

Boulder, Colorado



FRANK W. BRUNO
PRESIDENT & CEO, WESTERN DISPOSAL, INC.

Experience with neighborhood development: Having served as city manager for Boulder and assistant city manager for the city of Fort Collins, I have been deeply involved in neighborhood planning.
I am interested in learning about...how we can provide a thoughtful and innovative pathway to develop the 50-acre site.
One challenge I'd like to address: How to find ideas and solutions to developing the district in ways that can be cost-effective as well as politically saleable.



DAVID DRISKELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY PLANNING + SUSTAINABILITY INTERIM HOUSING DIRECTOR
CITY OF BOULDER, CO

Experience with neighborhood development: I have led neighborhood planning initiatives in multiple jurisdictions.
I am interested in learning about...case studies of how the different pieces have been put together in other district-scale sustainability initiatives.
One challenge I'd like to address: How others have approached the structure and management of cross-sector initiatives, and piloting alternative codes/standards within district-scale initiatives.



HENRY JOHNSTONE
DIRECTOR OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, GLHN ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS

Experience with neighborhood development: I was the principal author of the DOE-IDEA District Energy Screening Tool and have participated on urban planning teams in evaluation of district energy concepts.
I am interested in learning about...ideas on implementation financing, governance and control.
One challenge I'd like to address: How to overcome financial challenges, and convince lenders and investors on the value of sustainable neighborhoods.



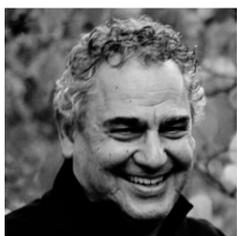
KEVIN KNAPP
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, ELEMENT PROPERTIES

Experience with neighborhood development: I've led multiple smart growth projects through the planning and development process for a local housing authority, as a consultant and for a private development firm.
I am interested in learning about...innovative planning and financial strategies.
One challenge I'd like to address: How to overcome financial challenges, and convince lenders and investors of the value of sustainable neighborhoods.



PAUL M. LEEF **TEAM LEAD**
SENIOR ARCHITECT/PLANNER, CITY OF BOULDER, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Experience with neighborhood development: Over 25 years experience in university campus planning, with almost 20 years as campus architect, responsible for campus master plans integrated with urban planning and systems.
I am interested in learning about...district governance and management models.
One challenge I'd like to address: How creating public/private partnerships could leverage existing city assets and bring new resources to the table.



ADRIAN SOPHER
AIA, LEED GA, SOPHER ARCHITECTS, LLC

Experience with neighborhood development: With 5 years on the City of Boulder Planning Board, I've been involved with the development of multiple projects along multi-modal corridors.
I am interested in learning about...how to truly create great public spaces that maintain their liveliness over their lifespan.
One challenge I'd like to address: Actually accomplishing, in a cost effective manner, real sustainability in the development of a large private mixed-use development.



EDWARD STAFFORD
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW MANAGER: PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF BOULDER

Experience with neighborhood development: Over 16 years experience in Public Works engineering of transportation, stormwater and utilities infrastructure.
I am interested in learning about...using engineering design to create better and more sustainable communities.
One challenge I'd like to address: How to ensure initial investment in infrastructure that supports the long-term future.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Civic Area Development | Sutherland Park | Western Industrial Park



The Civic Area Development is a 27 acre municipal campus in the heart of downtown Boulder. The civic area is both well-served and divided by transit routes: the Boulder Creek bike path is a major east-west connector in the city's extensive bike system, and along the site's north border, Canyon Boulevard is a four lane state route serving east-west vehicle and bus travel.

A redesign of the Canyon Boulevard corridor would make this a more pedestrian and bike-friendly "complete street," providing better access to the park and outdoor Pearl Street mall, the major retail attraction to the north. New programming, cultural activities and art will also help enliven the area.

Sutherland Park is an exciting project that proposes a new era in the life of the Sutherlands Lumberyard. Sutherland Park aspires to be a modern urban village with active green spaces to live, work, eat, play, and stay—a true mixed-use place. A place for the crafters, the makers, and the innovators—delivering an eclectic and vibrant scene. For families, workers, artists, start-ups and non-profits, it's the result of a collaborative community effort for a transit-oriented, self-sustaining, and creative place and aspires to be the new neighborhood center for the greater Boulder Junction area. It's just the kind of place that might inspire us all to make Boulder the best community it can be.



The Western Industrial Park comprises roughly 50 acres, of which 15 are currently in production as a compost, mulch and dimensional lumber processing facility. The site is not contiguous with Western's main campus, but is in very close proximity. It is across an irrigation canal from the Boulder County Recycling Authority, Household Hazardous Disposal, and across from Xcel Energy's Valmont Plant (coal and natural gas). This site, while currently the location for Western's compost and mulch processing facility, also represents the future of the company.

top 2 Neighborhood PRIORITIES:

CIVIC AREA DEVELOPMENT

1. Visibly demonstrate leading edge practices in sustainability, environmental sensitivity, and flood safety
2. Create a place for activity and arts

SUTHERLAND PARK

1. Create a well-used and well-loved, pedestrian oriented place
2. An inspirational modern design

WESTERN INDUSTRIAL PARK

1. Shared energy utilization
2. Use of new technologies to reduce energy consumption, conserve

top 2 Neighborhood CHALLENGES:

CIVIC AREA DEVELOPMENT

1. Funding
2. Creating partnerships and approaches that result in new financial resources

SUTHERLAND PARK

1. Place making to provide a lively neighborhood culture.
2. The inclusion of a diverse housing stock, both in style and income

WESTERN INDUSTRIAL PARK

1. Cost of implementation of technologies
2. Political issues