

Taryn Sabia, Ed.M., M.Arch, MUCD

Biosketch

Taryn Sabia's fifteen-year career in architecture and urban design is anchored by a passion to involve citizens in actively shaping the built environment. Her diverse background in architecture, urban design, education, and community engagement has provided a deep understanding of the importance of context-based design, mobility, and culture of place, and how these elements inform the architecture of an urban framework.

Ms. Sabia is Director of the Florida Center for Community Design and Research (FCCDR) at the University of South Florida's School of Architecture and Community Design. As a Research Associate Professor, she teaches graduate courses and studios on urban design policy, climate change and sustainability, urban form, urban transportation systems, and citizen involvement in urbanism. Her research is committed to the merging of design and civics, with focus on climate change adaptation, transit modes and public space. With extensive experience building partnerships between community members, organizations, and government leaders, Ms. Sabia has served as a Principle Investigator on more than 25 projects, advised 39 mayors, and has overseen nearly \$1.5 million in sponsored research as Director of FCCDR.

Ms. Sabia is a co-founder of the Tampa based non-profit, urban design collaborative, Urban Charrette, Inc. The organization is dedicated to educating community leaders and young professionals about sustainable urban design and empowering citizens to make their neighborhoods and cities better places to live. Her community interests focus on engaging citizens in participatory design experiences through tactile urbanism.

She has worked professionally in the field of architecture on projects focused on mixed-use development, historic preservation, and downtown façade redevelopment programs. Ms. Sabia has planned and facilitated over 100 public charrettes and workshops and has authored several articles about community engagement and urban design including a publication in the National Civic Review. In 2014 and 2017, Ms. Sabia led the East Regional Session Mayor's Institute for City Design program. She has presented numerous times at national and regional conferences and has served as Chair for the American Institute of Architects' Regional and Urban Design Leadership Group leading initiatives for the Active City Conference in 2017 and the Future of Urban Design Education Symposium coming in 2019.

Ms. Sabia earned her Master of Urban and Community Design from the University of South Florida, Master of Architecture from Rhode Island School of Design where she served as a Senate Fellow to the Senior Policy Advisor for the Rhode Island Senate. She holds a Master of Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a Bachelor Degree in Visual Art from Eckerd College.