

SHE'S GOT WHEELS



Dana Hazen | Community Builder

Dana took her position as the first-ever Mountain Brook City Planner in 2007 and has since worked to perpetuate the 1920s-drafted plans of Robert Jemison. Since its inception, Mountain Brook has prided itself on being a walking community that embraces the natural landscape. Houses are built on the land's already-occurring paths, and foot paths connect each village node. By reorganizing zoning areas and establishing building regulations, Dana hopes to recreate a community synergy between the structures and their inhabitants. "How can we get our people walking and knowing each other again?" she asks. Dana often travels the 13-square-mile area in her top-down convertible. "It's just like being in a candy shop when you work here," Dana says. "Each [house] is more beautiful than the one you just passed. But, it's all about creating relationships. If people don't have relationships, it doesn't matter what you build." To read more, visit birmingham.skirt.com.

Photo by Angela Karen