BROOMFIELD CITY COUNCIL TRAINING AND TRAVEL REPORT





Council Member Denny McCloskey

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ANNUAL CML CONFERENCE

TOTAL COSTS:\$803.87BROOMFIELD COST:\$539.97CML REGISTRATION:\$205.00HOTEL COSTS:\$334.97MILEAGE: $2 \times 89 = 178 \text{ miles} @ 55 \not =$ \$97.90PER DIEM: 10 meals =\$166.00(per govt guidelines) (Council Member Paid)\$263.90

This annual meeting of CML offers presentations and forums for policy work for our local level, and provides opportunity to discuss timely issues and form coalitions to effectively work for change at our local and state level. Council Members active throughout the year make specific requests for topics, and staff lobbyists suggest informational sessions on recent and proposed legislation.

The pre-conference discussion on URA highlights the likelihood that again next year there will be another bill seeking to dismantle one of the few tools that cities have. Broomfield continues to defend this economic development tool. By its charter, Broomfield adds revenue, ability, and responsibility of a county to its capacity. It operates more as a municipal entity in day-to-day function. Broomfield is respected for its tradition of ensuring that ALL entities be invited to the table when considering use of URA powers. The battle continues over greenfield loss, sprawl, capacity of resources, valuation of real estate considered, and local planning and zoning control. The concern is that many rural counties and cities have supported eliminating the URA tool. This is important when considering that no more than 12 of Colorado's 64 counties are urban which creates a challenge because that lopsided ratio is reflected in Colorado's House and Senate where this law could be enacted.

Below are a few takeaways from sessions.

An item for Broomfield to check on is how we are responding to the DOLA emails about reduction of unfunded mandates. To date I have not heard any information from our staff in this regard. Many jurisdictions are participating in the 30 day comment period after each entity is notified. We asked that DOLA generate a summary report for all to access.

Credit quality is now being measured per capita rather than by median report. Ratings community voiced a need for more communication.

Oil and Gas industry is becoming more proactive. Entities are discovering that they had not done enough internal discussion to speak clearly about their needs, issues, and satisfaction.

Bond issuing has been a challenge. Revenue streams for many are volatile. Shortfalls have grown due to not accurately predicting for

inclusion the sale cost, underwriting, marketing, legal, and rating costs. COPS technically skirts TABOR, but is used mainly for buildings, courts, city halls because they have no dedicated revenue stream available. Many entities are struggling with deferred maintenance. (I am pleased that Broomfield seems to be sticking with its planned maintenance—although we are experimenting with cheaper road surface treatments.)

TOD's are increasing in the urban areas. As we have done, the need to address planning and zoning requirements for this new product is necessary (setbacks, parking, etc). Recommendation was for maintaining flexibility in area (rent vs ownership) as we have seen at Arista & Palisade Park. Also suggested plan for integration to the surrounding area. Success seemed often tied to long time frame partners in development.

Last 3 years legislation posted on CML website. 630 total bills this year. 95 of 100 bills that were identified as having a negative effect on cities were successfully defeated. 24 bills that were actively promoted were successful.

TABOR and tax policy session was lively and wide-ranging. Generally there is agreement that the work done in 2008 legislature is close to a solution for the imbalance between revenue and services. Constitutional budget requirements are causing unnecessary events. Revenue sources for the future look to services as well as goods. Internet tax seems more likely now that Amazon is on board and software is now readily available to make the process doable. Inflation, population growth, and demographics are necessary factors in the solution.

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