

MICHAEL KOWSKI

AICP CUD

EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Outgoing and thoughtful leader that relies on trust to establish an engaging work culture where creativity and independence flourish. Thrives on mentoring and discussing fresh ideas, and believes individual success is tied to skillfully aligning personal meaning with organizational goals to both achieve and celebrate positive outcomes as a team.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

• PRESIDENT & CEO

McKinney Economic Development Corporation / 2023 - Present

Appointed by a Board of Directors to oversee the strategic direction and day-to-day operations of McKinney's economic development organization. Receive over \$20 million annually via sales tax to fund programs and incentives to enhance the economic vibrancy of the community. Manage a pipeline of projects with a combined value over \$1 billion.

• DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION

City of McKinney, TX / 2017 - 2023

Supported an organization of "leaders at all levels" responsible for managing active design and construction projects valued at over \$200 million, organized special events of various sizes and types, ran numerous recreation and aquatic centers to include one of the most successful cost-recovery facilities in the country, hosted national and regional scaled sports tournaments, and maintained over 3,000 acres of parkland and open space.

• ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Village of Orland Park, IL / 2014 - 2017

As a member of the Village's senior-level management team, motivated by inspiring and sustaining collegial, customer-focused efforts and budget accountability across multiple Divisions with functions that included: Planning, Engineering, Transportation, Permits & Inspections, Code Enforcement, GIS, Licensing, and Economic Development.

RELATED EXPERIENCES

• SENIOR PLANNER

Village of Tinley Park, IL / 2007 - 2014

• INDEPENDENT DESIGNER

Studio Kowski / 2004 - 2007

• ASSISTANT

Kathryn Quinn Architects / 2001 - 2004

LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

• HIGH PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

Senior Executive Institute for Local Government Professionals @ University of Virginia - Graduate

National Charrette Institute - Certified

• PROFESSIONAL VALUE

American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)

Certified Urban Designer (CUD)

EDUCATION

• HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Master of Liberal Arts

• UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

Master of Arts

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Bachelor of Arts