



Ned Apigian, AIA, Dearborn Heights City Commission

Born and raised in Niagara Falls, New York, Ned Apigian not only embraces his role as a citizen architect, but also seeks to draw others from the profession into civic volunteer roles. “We need professional expertise on our communities’ boards and councils. Architects must step forward to contribute their insight and perspectives to improve the communities in which we live.”

Ned’s civic involvement only starts with his role on the Dearborn Heights City Commission. He also is active with government affairs through AIA Michigan. His experience as an elected official helps to facilitate communication from the architectural profession to our state legislators as well.

A 1966 graduate of the University of Detroit (with a BS in Architecture), Ned continued his education and received his Masters in Urban Planning from Wayne State University in 1969. He is one of 68 licensed professional community planners in Michigan – only four of which are also licensed architects. This combination of expertise has created opportunities for Ned to participate in several very intriguing projects, including the Conceptual Design of the Central Business District of Downtown Pontiac, design of a satellite city for Mecca, Saudi Arabia, and the Cobo Hall Expansion Design (1987-1990).

As a member of the 13th Congressional District Executive Committee, Ned participates in broader discussions about the redevelopment of the Detroit Metro Area. He also hosts a radio program through Henry Ford Community College (WHFR) where he facilitates discussions of news and views in Dearborn Heights.

Ned has completely integrated his civic role with his profession of architect and urban planner, and he passionately calls to his professional colleagues: “We need your input! Become involved in your communities.”