

PEDERSEN PLANNING CONSULTANTS



Sandra (Sandy) A. Pedersen
Senior Planner



Work Experience

1986-Present
Senior Planner - Pedersen
Planning Consultants Volcano,
Hawaii (1986-94);
Encampment, Wyoming
(1994-2010); Granby,
Colorado (2008-2010); Keaau,
Hawaii (2018 to Present)

1988-1993
Co-owner/Operator
Volcano Bed and Breakfast
Volcano, Hawaii

1984-86
Executive Director
Hawaii Island YWCA, Hilo,
Hawaii

1984
Special Assistant for
Neighborhood Action,
Municipality of Anchorage,
Planning Dept., Anchorage,
Alaska

1981-83
Community Input
Coordinator/Mayor's Special
Assistant Municipality of
Anchorage, Mayor's Office
Anchorage, Alaska

1980-81
Ombudsman Investigator
State of Alaska, Office of the
Ombudsman, Anchorage,
Alaska

Relevant Experience

Sandy Pedersen is a senior planner for the firm. She manages various projects undertaken by Pedersen Planning Consultants (PPC) and participates in the completion of various types of planning analyses. Mrs. Pedersen also has responsibility for the organization and implementation of all community participation programs associated with PPC's regional and community planning projects.

Sandy Pedersen has over 30 years of diverse planning experience associated with regional and community planning. Since joining PPC in 1986, she has participated in project assignments in Wyoming, Colorado, Hawaii, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and American Samoa.

In 2014, Sandy Pedersen built a statistical model that determined the economic cost-benefit for the Port of Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands. The model incorporated numerous assumptions regarding future population growth, international and inter-island vessel calls, international cargo fees, and other considerations. Model outputs generated annual costs and benefits, as well as overall cost-benefit ratios that were used to determine the desirability of recommended capital improvements to the Port over a 20-year planning horizon.

She has participated in the preparation of community master plans for various Wyoming communities including Afton, Alpine, Burlington, Encampment, Frannie, Granger, Star Valley Ranch, Thayne and Wright, as well as the Town of Walden, Colorado. She participated in planning research and land use inventories, conducted interviews with various community leaders, prepared and evaluated insights gained from community surveys, and assisted in the development of community development strategies.

Sandy Pedersen has participated in housing assessments prepared by PPC for Campbell County, the Gillette Urban Service Area, City of Buffalo, and Hot Springs County, Wyoming. In each of these assessments, Mrs. Pedersen developed statistical models that were used to forecast future resident population and future housing demands based upon anticipated employment, migration, and natural population growth. She also conducted interviews and field research

1977-79

Secretary to the Managing
Director, County of Hawaii,
Office of the Mayor
Hilo, Hawaii

Education

University of Hawaii, Hilo,
Hawaii; Business
Administration, 1974, 1978-79

Various Public Participation
and human resource
management workshops and
courses

Professional Affiliations

Former Member/Board of
Directors, Wyoming Planning
Association

Community Interests

Former Member, Architectural
Review Committee,
SilverCreek Homeowners
Association

Former Community Dinners
Program Coordinator, Granby,
Colorado

that supported the evaluation of housing trends and issues.

Pedersen completed an inventory and analysis of existing child care facilities in 23 Wyoming communities in 2006. This task represented part of a statewide Wyoming Workforce Child Care Needs Assessment that was completed by PPC for the State of Wyoming Department of Workforce Services.

In 2002, PPC managed and completed a Community Needs Assessment for Carbon County, Wyoming. As project manager, Sandy Pedersen managed this regional evaluation of community services that examined the adequacy of community services and developed an overall strategy for addressing community service needs by a wide variety of public and private agencies. Pedersen developed, tabulated, and analyzed a survey that was used to identify issues regarding community services. She also conducted numerous interviews with service agency representatives, coordinated four public meetings throughout Carbon County to receive public comments, and was the primary author of the project report.

As Community Input Coordinator to the Mayor of Anchorage, Alaska in the early 1980s, Mrs. Pedersen acted as the Mayor's liaison to 31 community councils throughout this municipality of then approximately 230,000 residents. She attended community council meetings, fielded concerns of residents, and coordinated the resolution or conclusion of citizen complaints, working cooperatively with various municipal and community agencies. She also coordinated and conducted weekly Open Door Meetings hosted by the Mayor. Mrs. Pedersen also represented the Municipality on the Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services Board, which implemented and executed self-help housing projects, a self-help home improvement planning and loan program, and other neighborhood revitalization programs.