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NEWS

CDC Rochester to Bid Farewell to Mo Duggan, Who Will Retire as Executive Director



Maureen Duggan

*Rochester, NY--December 8, 2016--*Maureen "Mo" Duggan has announced that she will retire from her position as Executive Director of CDC Rochester (CDCR) at the end of the year.

CDC Rochester is the region's only non-profit, community-driven advocate for planning and design of the built environment, providing technical assistance, grants, facilitation and educational programs.

"I am looking forward to spending time with my family and enjoying some favorite pastimes, especially travel," said Duggan. "My time at CDCR has been very rewarding and I am more convinced than ever about the importance of this work. The Design Center is in excellent hands under the leadership of our Board President Paul Tankel. I look forward to working with Paul, the CCDCR Board, our very talented staff and the interim executive director through the transition."



Paul Tankel

CDCR Board President, Paul Tankel, AIA, LEED AP and an independent university campus planner said, "Mo has done an outstanding job strengthening our relationships with peer organizations and community members and increasing the visibility of CDCR. We are very sorry to see her retire but are grateful for her hard work and dedication and look forward to building on her accomplishments as we continue to raise awareness for the importance of a vibrant public realm in our community."

Tankel added that Maria Furgiuele, a former CDCR board president, will serve as Interim Executive Director. Furgiuele is an architect and realtor and has been actively involved in many CDCR projects over the years. She has a special interest in CDCR's educational programs including the Reshaping Rochester Series and has served as a facilitator at many community design workshops.



Maria Furgiuele

"It has been an honor and privilege to have worked with CDCR in various capacities throughout the years. I want to thank Mo for the outstanding job that she has done this year and I look forward to the opportunity to continue to build on her success," said Furgiuele.

During Duggan's tenure as Executive Director, CDC Rochester has expanded its work in the region's towns and challenged neighborhoods including the charrette and vision plan for the El Camino Revitalization Neighborhood, and re-envisioning of Lomb Memorial Park and relighting the Lomb Memorial. She has led the continued growth of the Development/Design Fund Program that has funded several innovative stabilizing projects in the PLEX, Triangle, and other neighborhoods. And this year CDCR celebrated record attendance for the Reshaping Rochester Awards event and Reshaping Rochester lecture series.

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CDC Rochester is the Rochester region's only non-profit, citizen-driven organization dedicated to promoting healthy, sustainable communities by encouraging quality design and thoughtful use of built and natural resources. Its design professionals, planners, and citizens serve as a collaborative resource providing design guidance and recommendations.

CDCR organizes the annual Reshaping Rochester Series and Awards. CDCR has worked with neighborhoods and communities such as Corn Hill, Maplewood/Dewey, PLEX, Joseph Avenue, Upper Monroe, Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood, Marketview Heights, the Town of Pittsford, Town of Brighton, Lima, Penn Yan and more.

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