

Robert Kembel

Robert Kembel graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Finance Degree and began his career in Banking in 1986. In 1997, Bob began his career in developing master-planned communities and homebuilding in Colorado, when he joined McStain Enterprises as Chief Operating Officer and then joined John Laing Homes as President of the Denver Metro area until the company was sold.

In 2004, after returning to Texas, Bob was hired as President of Huffines Management Partners and VP of Huffines Advisory Services. Bob successfully converted an entrepreneurial land brokerage and development operation into an institutional platform for master-planned community development and multifamily development. Most notably one of the largest public/private partnerships in the DFW Metroplex was negotiated over a 5 year period called Viridian. In addition, the first Transit Oriented Development in North DFW with the introduction of light rail into Lewisville was negotiated by the company with first phase successfully completed in 2011.

In August 2012, Bob joined JCKPL, LLC as partner and president. The company was merged into The Nehemiah Company in 2015. The company is the developer of the Viridian community in Arlington, along with Arlington Commons, an award-winning multi-family community.

Bob has been a member of the Congress for New Urbanism and ULI along with various trade and builder organizations. Bob was a regular speaker at the Lee Evans conferences on builder risk throughout the 90s and he has been a member of the C12 Group for the past 11 years. Bob is a past board member of the Brent Eley Foundation in Denver, Colorado and the Cotton Bowl board, Arlington Chamber of Commerce Board; Chairman in 2015/2016 and continues to serve on the Executive Committee, River Legacy Park foundation board, and is a Board member of Mission Metroplex/Arlington. He is Associate Teaching Pastor and Elder at The Gathering Church.

Bob is an accomplished glider pilot and private pilot. He loves backpacking in the Rockies and fly fishing. Bob's passion is organizational development and creating environments where individuals can grow professionally and spiritually. Bob has three children and has been married to Keri Kembel for 30 years.



Past Presentations

Density Development and Public Private Partnerships

Municipalities of Grand Prairie, Waxahachie, Crowley, Mesquite, North Richland Hills and Conroe

Bringing it Home: How Local Developers Are Integrating Healthy Living Practices

Part of ULI North Texas: Exploring the Value Proposition in Building Healthy Places

Community Development and Planning

Arlington Board of Realtors

Face the Conference! A Newsroom-Style Debate on Real Estate Opportunities and Challenges

NAHB International Builders Show

Reshaping Urbanism in North Texas An Earth Day Perspective

Greater Dallas Planning Council

Speaking Topics



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS THAT WORK

Complex layers in design and how to finance.



HOW DO PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS AND PRIVATE DEVELOPERS WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE THE BEST COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE TO THE RESIDENTS

Survival of sustainable communities depends on it.



ECONOMIC TOOLS NECESSARY FOR QUALITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Underfunded community infrastructure can be catastrophic. Long term cost to municipalities and school districts.



DO URBANISM THAT WORKS AND IS CULTURALLY RELEVANT

Know the design and material culture of the market.



FINANCING MASTER PLANNED COMMUNITIES

Structure land purchases, public private financing and debt equity to survive long term with superior returns. It is not easy.



PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Give your city a competitive advantage before you lose out.

“Bob and his team think big and casts a wide vision that only enhances future development opportunities”

JEFF WILLIAMS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON



About Our Company



The Nehemiah Company partners with local city and county governments in redevelopment of substantial, infill locations primarily focusing on housing.

We develop communities that are focused on people. We design safer, thriving neighborhoods that carefully and beautifully merge public pathways and private residences, and build parks and common spaces that foster pedestrian identity and minimize automobile impact.

Our guiding philosophy in the real estate business is to achieve superior returns for our investors while mitigating the risk with bold, high-quality projects on development sites in partnership with the local municipalities.

"I wish we had more developers like The Nehemiah Company. Partnering with Bob to reinvigorate our community is a great example of building sustainable environments done right."

TARRANT COUNTY JUDGE WHITLEY

Awards

Best Real Estate Deal (Arlington Commons)

Dallas Builders Journal 2016

Best Poolscape (Viridian Lake Club)

DBA McSam Awards 2019, TAB Star Awards 2019

Best Event (Stars and Stripes)

DBA McSam Awards 2016, TAB Star Awards 2016

Audubon Gold Certification (Viridian)

Audubon International 2015

Gold Award Best Commercial Semipublic Pool (Viridian Lake Club)

APSP Region 3 Design Awards 2015

DFW Developer of the Year

The Greater Fort Worth Builders Association 2014

Best Future Master-Planned Community of The Year (Viridian)

Dallas Builders Association - McSam Awards 2012

Best Deal Announced (Viridian)

Dallas Builders Journal 2011