

## Kim Burnett

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### *Professional History*

#### **INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT ▪ Denver, CO**

**2010 - present**

Provide support to public, private, and non-profit organizations interested in building communities that promote economic prosperity, environmental sustainability, and equitable outcomes for all residents. Work ranges from strategy development, facilitation, systems integration, national scans and research, developing high-impact peer-to-peer learning networks, and strategic assessment. Particular strengths include helping clients integrate disparate systems (i.e. community revitalization, workforce, economic development, and environmental goals) and connecting local practitioners to national resources and/or other communities addressing similar challenges to promote replication and learning. Clients include foundations, associations in philanthropy, nonprofit organizations, and public and private organizations working with nonprofits and philanthropy on urban and metropolitan issues.

#### **PROGRAM DIRECTOR ▪ the Surdna Foundation, New York, NY**

**2005 - 2010**

Managed national portfolio of over \$7 million focused on the intersection of workforce, economic development, asset building, and community revitalization, for this fifth-generation family foundation. Responsible for grant-making oversight, budget management, research and consultant management, representation of the Foundation, and supervision of a Program Officer and a Program Assistant. Spearheaded national initiative to revitalize America's older industrial cities. Co-chair national working group of over 100 foundations to share best practices, coordinate funding, and leverage leadership for policy and practice changes in America's older industrial cities. Effort has resulted in broad-scale public policy reforms in five NE states, formation of a Congressional Task Force on these issues, and subsequent public policy change at the Federal level. Coordinated foundation cross-program efforts relating to Cities and Climate Change, the role of the Creative Economy, and post-Katrina recovery in New Orleans.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ▪ Community Development Partnership Network, Denver, CO**

**2000–2005**

Founding Executive Director of this Ford-funded, national peer-learning network of community development funder collaboratives. Worked with Board of Directors to develop, manage, and implement organization's strategic plan. Responsible for day to day operations, fiscal management, fundraising, and programming activities - including member services, research, and field-building initiatives. Through educational programming, significantly impacted the work of member organizations -- moving them from core-operating support funding vehicles to strategic implementers of a more efficient and market-savvy approach to community development.

#### **PROGRAM OFFICER ▪ Neighborhood Partnership Fund, Portland, OR**

**1998–2000**

Designed and managed first-ever comprehensive leadership and organizational development training programs for non-profit grant recipients for this statewide funder collaborative. Directed all aspects of project management including budgets, timelines, scope, contract negotiation, and supervision of staff and consultants.

#### **PROGRAM MANAGER ▪ REACH CDC Inc., Portland, OR**

**1995–1998**

Promoted to Manager from Program Assistant after one year. Managed implementation of the Belmont Business District Plan, an award-winning inner-city revitalization project for a neighborhood business district. Responsible for program planning, community outreach, coordination of over 200 community volunteers, marketing and communication, event coordination, fiscal management, and overall program evaluation.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ANALYST ■ Cisco Systems, Inc., San Jose, CA 1988–94**

Project team leader for the development of manufacturing information systems improving workflow and productivity for this fortune 500 company. Specific team projects included installation of company's just-in-time manufacturing system, implementation of manufacturing quality information system, development of on-line manufacturing change order system, and coordination of installation of a new company-wide manufacturing information system.

**DIRECTOR OF STORE PERSONNEL ■ ACA JOE International, San Francisco, CA 1984–88**

In four years, promoted from sales associate to Director of Store Personnel for company's 67 retail locations. Over the course of four years, served as store manager for company's flagship store (over \$100,000 / sq ft in annual sales), oversaw new store openings and closings, directly supervised 8 divisional managers, and was responsible for national sales force of over 500 employees.

**Education & Professional Development**

- Masters of Urban and Regional Planning, 1999 ■ Portland State University, Portland, OR.
- Bachelor of Sciences, Politics, 1992 ■ University of California, Santa Cruz, CA. Graduated with honors; member Phi Beta Kappa.

**Select Speeches and Affiliations**

- Non-resident Fellow, Metropolitan Policy Program, The Brookings Institution.
- Board Member, Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, 2006 – 2010.
- Presentation on *Cities in Transition* to HUD leadership, Summer 2009. Presentation led to cross-departmental task force to address challenges.
- Open Plenary Speaker, "*Role of Philanthropy in Vacant Properties*," National Vacant Properties Campaign Conference, fall, 2007.
- Presenter, "*NGOs in Weak Market Cities*," London School of Economics and the Brookings Institution, Fall 2007.
- Keynote Speaker, "*Rethinking the Business of Community Development*," Northeast Neighborworks conference, winter 2006.
- Keynote Speaker, "*A Strategy for Revitalization of Pittsburgh's Neighborhoods*," Community Development Forum, fall 2005.
- Featured Interview, "*New Approaches to Revitalization*," Smart City Radio, January 29, 2005.

**Publications**

- Writing team, "*Retooling for Growth: Economic Development Strategies for America's Older Industrial Cities*," 2007 American Assembly.
- Contributing author, "*Reshaping the Business of Community Development*," The Community Development Partnership Network, November 2003.
- "*Strengthening Weak Market Cities: A Ten Step Program for CDCs*," Shelterforce, #131, September/ October 2003.
- Co-author, "*Creating a New Framework for Community Development in Weak Market Cities*," The Community Development Partnership Network, April 2003.
- Co-author, "*Putting the Region to Work*," Portland State University, Portland, OR. An analysis of the region's workforce development system.
- Research Team, "*Progress of a Region: The Metropolitan Portland Economy in the 1990s*," Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies, College of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University, April 1999.