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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 17, 2007

To: Clayton Wong, Fiscal Administrator

From: Councilmember Ann Kobayashi

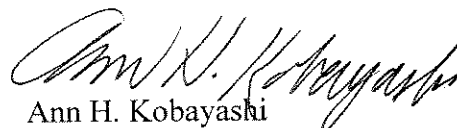
Subject: Report on trip to Toronto, Canada to attend conference on urban development.

Please find attached, briefings and findings of my travel to Toronto, Canada from September 9, 2007 to September 12, 2007, to attend the Urban Land Institute (ULI) conference on "Place Making: Developing Town Centers, Transit Villages, and Main Streets" at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel.

The conference focused on approaches that are being used across North America to support mixed-use place making projects. It also addressed the challenges for cities to redevelop and create "green" places, including neighborhood involvement, financing and regulatory environments.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Thank you.


Ann H. Kobayashi
Councilmember, District 5

Attach.

Sunday, September 9, 2007

1. Depart Honolulu for Toronto, Canada.

Monday, September 10, 2006

1. Registration
2. Opening remarks by Conference Chair, Marilee Utter.
3. **Plenary Session 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**
Infill Place Making: Creating Mixed-Use Environment on Underutilized Land.
This session focused on transforming underutilized sites into vibrant new places.
Speakers included industry leaders who spoke about the challenges and opportunities of developing mixed-use projects in existing communities. For instance, in Ontario the city developed buildings with retail space with living space above and sold the space as a unit. Developers also gave the back of the building a residential look.
We also learned that infill sites or land for redevelopment are important to communities in economic or physical distress because it brings people back into the neighborhood.
4. **Concurrent Sessions 10:30 a.m. to noon.**
Mixed-Use and Sustainable Development. This session looked at the growing concern about global warming and how developers are already responding to “green” practices and what it will mean for mixed-use projects.
We learned that 667 mayors have signed onto the Kyoto regulations to reduce global warming. This will have a major effect on development in these cities but have real cost savings in less energy consumption, water consumption, and parking requirements.
5. **Keynote Presentation 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.**
The Art of Innovation. Author Jonathan Littman spoke about how the best ideas for creating or improving products come not from laboriously organized focus groups, but from keen observation of how regular people work and play on a daily basis.
6. **Concurrent Sessions 3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.**
Main Street Retail: Old and New. This session explored the facets of traditional development along our main streets: pedestrian environment and taking advantage of “authentic” places. We learned that town centers should be places where people can live, work, learn and play. City planners should ask themselves: Are we creating streets or great places?

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

1. Opening Session
2. **Concurrent Sessions 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**
Transit-Oriented Development: Urban Centers in Suburban Context. Increasing interest in transit nationwide has led to growing market for transit oriented development. In this session we learned of new trends that are expanding and evolving the transit oriented development model.
While all cities have traffic departments, there are no pedestrian departments. In Copenhagen, which was once a car-oriented city moved to become a people-oriented city. Many people live downtown so it had to be made safe for pedestrians and families. Every year, parking was reduced 2-3% to get more people to walk or ride bicycles.
3. **Closing Plenary Session 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
Place Making in Toronto. Key public sector leaders and private developers shared their best practices and lessons learned from several high-profile projects.
4. Depart from Toronto, Canada to Honolulu, Hawaii.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 9-26-2007

Traveler: ANN KOBAYASHI

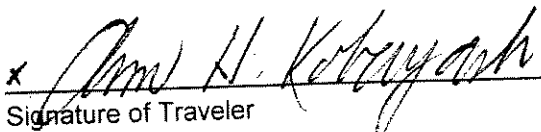
Event: 9th Annual Urban Land Institute Conference

Location: Toronto, Canada

Dates: From September 10 To September 11, 2007

Description	Amount	Notes
1. Registration Fee	1,215.00	US dollars
2. Airfare	0.00	decline
3. Hotel	743.72	US conversion; see attachments
4. Meals	0.00	
5. Ground Transportation	26.30	US dollars (on par)
6. Tips		
7. Other		
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8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 1,985.02	
		TOTAL TRAVEL EXPENDITURES: \$1,985.02

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:

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Signature of Traveler

SEP 28 2007
Date