

CURRICULUM VITAE

GEOFFREY CHARLES UNDERWOOD

- PRESENT POSITION** : Town and Regional Planner, Director of Planning Partners
- PERSONAL PROFILE** : Citizenship - South African
Marital Status - Married with two children
- QUALIFICATIONS** : BSc (Town and Regional Planning) University of the Witwatersrand, 1976.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Registered with the South African Council for Town and Regional Planners. Member of the South African Planning Institution. Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

LANGUAGE

- English : Written Excellent
Spoken Excellent

FIELDS OF EXPERIENCE : Particular aspects of experience include:

- * Master planning and Structure planning for urban areas.
- * Layout planning for residential, commercial and industrial areas.
- * Residential golf estates
- * Coastal recreation planning.
- * Development control and statutory aspects of planning, including zoning schemes.
- * Preparation and administration of rezoning and subdivision applications.
- * Regional analysis.
- * Rural development planning.
- * Informal settlement upgrading.
- * Community consultation programmes.

WORK HISTORY :

Formerly Deputy Director of the Department of Physical Planning in Zimbabwe and involved with statutory planning, layouts for low income housing, provincial co-ordination, rural development and regional analysis.

Moved to Cape Town in 1984 and joined a professional consultancy firm as a town and regional planner. This firm is now called Planning Partners. Appointed as an associate in 1985 and a partner in 1988. Currently one of three Directors responsible for Planning Partners, which is one of the largest firms of town planning and landscape consultants in the Western Cape. Geoff has over 30 years of experience, working in both the public and private sector, and covering a very wide range of responsibilities in the field of town and regional planning.

MAJOR PROJECTS :

Examples of work include the following:

- * Planning and urban design of residential golf estate at Huddle Park (Johannesburg) and golf / eco-estate at Millvale (Rustenberg area).
- * Planning consultant responsible for the rezoning and statutory applications required for 2010 World Cup Soccer stadium in Cape Town.
- * Master plan for a new commercial and residential development in Luanda, Angola
- * Master plans for residential eco-estates in Mauritius at Beau Rivage and in the Limpopo Province at Origstad.
- * Urban planning input for major public transportation studies within the Inner City of Cape Town, and Century City.
- * Preparation of new integrated zoning schemes for the City of Cape Town, Western Cape Provincial Government and Tygerberg.
- * Responsible for the preparation of urban and local structure plans for Atlantis, Mamre, Pringle Bay, Rooi Els, Driftsands.
- * Design of detailed housing layouts, rezonings and applications for the necessary planning approval in a variety of different areas. Major projects included Croydon Vineyard and Olive estates near Somerset West, High Cape (Vredehoek), Steenberg Residential Golf Estate (Constantia), Knysna Quays (Knysna), Loevendal (Bellville), Glenwood (Goodwood), Century City (Milnerton)
- * Urban planning for commercial and office development in Port Alfred, Cape Town, Milnerton, Goodwood, Century City and Tyger Falls.
- * Informal settlement upgrading and subsidised housing projects in Driftsands, Fisantekraal, Franschoek and Polokwane.
- * Preparation of master plans for the public resorts of Silwerstroomstrand and Macassarstrand. Co-ordination of the project team for the detailed design and implementation of these projects.
- * Feasibility studies for various development projects in the Cape Town metropolitan area.
- * Studies of public open space in Pinelands and environmental issues in Driftsands and the Hangklip sub-region.
- * Planning studies for the conversion of redundant military bases at George, Saldanha and Langefontein.
- * Planning for social upliftment and urban renewal in Belhar and Gugulethu.

OTHER:

Involvement with the Cape Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the South African Institute of Town and Regional Planners.

Study tours of the United States of America looking at urban development projects, including residential golf estates.

Private research and interest in the impact of transportation systems and urban development.

Presentation at various international conferences and publication of papers dealing with urban issues.