

## Mike Smith

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**From:** Mike Smith  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 3:42 PM  
**To:** 'Mitch Williams'  
**Subject:** RE: Land Development Code Update Project - Stakeholder Interviews

Thanks Mitch. I advised the consultant of the start of Fair/Rodeo and that it might impact attendance that day, but we are trying to keep moving forward.

You are one of a handful of folks that I have advised the consultant to interview one on one because you are both knowledgeable and involved in both areas - Land Development and Energy Efficiency/Conservation as it relates to land development and construction. So don't worry if you cannot attend this meeting next Thursday. It may be a telephone interview or it may be arranged on one of their other visits over the next several weeks. You will also be kept in the loop as both projects move along.

The land development code update is the priority project and we hope to get through it by end of next summer. The energy efficiency and conservation strategy project is being funded through stimulus money and is on a two-year timeline so the focus on the strategy will come later. However, due to the relationship between land development and energy use there will be a lot of energy efficiency and conservation code involved in the land development code update.

Take care.

Mike

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**From:** Mitch Williams [mailto:mitch@mfwilliams.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 3:24 PM  
**To:** Mike Smith  
**Subject:** Re: Land Development Code Update Project - Stakeholder Interviews

Mike, Thank you for your invitation. It is most probable that I can not attend that time slot. As a 4-H dad with two kids showing beef I will likely be on call. Thursday is the big show day with market classes etc. I don't actually know the time slots for the kids so there is a slight chance if the schedule permits that I would make it for an hour. I would very much (!) like to weigh in on these standards. I am especially interested in (among many issues) in determining a cost analysis for any proposed change.

I know you are aware of the significant increase in expenses related to recent years past and the city code adoptions on land use cost of all nature, (i.e. sewer, water, meters, power, gas, state storm standards, permit fees, etc. etc.) I certainly believe we are at a cross roads in expenses vs. market values with our depressed market, our overall goal to obtain affordable housing stocks, energy efficient standards, and best business practices. With that goal in mind I hope considerable attention is paid by both the consultants and staff to the cost impact (if any) of any proposed modifications to the current standards. Our company has considerable experience in energy efficient standards of construction, green building practices, related development standards all designed to effect in part the goals expressed in your invitation to meet. With that knowledge in mind some of these standards have significant cost relationships vs. benefits and I would welcome the opportunity to review this menu of options. Like all customers reviewing a menu the price of the item is an important consideration before ordering. Thanks for the opportunity to weigh in on these issues. Mitch

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