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RESUME: Ernie Bonner
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CAREER SUMMARY

Demonstrated Accomplishments in Urban and Regional Planning and Development.

Two Decades of Public Service in the City of Portland and State of Oregon.

Successful Management of energy conservation programs throughout the Pacific Northwest.

National Awards in video production.

EDUCATION

B.S., Architectural Engineering and B.S., Business, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

Masters in Urban and Regional Planning, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

PhD Candidate, Economics, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Specialties: Quantitative Methods, the Economies of Developing Countries and Regional Economic Development.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Institutional Planner, Consultant to Dubai Municipality, U. A. E. Completed studies of Dubai Municipality Structural Plan as part of CH2M/Hill project to assist this Middle East city in implementing their land use plan.

Energy Conservation Manager, Bonneville Power Administration, Portland, OR. Directed the development and operation of energy conservation programs for residential and industrial energy users throughout the Pacific Northwest.

President, Sunlight Energy Systems, a firm distributing Grumman solar energy equipment in Oregon and Washington.

Planning Director, City of Portland, OR. Supervised staff of 55 full-time professionals; directed completion of city and neighborhood plans in transportation, housing, land use, energy and neighborhood development.

Chief Planner, City Planning Commission, Cleveland, Ohio. Supervised

preparation of the Cleveland Comprehensive Plan, which became a model of its kind for the nation, and has been designated a national planning historic landmark by APA, the planning professional organization

Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin Graduate School of Planning, Madison, Wisconsin. Taught Planning Analysis Techniques, Economic Development and Comprehensive Planning courses.

SKILLS

Comprehensive land use and transportation planning; Regional Economic Development; Institutional and Organizational Aspects of Plan Implementation; Project Management and Problem Solving; Computer Analysis (Word, Excel, Power Point and Access Database); Writing and Public Presentation; Video Production.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Visiting Lecturer, University of Helsinki Seminar on Regional Planning and Programming for planners in Finland.

Vice-Chairman, National Committee on Outdoor Advertising, U.S. Department of Transportation Committee to advise Congress on changes in the Scenic Highway Act.

Past Member, City of Portland Willamette River Advisory Group. Past Vice-Chairman of Portland Downtown Design Committee. Past Member Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission. Past President of Portland Cable Access. Past Member of Board, 1000 Friends of Oregon. Past member, Portland City Planning Commission.

President, Sunnyside Neighborhood Association for a short period of time. Member, Save Our Schools, a citizens' group which successfully opposed the closure of Cleveland High School in the early nineties. Member, Riverfront for People, a citizens' group seeking [since the late Eighties] the removal of the I-5 freeway from the Eastbank of the Willamette River. President, Metro 7, a non-profit organization since 1985 which produced close to 100 hours of cable access programming in the eighties and is now recording for posterity the memories of those who participated in planning in Portland during the Seventies and Eighties [at www.pdxplan.org/]. Member, City Club Committee on Affordable Housing, which proposed a dramatic change in the funding of housing for the lowest income households of the City and got its proposal adopted by the City Club in 2002.

Elected Representative from District 8 (SE Portland) to METRO. Past Presiding Officer and Chairman of the Transportation, Development and Recycling Committees on that Board—the only elected regional governing body in the United States.

Special assignment from BPA to Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission to assist in marketing plan.

VIDEO PRODUCTIONS

"Good Listeners Make Better Mayors," and the series "Nicaragua," both winners of national prize from the National Federation of Local Cable Programmers.

"Nicaragua by Nicaraguans," "The Broughton Lumber Company," "The Rubber Chicken Show," "Ben Linder Memorial," all Finalists in the National Federation of Local Cable Programmers' annual contest.

"City Hall's Second Century," and "The Renovation of City Hall," videos produced for the City of Portland on the recently completed restoration of City Hall.

Special Awards

Urban Pioneer Award, 2003, Portland State University.

REFERENCES

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