downtown Management Authority, nonprofit organizations working to make Downtown Baltimore a destination of choice for businesses, employees, residents, and visitors. During his tenure, The Partnership has worked to dramatically transform a predominantly commercial district into a mixed-use neighborhood with new cultural attractions and a burgeoning residential population. Along the way, the Partnership has helped to preserve dozens of significant historic buildings and to give them new life as theaters, restaurants, and apartment buildings. According to the U.S. Census, the central core of Downtown is now considered the “fastest growing” and one of the “most integrated” residential neighborhoods in the City. The Downtown area ranks 10th in the country in the number of residents and 14th in the number of employees (of the top 25 most populous cities/regions, using one-mile radius comparisons).

With a \$9 million annual budget, DPOB employs approximately 130 people dedicated to: promoting economic development; producing demographic and market studies; implementing and monitoring infrastructure projects; cleaning sidewalks and streets; coordinating public safety initiatives; maintaining public space environments; overseeing park spaces and greening initiatives; marketing Downtown assets and amenities; presenting events and programing in public spaces; supporting transit alternatives; and providing business networking opportunities.

Prior to joining DPOB, Fowler was Of Counsel to Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, where he helped to develop Silo Point, the Giant supermarket in Waverly, and several other projects. He was also a partner in the law firm of Ober Kaler Grimes & Shriver, concentrating in commercial litigation and employment law. Fowler is a graduate of Dartmouth College and New York University School of Law. He is married to Carmina Perez-Fowler and has two daughters.



**Sean Davis**  
Principal  
Morris & Ritchie Associates, Inc.

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Sean Davis is a Principal with Morris & Ritchie Associates, Inc., a multi-disciplinary planning, architecture, civil engineering and landscape architectural company based in Maryland. Davis has spent 32 years assisting private sector land developers and home builders throughout the United States in planning, designing, and implementing a variety of development proposals – from small scale residential neighborhoods, to urban mixed-use centers, to large scale master planned communities. A reflection of his success is the number of communities that he has seen from concept through complete implementation, providing valuable “lessons learned”, and his long standing client relationships that often span decades.

Davis is currently the Chair of the Baltimore City Planning Commission, the Governance Chair of the Urban Land Institute Baltimore District Council, a member of a National Urban Land Institute Product Council that focuses on Community Development, a member of the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission – Concentrated Growth Workgroup, and on the State and Baltimore City Chapter Boards for the Homebuilders Association of Maryland.

Davis is a registered Landscape Architect in Maryland Delaware, North Carolina and New Jersey and received a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from Texas Tech University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Baltimore Law School.



**David Benn, AIA, LEED AP**  
Principal  
Cho Benn Holback, a Quinn Evans Company

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David Benn has more than 40 years of experience in the disciplines of architecture, urban design, and planning with special expertise in urban and educational projects. He practiced architecture in London, Ithaca, and New York. After teaching architectural design at Cornell University, he joined Diane Cho in what is now Cho Benn Holback, a Quinn Evans Company.

He has won numerous design awards from the American Institute of Architects, the American Planning Association Maryland Chapter, American School and University Association, the Maryland Historic Trust, Baltimore Heritage, the Urban Land Institute, the National Association of Home builders, and the Waterfront Center. He has won the Public Building of the Year Award from the Maryland AIA for two projects. Many of these awards are the result of his sensitivity to urban context and planning. David's educational experience includes 25 feasibility studies, 15 campus master plans and over 100 building projects.



**Donald Manekin**  
Co-Founder  
Seawall Development Company

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For more than four decades, Donald Manekin has worked on community-focused real estate development, civic leadership and philanthropic missions in the Baltimore-Washington region. In 2006, after a six-year hiatus from real estate development, he returned to co-found Seawall Development Company with his son Thibault. Seawall Development Company's projects are focused on redeveloping functionally obsolescent, generally long vacant historical buildings into mixed use projects that provide great affordable housing for teachers and cost effective, efficient and collaborative office space for non-profit organizations. They have completed two projects in Baltimore, Miller's Court ([www.millerscourt.com](http://www.millerscourt.com)) and Union Mill ([www.theunionmill.com](http://www.theunionmill.com)) and a recently completed project in Philadelphia Oxford Mills ([www.theoxfordmills.com](http://www.theoxfordmills.com)) replicating the Baltimore model.

Donald Manekin learned the real estate business from his father, Harold Manekin, co-founder of the Manekin Corporation, whose company he joined in 1975. By 1979, Donald had developed the skills to open a satellite office for the company in fast-growing Howard County. This branch eventually employed 30 and developed 2.5 million square feet of space used for offices, industry, flex and build to suit. Donald brought the same emphasis on long-term goals to his professional, civic and philanthropic work. As regional president of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties and a member of its national board, he traveled to speak on the importance of a long-term orientation for those in the development business. He also shared his expertise while teaching graduate students at Johns Hopkins University, M.I.T and Loyola University-Maryland. He served on a number of boards, including United Way of central Maryland, Leadership Howard County, Columbia Foundation, Teach for America and Open Society Institute-Baltimore. Upon retiring from Manekin in 2000, he served as chief operating officer of the Baltimore City Schools for two years and managed an \$850 million budget, streamlined its financial systems and oversaw its blueprint for high school reform.





**Peter DiPrinzio**  
Director of Operations  
R. House

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Peter DiPrinzio is the Director of Operations for R. House, a food hall and launch pad for chefs located in the Remington neighborhood of Baltimore. Peter is also the co-founder of the Remington Chop - an annual food workshop event - and spent two years working at a Baltimore startup through Venture for America prior to joining Seawall Development Company and R. House. He is originally from New York City and thus a harsh judge of pizza crusts and bagels.

**Our Saturday “Lunch On Your Own” will be at R. House. Check out your lunch options in advance at: [r.housebaltimore.com](http://r.housebaltimore.com)**



**REMININGTON** is Baltimore's destination for artists, entrepreneurs, nonprofits, makers, and innovators. In geography, identity, and spirit. Remington is the heart of the city. It is a diverse neighborhood where people take pride in their work and their community. It's a place with history, soul, and hope. **R.HOUSE** is a launchpad for Baltimore's most creative chefs. It's your living room, your kitchen, your office, your new hangout spot, your Baltimore stoop, your happy place. It's R. House.