



CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT OF CONFERENCE/MEETING ATTENDANCE

Name: Barbara Pierce

Vendor No.:

Department: City Council

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Responsible Standing Committee: _____

Conference or meeting: 6th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference – Building safe, healthy and livable communities, February 8-11 2007 Los Angeles

Summary of conference or meeting: This 3-day conference featured cutting-edge smart growth issues, most recent research, implementation tools and strategies, successful case studies, interactive learning experiences, and exposure to noted professionals in the fields of health, architecture, landscape architecture, planning, transportation and environmental protection.

Smart growth experts and audience participants including elected officials, planners, architects, lawyers, not for profits and community members had the opportunity to discuss how smart growth policies, programs and tools were working in their communities. Other communities throughout the nation are facing similar growth challenges and have implemented some of the strategies that Redwood City is considering, so this was a good chance to learn from their experience.

The inter-disciplinary presentations really helped me to see the links between the design and building form of our community and residents' health and mobility, and the economic and environmental impacts of community design. As Redwood City continues to work on the General Plan it is a perfect time to consider how we might modify the design of the community to improve the health of our children and seniors, provide the framework for additional transportation mobility, and protect the environment and economy.

There were so many great educational presentations that I ordered audio copies of those that were most appropriate so that staff, commissioners and council members could have access to the information and power point presentations in a cost effective manner. I will be providing the literature from the conference to the City Manager to share with the appropriate departments.

Some of the sessions I attended included:

Finding the Dollars and Making them grow: Funding for Smart Growth,
The Tax Toolbox: Financing Mechanisms for Encouraging Smart Growth,
Gentrification in the Name of Smart Growth: Lessons and Strategies for Maintaining Diversity,
Complete Streets: Innovations for Planning and Policies,

Community Benefits Agreements: a Development Tool to Ensure Jobs, Housing and other Benefits for your Community,
Partnerships for Building Crime-Resistant Communities,
Weaving the Fabric of Smart Growth: Linkages between Crime Prevention, Pedestrian Safety, Public Health and Economic Vitality,
Innovative Regional Strategies Linking Smart Growth, Infrastructure and Climate Change,
Smart Growth Codes Makeover: Lessons for Making the Transition,
Changing the Climate Through Smart Growth.



Signature of Council Member

02/21/07
Date

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