

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Aaron Miripol

Aaron Miripol has 20 years' experience running community development and affordable housing companies. He has overseen more than \$400 million in direct economic development, including construction of over 2,000 permanently affordable homes. Miripol joined the Urban Land Conservancy in 2007 and leads its partnerships with Denver metro area organizations on the strategic acquisition and development of land and buildings. Such partnerships preserve and enhance the ability of real estate to create sustainable benefits in underserved communities.

Prior to his work at the Urban Land Conservancy, Miripol was executive director of Thistle Community Housing, one of the fastest growing nonprofit housing providers in Colorado. Miripol previously worked in Baltimore for two inner city nonprofit community development corporations, Southwest Visions and The Loading Dock. He was a Goldsmith Scholar in International Studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, holds a bachelor's in history and international studies from Macalester College and a master's in public policy from Johns Hopkins University.

Jane Harrington

Jane Harrington has been involved in the affordable housing business since 1976. She has worked for the City of Arvada, the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, Summit Combined Housing Authority, Colorado Community Land Trust and Mercy Housing Colorado. Since 2002, she has developed, financed and administrated affordable for-sale housing. Her affordable housing expertise includes working with appreciation-limited for-sale programs such as a limited equity cooperative, condominiums on leased land, various resort community deed restrictions and community land trust programs, as well as employer-assisted housing programs and the Denver Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. Harrington has a bachelor of science in family environment from Iowa State University.

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Dustin Ratcliff

Dustin Ratcliff is a founding member-owner of the Walk2Connect cooperative. He has designed a variety of custom walks for private organizations as well as the public. His community engagement has fostered multiple walking communities in rural Colorado towns. He hosts trainings for community leaders and residents to become walking movement leaders who facilitate walks and expand the cooperative's objectives within their communities. Ratcliff also provides guidance for businesses and organizations on hosting walking meetings and instituting a walking culture in the workplace. Ratcliff encourages others to get outside, meet their neighbors and to move at one, two or three miles per hour. He also volunteers at a refugee drop-in center for young men.