

Dissecting the Housing Development Process

Speaker Biographies



Mary-Rain O'Meara, Senior Director of Community Development, Central City Concern

Mary-Rain oversees all Real Estate and Development functions at Central City Concern including Property Management, Facilities, Asset Management, Real Estate Development and Sustainability for a mixed-use portfolio of 2,600 housing units, clinical and commercial buildings. She has worked in the fields of Affordable Housing and Community Development for 15 years, and has experience working for both non-profit and government agencies in the Portland Metro Region. Mary-Rain holds a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Portland State University.



Andrew Colas, President & CEO, Colas Construction

Andrew's experience in building various project types range from large-scale multi-family developments to \$130 million K-12 school renovations. Driven by a collaborative and results-oriented focus, his extensive knowledge of development in the commercial construction industry is evident with an established history of long-term contracting relationships from over twenty years of delivering intensive complex projects with record-breaking outcomes for equity. Actively involved in business development and daily operations since 1999, Andrew's impact continues to support the growth of Colas Construction, one of the largest Black-owned construction firms in the Pacific Northwest.

His dedication to community and activism is rooted in his experience of being born and raised in Northeast Portland, Oregon. Andrew works tirelessly to promote investments and job creation for underserved populations through his role at Colas Construction and The Colas Foundation. As a graduate of the Lundquist College of Business at the University of Oregon and former Trustee of the school, Andrew is the co-founder of the Black Business Association of Oregon (BBAO), and currently serves on the Board of Directors for BBAO, NAMC-OR, New Avenues for Youth, the Portland Business Alliance, and the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

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Kevin Kellogg, Pacific Northwest Area President, Gorman & Company

Kevin Kellogg creates community oriented real estate developments focused on equitable and sustainable new housing and preservation in low- and middle-income neighborhoods. He brings a broad range of expertise in affordable housing, including finance, community engagement, master planning, architecture, and construction management. He has extensive experience in business development, project management and operations. Throughout his 30-year career, he has worked extensively with communities of color in Oregon, California, Arizona and New Mexico. His portfolio includes complex LIHTC projects, brownfield development, public schools and public/private partnerships, as well as market rate residential, retail and workplace development. Kevin is a licensed architect and holds a Masters in Urban Design from Harvard University and a Bachelor of Architecture from Arizona State University.

Attending remotely:



Stephen Brooks, Principal Owner, Pilot Management Resources

Mr. Brooks is a former tax attorney with over 30 years of experience in all facets of community development finance and strategic planning, and over 20 years developing, structuring, funding, and implementing non-profit programs. Mr. Brooks has significant experience consulting on project development, structuring and finance, with an emphasis on public-private partnerships, creating capital

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solutions, strategic solutions, and development solutions for municipalities, non-profit organizations, and private developers. Mr. Brooks has helped develop capital strategies for, and participated in transactions ranging from micro-lending programs to master planned community development projects. He is currently helping structure a long-term development plan for the Gateway district in Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Brooks is also the founder and Board Vice President of the Charitable Partnership Fund, a public charity that has successfully incubated of over 400 non-profit programs nationwide and served as the funding conduit to raise over \$8 million in grants and contributions.