

City Appoints Scot Siegel as Planning & Building Services Director

With the expiration of Planning and Building Services Director Ron Bunch's 6-month interim appointment, City Manager Tom Coffee has announced the appointment of Scot Siegel to that position - also on a 6-month interim contract - effective July 8, 2013. Coffee made this appointment after consulting with Scott Lazenby who will replace Coffee as Lake Oswego's new city manager on August 5, 2013.

Coffee stated "In this interim basis, it is important to have an experienced planner in the director position so that the next city manager will have maximum flexibility in the final selection of a planning director for the City."

Scot Siegel is a planning consultant and manager with over 23 years of experience in the public and private sectors. For the past nine years, he has operated his own consulting company based in Lake Oswego - providing city planning and project management services to over forty communities in six western states. In 2012, as interim planning director for the city of Milwaukie, Mr. Siegel led staff engaged in long-range planning and development review during a critical time of light rail permitting and construction.

"I'm honored to serve Lake Oswego, my hometown." Siegel said. "There is much important work to do. Development is on the uptick at the same time the City is completing its comprehensive plan and revising the development code."

Mr. Siegel is a leading expert on development codes. His work on code streamlining and sustainability has been recognized with awards from the American Planning Association, Smart Growth Idaho, and the Oregon Main Street Program, among others. Before starting his own company, Mr. Siegel served as a senior planner and office manager with other consulting firms and held planning positions with the city of Oak Harbor, Washington, and 1000 Friends of Oregon.

A resident of Lake Oswego for the past eighteen years, Mr. Siegel lives in the Palisades neighborhood with his wife and two daughters. He served on the Planning Commission from 2005 to 2009 and is a past member of the historic resources advisory board. Mr. Siegel, who is also a published poet, chaired the Lake Oswego Centennial Poetry Project in 2009 and served as a juror for the City's We Love Lake Oswego Poetry Contest in 2011.

Mr. Siegel earned a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from Portland State University, where he has taught graduate courses as an adjunct instructor, and he received a Bachelor of Science with Honors in Geography from Oregon State University.

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