

# BANKIM KALRA, AICP

## Senior Planner

Mr. Kalra has over 8 years of diverse experience working with public planning agencies, international development organizations and private sector consultants. With a background in architectural design and an urban planning concentration in economic development, Mr. Kalra has developed unique skills that encompass various aspects of the development process: from concept visualization to planning, urban design, capital improvements programming, and economic analysis. As a senior planner with IBI Group Florida, Mr. Kalra's current responsibilities are focused around overall project coordination including: assisting with day-to-day management and work on all tasks in a project; conducting background research and GIS analysis; developing planning and urban design concepts; attending client meetings and public presentations; addressing client requests related to technical concerns; production of graphics; and preparing final planning reports.

## Representative Experience

**Pasco County Ongoing Planning and Design Services (2009), Pasco County, Florida-** In February 2009, the Board of County Commissioners of Pasco County directed the County staff to retain IBI Group to assist in the preparation of a strategic master plan for the areas of Trilby, Lacochee, and Trilacoochee Area. The Lacochee-Trilby Strategic Planning Area is a 2.5 square-mile area located in the northeast section of Pasco County, distinguished by scenic views of agricultural and rural landscapes. The challenge in this project was balancing the community's vision of protecting and preserving the rural character with the need to promote development in a tough economic environment. The Plan hinges on the fundamental philosophy of creating self-sufficient neighborhoods characterized by interconnected community planning systems of transportation corridors, surrounded by a diversity of housing types, services, amenities and local employment opportunities. Mr. Kalra served as the senior planner and project coordinator for this project.

**Downtown Transportation and Parking Improvements Plan (Ongoing), City of Stuart, Florida-** Coordinated and prepared a transportation and parking master plan for the downtown business district for the City of Stuart CRA. The study included conducting an existing supply and demand analysis and to propose strategies that will address issues related to downtown's existing and future parking requirements. The project incorporated substantial stakeholder participation as the foundation to develop a comprehensive set of strategies addressing the influence of factors such as traffic circulation, access to transit, urban design, and parking management policies on downtown's parking system.

**Downtown Master Plan (2009), City of Panama City, Florida-** The Panama City Community Redevelopment Agency undertook numerous projects between 2000 and 2009 to enhance the urban design quality and business climate of the redevelopment area. Unfortunately, in recent years, broad economic trends have restrained private investment in the area. IBI Group was retained by the Panama City CRA to translate the community's vision into an organized series of implementation strategies that will help the Agency make informed decisions in achieving its goal to make downtown a vibrant and economically sustainable urban neighborhood. Mr. Kalra served as project coordinator and lead designer for the development of a comprehensive master plan and urban design strategy for this project.

## Profile

### EDUCATION

Bachelor of Architecture, Sushant School of Art and Architecture, Gurgaon, India, 2001

Master of Urban Planning, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2005

### EXPERIENCE

#### May 2007 - to date

IBI Group Inc., Sarasota, FL, Senior Urban Planner

#### 2005 - 2007

RMPK Group, Sarasota, FL, Urban Planner

#### 2005

Jacobsen Daniels Associates, Ann Arbor, MI, Intern Aviation Planner

#### 2000 - 2002

Auroville's Future, Auroville, India, Urban Planner/ Architect

### CERTIFICATION

AICP #022226

### MEMBERSHIPS

American Planning Association

American Institute of Certified Planners

Urban Land Institute

Congress for New Urbanism

### COMPUTER SKILLS

ArcGIS, AutoCAD, Adobe Suite-InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Microsoft Office Suite

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- Downtown North Master Plan (2009), City of Panama City, Florida-** IBI Group was retained to develop a Redevelopment Master Plan for a 1,100 acre sector situated north of the historic downtown core. The Downtown North Redevelopment Plan was a direct result of a "blight" study conducted by IBI Group that confirmed an overwhelming presence of declining physical, economic, and social conditions that were a threat to the overall health of the community. The neighborhoods had experienced stagnant growth in terms of population and new investment over the last two decades and were plagued with serious socio-economic issues such as: a high percentage of single-mothers, high poverty rates, over fifty percent of the housing stock was in a deteriorated condition, and a high percentage of youth with low educational attainment levels. During the eight-month community based planning process, IBI Group worked with over 200 residents and stakeholders to develop a market-based community vision. The end product included a comprehensive document that detailed strategies for capacity building such as transition to Green Jobs, creation of a Business Assistance Center to assist the youth, working with national and local chains to attract a grocery store in the neighborhood. Mr. Kalra served as the project coordinator and lead planner on this project.
- Downtown Master Plan (2008)- City of Tavares, Florida-** IBI Group was retained by the City of Tavares to develop a revitalization plan for the 400-acre district encompassing the City's downtown CRA district. The master plan's goal was to propose development patterns that support densification of the city's urban core, as well as encouraging the creation of a vibrant mixed-use environment in anticipation of the arrival of the commuter rail in Central Florida. The end product included a comprehensive document that proposed detailed recommendations related to land use and housing, urban design, circulation and multimodal transportation options, economic development, historic preservation, and recreation along the downtown's exceptional Lake Dora waterfront. Mr. Kalra, serving as the senior planner and urban designer on this project, provided assistance in all aspects of the project including: day-to-day management, team coordination, inventory and analysis, writing reports, formulating implementation strategies, and production of final deliverables. The project was awarded the 2009 Best Planning Study Award by the Florida Redevelopment Association.
- Greater Childs Park Strategic Master Plan (2007), City of St. Petersburg, Florida-** The Greater Childs Park Area (GCPA) is a 2.5 square mile area, located west of the downtown core of the city of St. Petersburg and one of the remaining areas of the city to be revitalized. In 2006, the City embarked on a planning process for the GCPA by retaining the services of IBI Group to conduct the planning process. After a series of IBI Group facilitated asset-based meetings with various stakeholders, including: City administration and staff, the business community, neighborhood activists, the clergy and faith-based leaders, social service agencies, and the neighboring municipality, a comprehensive listing of GCPA assets was developed. Emerging from these stakeholder meetings was the common theme of neighborhood identity, connectivity, circulation and mobility. This theme generated appropriate strategies for land uses, transportation, housing, recreation, etc., maximizing on the geographical and human resource assets to achieve the Mayor's mission of a "seamless city". This project received the APA Florida Suncoast Section 2007 Award of Excellence.

**PUBLICATIONS**

101 Indian City Profiles, Asia Urbs Program, City Networking for Sustainable Development and Human Unity, Auroville's Future, India

**AWARDS**



Florida Redevelopment Association  
2009 Best Planning Study Award:  
Downtown Master Plan, City of Tavares, Florida. (IBI Group and City of Tavares)

APA Florida 2007 Award of Excellence:  
U.S. 1 Corridor Master Plan, City of Titusville (IBI Group and City of Titusville)

APA Florida Suncoast Section 2007  
Award of Excellence- Greater Childs  
Park Strategic Planning Initiative (IBI  
Group with City of St. Petersburg)

Michigan APA 2005 Best Student  
Project of the Year: New Directions for  
Vehicle City: A Framework for  
Brownfield Reuse. (Team effort,  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

City Networking for Sustainable  
Development and Human Unity,  
Auroville, India, January 27, 2003

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- **U.S. 1 Corridor Master Plan (2006), City of Titusville, Florida-** Mr. Kalra served as the Senior Planner to provide master planning services for this 2007 APA Florida award winning project. The US 1 Corridor is a major north/south transportation route in South Titusville, an area that has experienced economic decline in recent years but has also witnessed growing interest in waterfront development and other commercial growth. Commercial development and residential density have become divisive issues in the community, between those seeking economic development and those wanting to retain the historic elements of the adjacent neighborhoods.

## Additional Experience

### Strategic Master Plans/ Redevelopment Plans

Broad River Corridor Master Plan (2009-present), Central Midlands Council of Governments, SC

Lauderdale Lakes Redevelopment Master Plan Update (2009)- Lauderdale Lakes CRA, FL

Englewood Redevelopment Master Plan (2008), Escambia County, Florida

Redevelopment Feasibility Analysis (2008), City of Flagler Beach, FL

Westside Community Redevelopment Plan (2007) - City of Pensacola, FL

Miracle City Mall Redevelopment Master Plan (2007)- City of Titusville, FL

Downtown Master Plan (2006) - City of Flagler Beach, FL

Downtown Master Plan (2005) - Town of Lantana, FL

Westside Neighborhoods Plan (2005)- City of Pensacola, FL

Brownfield Redevelopment Plan (2004)- Genesee County BRA, MI

Master Plan Update (2005)- Detroit Metropolitan Airport, MI

Redevelopment Proposal for the First and William Streets Intersection (2005)- Ann Arbor, MI

Knowledge and Innovation: Envisioning a New Future for Jackson (2004) - Jackson City, MI

Redevelopment Plan and Urban Design Strategy, Gol Market (2000)- New Delhi, India

### Urban Design Guidelines and Codes

- Daytona Beach Land Development Code Update, Urban Design Diagnosis (2009)- (IBI served as a subconsultant to Clarion Associates)
- Visual Preference Survey, Downtown North Master Plan (2009), City of Panama City, Florida
- Visual Preference Survey, Downtown Master Plan (2009), City of Panama City, Florida

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- Downtown Urban Design Guidelines (2006) - City of Flagler Beach, FL
- Downtown Tavares Urban Design Plan (2008)- City of Tavares, FL
- U.S. 1 Waterfront Parks and Trails Master Plan (2007) - City of Titusville, FL
- Downtown Design Guidelines (2006) - Town of Lantana, FL
- U.S. 1 Corridor Design Guidelines (2006)- City of Titusville, FL
- A1A Corridor Tourist Commercial Zoning Analysis (2006)- Flagler Beach, Florida

**Regional Plans**

- Immokalee Master Plan Update (2007)- Collier County, FL
- Honey Creek Watershed Land Use Management Plan (2004) - Ann Arbor, MI
- Master Plan(2002) - City of Auroville, India

**Corridor Plans**

- Broad River Corridor Master Plan (2009-present)- Central Midlands Council of Governments, South Carolina
- U.S. 1 Corridor Master Plan (2006)- City of Titusville, FL
- A1A Corridor Study and Code Revisions (2006)- City of Flagler Beach, FL

**Finding of Necessity Studies**

- Finding of Necessity Study for the Expansion of Downtown CRA Boundaries (2008), City of Tavares, FL
- Finding of Necessity Study for the Expansion of Downtown North Boundaries (2008), City of Panama City CRA, FL
- Westside Neighborhoods Finding of Necessity Study (2006) - City of Pensacola, FL