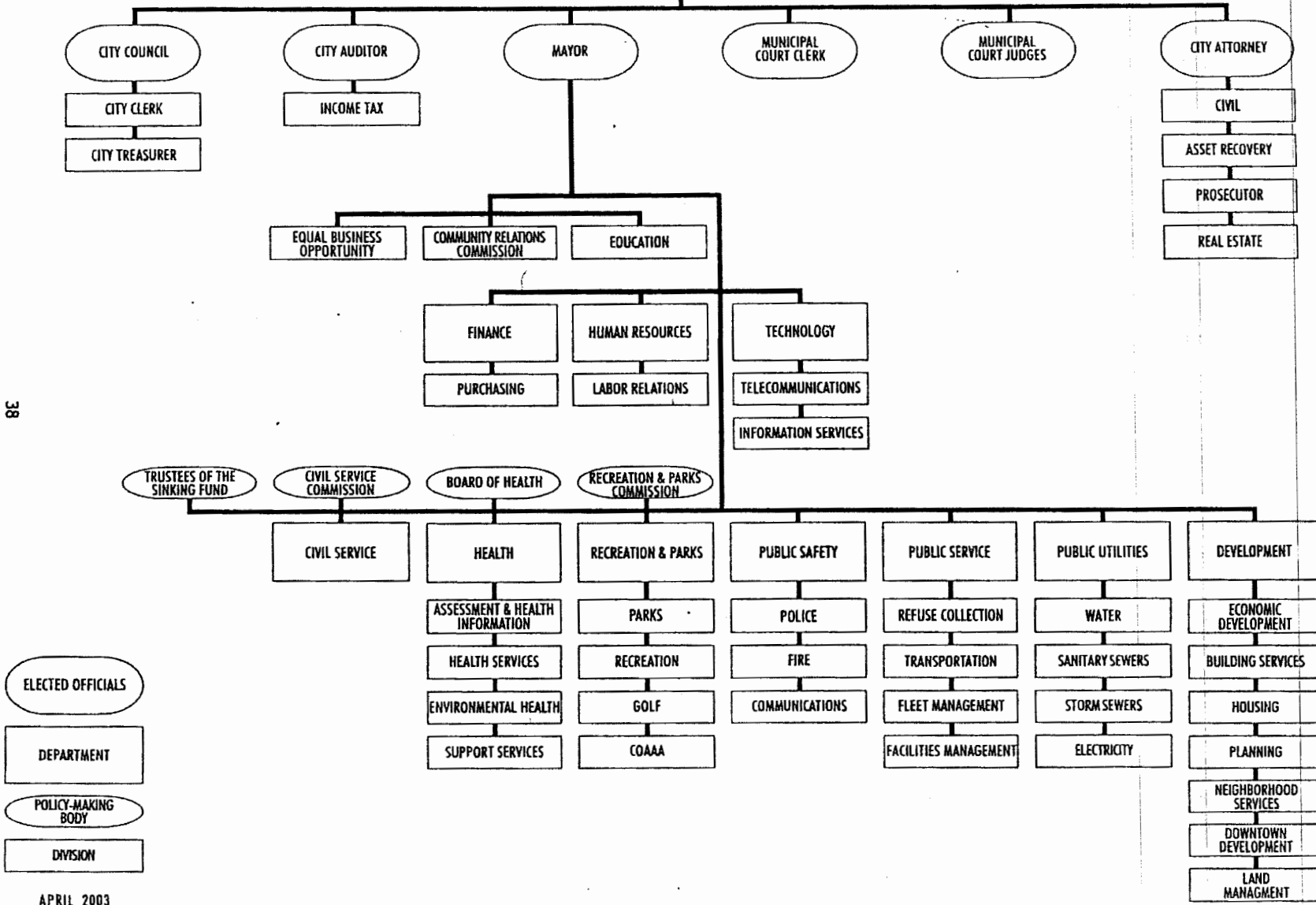


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THE CITIZENS OF COLUMBUS



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|| Citizen Services

CITY SERVICES



311 Call Center

The City of Columbus Call Center provides a single point of contact for you, the resident, to submit a request for non-emergency City Services.

▶ Submit or Check a Service Request...

CURRENT PRESS RELEASES



June 30, 2006

Red White and Boom!

The 26th Red, White & Boom! will be held on Monday, featuring the ever-popular Midway, BOOM!Central, Taste of BOOM!, Crew BOOM! and Kaufmann's Children's Park.

▶ Click here to read more...



June 15, 2006

Columbus Selected as 2006 All-America City!

Mayor leads team of residents, business partners and Capital Kids to bring home Top National Honor. On Sunday night, the National Civic League declared that Columbus, Ohio, was a 2006 ALL-AMERICA CITY.

▶ Click here to read more (PDF)



May 31, 2006

Mayor Coleman Kicks Off Home Again Program

The City is stepping up to tackle vacant and abandoned houses through Home Again, a promise made by Mayor Coleman during his 2006 State of the City Address, along with the commitment of \$25 million over six years to buy, fix up or tear down the first 1,000 blighted properties.

▶ Click here to read more (pdf)

FEATURED SITES



Pay Your Water Bill

You can now pay your Water/Sewer bills on-line via credit card.

▶ Learn more...



2006 Culture Fest

The Columbus Culture Fest was created in 2001 as a result of our changing cultures in Columbus and the surrounding communities.

▶ Learn more...



Home Again

The Home Again Program is a new \$25 million neighborhood revitalization initiative focusing on the eradication of vacant homes across the City.

▶ Learn more...



2006 Road Resurfacing Projects

All or portions of 116 streets, primarily on the east and south east sides of Columbus, will be resurfaced between May 15 and November 15, and 1,197 ADA-compliant handicapped ramps will be installed.

▶ Learn more...



Columbus KIDS

A special site just for kids and their parents! Visit and learn more about Black History and Great Ohioans.

▶ Learn more...



Vendor Services

A new way to do business with the City of Columbus

▶ Learn more...

Columbus, OH

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Click for Forecast

Friday, June 30, 2006

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- || Buy Property
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- || Downtown Business Plan
- || Greater Columbus Arts Council
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MOST REQUESTED

- || Drivers License - Ohio
- || 2006 Budget
- || Vendor Services
- || Pay a Parking Ticket
- || The Wi-Fi Hotspots Around Town
- || Adopt a Pet
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MY NEIGHBORHOOD

Find your elected officials, police precinct, hospitals, and more...

Enter an address:

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Example: 90 Broad St
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CITY DEPARTMENTS

- || Civil Service Commission
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- || Department of Development
- || Equal Business Opportunity
- || Finance and Management
- || Health Department
- || Human Resources
- || Office of Education
- || Public Safety
- || Public Service
- || Public Utilities
- || Recreation & Parks
- || Technology
- || Treasurer's Office
- || Parking Violation Bureau
- || Veteran's Affairs

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- || City Attorney
- || City Auditor
- || City Council
- || Income Tax
- || Mayor's Office
- || Municipal Court Clerk
- || Municipal Court Judges

WHERE CAN I?

- || Get City Bid Information
- || Find Zoning Map Information
- || Track Permits On-line
- || Find Information on City Services
- || View City Codes and Ordinances
- || Register as a Legislative Agent (Lobbyist)
- || Calculate savings using online payments
- || Dispose Household Hazardous Waste
- || Find my Trash Collection Color/Day
- || Get Income Tax Forms
- || Register As A Vendor
- || Report Graffiti
- || Road Construction
- || See What's on GTC-3
- || Send a Suggestion to the Mayor?
- || Start or Register a Business
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NEIGHBORHOOD **pride!**
COLUMBUS



THE PLANNING PROCESS

THE S.I.T.A.R. APPROACHES TO PLANNING

The sitar is a five-stringed musical instrument from India which can be played one string at a time or by blending the sounds of all five strings. Likewise, each approach below can be used alone or in combination with others.

Synoptic Rationality (Rational Comprehensive Approach)

- o most commonly used due to its basic simplicity
- o the point of departure for most other planning approaches
- o four classic elements: goal-setting; identification of policy alternatives; evaluation of means against ends; and, implementation of the preferred alternative
- o process may allow for multiple iterations, feedback loops and subprocesses
- o uses conceptual or mathematical models to relate objectives to resources and constraints (heavy reliance on quantitative analysis)
- o typically looks at problems from a systems viewpoint

The (Rational Comprehensive) Planning Process

- o a decision-making process based on rational forethought intended to promote the public interest
- o like the process of buying an automobile where the buyer attempts to promote his or her best interest (i.e. get the best car for the money)
- o planning is a five-step process
 1. identify problems and opportunities, set goals
 2. collect information
 - you will never have it all
 - Altshuler: "Planning problems are never simply technical; they always involve the determination of priorities among values."
 3. identify and compare alternatives
 4. select an alternative and put it to work
 5. monitor progress
- o planning in a dynamic community is like working on a car engine while it is running
 - interim reports help
- o planning is continuous and on-going
- o planning is a verb

Incremental Planning

- o Charles Lindbloom's: "The Science of Muddling Through"
- o "partisan mutual adjustment" or "disjointed incrementalism"
- o mixture of intuition, experience, rules of thumb, various techniques combined with an endless series of consultations to produce results
- o policy decisions are better understood and arrived at in terms of the push and tug of established institutions through the decentralized bargaining processes best suited to a free market and a democratic political economy
- o may be only rational way to proceed in situation of high uncertainty, when neither the ends nor the means are clearly understood
- o adheres to the economic logic of individuals pursuing their own self-interest

Transactive Planning

- o relies on the experience of people's lives to examine policy issues; interpersonal dialogue and mutual learning
- o face-to-face contact with persons affected by decisions and policies
- o decentralized planning helping people increase control over social processes that govern their welfare
- o focus on personal and organizational development (not just community objectives as in incremental planning)
- o plans are evaluated not in terms of service provision but in terms of the plan's affect on people, values, behavior and capacity for growth through cooperation and generosity (not self-interest)

Advocacy Planning

- o developed in the 1960s
- o modelled after legal profession
- o usually applied to defending the interests of weak or poorly-represented groups (low income, minorities, environmental activists, disenfranchised)
- o Paul Davidoff
- o successful means of blocking insensitive plans and challenging the definition of a unitary public interest
- o in theory, calls for plural plans, not just one
- o criticized for creating stumbling blocks without presenting and mobilizing support for constructive alternatives
- o an effect has been public policy formulation in the open
- o focus on principles and unintended side effects of public decisions
- o a result has been requirements for impact reports
- o reflects a trend away from neutral objectivity towards principles of social justice

Radical Planning

- o two mainstreams: spontaneous activism and critical/holistic look at social processes
- o spontaneous activism guided by an idealistic vision of personal, self-reliance
- o stresses personal growth, cooperative spirit, and freedom from manipulation by force
- o collective actions that can achieve concrete results in the immediate future
- o minimum intervention by bureaucracies
- o maximum participation of people in defining, controlling and experimenting with solutions to their own problems
- o example: decentralization of planning process to neighborhoods
- o calls for ideas to be tested in actions aimed at permanent change in social institutions and values

Other approaches to planning ...

Utopianism

- o seeks to fire the public's imagination by proposing sweeping new approaches to traditional urban problems
- o goals are clearly and powerfully stated by a "visionary"
- o example: Daniel Burnham and the White City of the 1893 Columbian Expedition
- o purpose: the improvement of mankind's urban experience through extensive changes in conventional methods
- o may be associated with better housing, stronger neighborhoods, new towns, greenbelts, elimination of poverty, provision of new social services, and income redistribution programs

Methodism

- o a planning activity for which the method to be employed is clear, but the ends to be achieved are undefined or unknown
- o the method may become an end in itself
- o example: extensive data collection may occur without a known use for the data

