

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH** **ROBERT N. BROWN, FAICP**

*Robert N. Brown* is a city planning consultant with 40 years of experience working for local government and serving community organizations, developers, architects and others engaged in urban planning and development. In recent work he has assisted developers in successfully navigating local zoning and planning approval processes.

He has specialized in writing zoning regulations and preparing comprehensive plans for urban and suburban communities. He has also written grant applications and managed the resulting grant-funded planning projects. He has spoken at regional and national conferences on subjects ranging from sign regulations to sustainable development patterns.

In 2014 he was elected as a "Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners," a national honor recognizing his accomplishments as a city planner.

---

---

### **Professional Experience**

- City Planning and Zoning Consultant, 2014-present
- Midtown Cleveland, Interim Director, 2015-16
- Cleveland City Planning Commission, Director, 2005-2014
- Cleveland City Planning Commission, Assistant Director, 1989-2004
- Cleveland Civic Vision Project Manager (consultant), 1985-1989
- Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, Managing Planner, 1976-1985
- Haverford Twp. Planning Department, Planner, 1975-76

### **Major Projects**

- Cleveland Civic Vision 2000 Citywide Plan (project manager)
- Connecting Cleveland 2020 Citywide Plan
- Comprehensive plans for several communities
- Zoning codes for several communities
- Urban design guidelines
- Sustainable development plans and zoning
- Urban agriculture zoning
- Regulations for signs, cell towers, PUDs, etc.
- Community planning for major roadway projects
- Great Places (placemaking) report
- People & Their Places in Cleveland (photo essay)

### **Education**

- Goddard College, BA program, Liberal Arts, 1969-1971
- Case Western Reserve University, BA, Urban Studies, 1971-73
- Columbia University, MS Program, Urban Planning, 1973-75

### **Affiliations & Awards**

- Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners
- American Institute of Certified Planners, 1978-present
- Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, President, 2008
- MidTown Cleveland board member, 2016-present
- Future Heights board member and vice-president, 2017-present