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EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Over Twenty-Five years of experience and accomplishments in Landscape Architecture, Park Planning, Project Management, and Construction Administration. Accomplishments include; land acquisition, design, community review process, development permits, construction documents, bidding, construction oversight, and inspection for park and recreation facilities. Update of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plans. Demonstrated leadership and consensus-building with advisory boards, government and political leaders, civic groups, ground crews, contractors.

CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Assisted in the City of Issaquah successful Park Bond for \$6.25 million dollars.
- Consistently met or came in under budget despite a period of tough economic conditions.
- Assisted the City of Issaquah in applying for and receiving over \$700,000 grant funds for park development from King County and Washington State.
- Served as Designer/Project Manager for multiple public park and recreation projects during the past 17 years in California and the City of Issaquah.
- Revised and Updated the City of Issaquah's Park, Recreation, and Open Space strategic Plan.
- Accepted a Neighborhood Park Design Award for the County of Santa Cruz, California
- Project Manager of Design Team in the private sector.

QUALIFICATION HIGHLIGHTS

- In-house Design, Development, and Project Management of Park and Recreational Facilities and CIP projects that result in significant cost savings and budgetary compliance.
- Analyze designs to determine most cost-efficient method to accomplish projects and negotiate contracts within budget.
- Coordinated with other departments, agencies, political bodies, and community leaders to maintain a positive team environment and open communications.
- Knowledge and expertise in master plan graphics, computer programs, project management techniques, and construction methods.
- Coordinate and analyze parcels for future acquisition for strategic planning and development of future open space.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

City of Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department • Issaquah Washington

Nov 2001 to Feb 2009

Landscape Architect/Project Coordinator

Acquisition, Design, Permitting, Construction Documents, Bidding and Construction Management of Park and Recreational Facilities. Research and apply for applicable grants for acquisition and development of park property and projects. Integrate City Parks Maintenance with various types of design and installation projects. Preparation of RFQ and RFP for Public Projects, administration of consultant contracts, and community design group presentations and workshops

- Completion of design, documents and development of 60 acres of new Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Areas in the Issaquah Highlands Development with a \$3.3 million budget.
- Design and Development of Pickering Farm Courtyard, \$200K Budget.
- Design and Development of other Parks and Public Works projects
- Assistance with division budget and monitored expenditures of department funds.
- Assistance with successful Parks and Natural Areas Bond Measure.
- Successful Grant funding from King County and Washington State.
- Coordination of Design and Feasibility Studies for Artificial Turf Fields.
- Inspected work to ensure compliance with specifications, approve quality of materials and work, and advise client and construction personnel.

County of Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency • Santa Cruz, California

Nov 1990 to Nov 2001

Park Planner/Project Manager

Design, Development, Project Management, Construction Oversight for Park and Recreational Facilities;
Coordination of Community input process and meetings with Boards and Commissions.

- Preparation of RFQ and RFP for Public Projects, administration of consultant contracts, and community design group presentations and workshops.
- Project Management, Bidding and Construction, Construction Inspection, and Contract Negotiations.
- Design, Development, and Project Management of over \$10 million of Parks, Recreation Facilities, Public Work Projects and Street Tree Program.
- Assisted in selection, design, and analysis of parcels for acquisition and development for Park and Recreational Facilities.

Beals/Lechner Associates, private landscaping firm • San Jose, California

Oct 1988 to Sept 1990

Project Manager

Project Manager of design team of 2 to 4 members working on Public Work and Park Projects in the Bay Area of California

- Work on Client proposals to RFQ and RFP from Public Agencies, community design group presentations and workshops.
- Coordinate Design and Construction Documents with design team.
- Coordinated Project Inspections, Site Reports, etc.
- Completion of multiple Community and Neighborhood Park projects, High School Field Renovation, and Community Streetscapes.

Various Landscape Architecture Firms • California

1981 to 1988

Draftsman to Project Manager

Upon graduating from college I worked for various Landscape Architecture Firms from 4 person to large firms with over 70 employees working on high end residential to large scale housing developments, public parks, and public work streetscapes. During this period I was able to determine what area of landscape architecture to focus my career.

EDUCATION

California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo • San Luis Obispo, California

1981

B.S., Landscape Architecture

Orange Coast Community College • Costa Mesa, California

1977

A.A., Ornamental Horticulture

LICENSES

Registered Landscape Architect • California Architects Board • Sacramento, California • 1993 to 2010

Landscape Architect • State of Washington Dept of Licensing • 2002 to 2010

AWARDS

- Certificate of Merit • Washington Recreation & Park Association • 2007 • Pickering Farm Courtyard WRPA Spotlight Special Use Award
- Certificate of Appreciation • City of Issaquah • 2004 • Recognition for valuable contribution and professional commitment in the development of Central and Black Nugget Parks in the Issaquah Highlands.
- Proclamation - Gold Award • Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors • 1999 • Recognizing Outstanding Contributions for oversight and project management for the Simpkins Family Swim Center.
- Proclamation - Gold Award • Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors • 1997 • Recognizing Outstanding Contribution for efforts in completion of Commercial Way Project.
- Proclamation - Gold Award • Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors • 1994 • Recognition for Outstanding Contribution for work on the Farm Project Affordable Housing design team.
- Facility Design and Park Planning Award • California Park & Recreation Society • 1993 • For Outstanding Achievement Neighborhood Park - Population 50,001 - 150,000