Lake Forest Park Selects New City Administrator

Mayor Mary Jane Goss announced the hiring of Pete Rose as the new City Administrator for Lake Forest Park.

“We are thrilled to have Mr. Rose as the new City Administrator,” said Mayor Mary Jane Goss. “He is well prepared to lead our staff in providing services to our citizens and implementing the City Council goals.”

The interview process included community members, department directors, and the City Council. An Open House on April 16, introduced the finalists to the community. Mr. Rose has more than 30 years’ local government experience and has served as the Administrator of San Juan County, Washington, since July, 2006. Previously, he was the City Manager for Woodinville for 8 1/2 years. Mr. Rose starts work in Lake Forest Park on June 11, at an annual salary of $127,000.

“Lake Forest Park has set important goals and has great financial challenges,” said Mr. Rose. “Developing a mixed use sub-area, keeping livable neighborhoods, holding an organization and budget together in a recessionary period and keeping up with an active and engaged citizenry are opportunities as well as challenges.”

“The City Council and I want to express our appreciation to Interim City Administrator Bob Jean and all our department heads and staff worked hard to make this six-month transition period go smoothly,” added Mayor Goss.

City Council Goals

**Transition Management** Balance Service Level Priorities and workloads with Council Goals, available staff and budget.

**Communications** Establish a program to get information to citizens, and input back from the community on City issues.

**Technology** Determine cost-effective uses of technology to improve service delivery and reduce costs.

**Economic Development Plan** Develop a plan for new business, diverse retail and services, and expansion of the City’s tax base to reduce the overall tax burden on property owners.

**Streamlining** Review City processes, codes and procedures to improve customer service and reduce staff time and costs.

**Strategic Plan** Develop a long-range Strategic Plan integrate the Comprehensive Plan and Legacy Plan with City finances.

**Intergovernmental** Improved service delivery and cost control through intergovernmental partnerships.

**Flood Control** Obtain funds for Lynn and McAleer Creek flood control and construct improvements, upstream culvert, retention and flood control projects. Continue community education and Low Impact Development projects.

Get Stormwater Savvy

Congratulations to all our residents who have volunteered to make a difference in the community. To date, over 400 storm drains have been labeled; 29 residents have “Adopted Their Drains;” hundreds of participants took our “Stormwater Savvy” quiz online.

Despite this good news, we need to get more citizens labeling storm drains, volunteering to adopt their drains, and helping the LFP Streamkeepers conduct water quality testing. Looking for some great ways to get involved?

- **Watch “Lost and Puget Sound” Video:** Looking for a way to educate yourself about stormwater? Then check out this 28 minute video: [http://vimeo.com/22480018](http://vimeo.com/22480018)
- **Call City Hall** to learn how you can sign up to “Adopt Your Drain.” Volunteer to label storm drains and win a prize! Call City Hall for more details.
- **Educate your neighbors!** Are you the keeper of information in your neighborhood? Come by City Hall to pick up some brochures to distribute next time you have neighbors over.

Southern Gateway Planning (Lake Highlands)

With the Elks Lodge and Boyer properties for sale, the City had a choice of letting redevelopment take its course according to current zoning or finding a better way to guide development over the next twenty years. The City chose to lead instead of follow.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Since last fall, three public meetings have been held, along with monthly Planning Commission meetings, and a preferred alternative has emerged.

A Town Hall Open House is scheduled for June 5, 2012 (location and time to be determined) to inform neighbors about the next stage of the project. For more information, go to the City website and type “gateway study” into the search box. Contact Steve Bennett, Planning Director, to be placed on an email mailing list for information on the Southern Gateway Town Hall meeting (steve@cityoflfp.com).

City Council Regular Business Meetings 7:00 pm

- January through October: Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month
- November and December: Second Thursday of the month; no meetings the second half of the month.
- Citizen comments begin 7:15 pm
- City Council Work Session Meetings 6:30 pm
- Monday preceding the fourth Thursday Business Meeting

June 2012
Mayor’s Message: 2012 Off to a New Start

Since becoming Mayor in January, I have worked with Council to develop goals for 2013-2014. There is a shared commitment between the Mayor and City Council to improve transparency, as well as to work towards a more sustainable City budget.

Special thanks are due to City Council members, along with staff, Commission members and the public for their help, understanding and attendance at a number of special meetings in these first few months. A sample of what has been accomplished to date:

- City Council visioning and goals workshop (see page 2 of this newsletter).
- Reached agreement for cooperation and coordination with jurisdictions in our Lake Ballinger watershed area.
- Initiated recruitment process for a new City Administrator.
- Imposed temporary Marijuana Moratorium.
- Held two public meetings to solicit community input for the City Administrator profile.
- Held Southern Gateway workshop with the Planning Commission.
- Extended Police Chief Dennis Peterson’s employment contract for three years.
- Appointed Steve Nolen as new City Finance Director (previously Interim Finance Director).
- Completed market salary and benefits survey and labor negotiations workshop.
- Shoreline Master Plan workshop.
- Ongoing work on filling various Commission positions.

- Worked with community on the adoption of wildlife regulations.
- Ongoing Southern Gateway (Lake Highlands Neighborhood) planning effort.
- Worked on funding video court arrangement towards the goal of including City Council meeting video capability.

As Mayor, I ask for your continued help as we work together toward greater efficiencies and future improvements.

Mayor Mary Jane Goss may be reached at 206-927-2456 or mgoss@clake-forrest-park.gov.

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Southern Gateway (Lake Highlands Neighborhood) Planning

With the Elks Lodge and Boyer properties for sale, the City had a choice of either letting redevelopment take its course according to current zoning or figuring out whether there is a better way to guide development over the next twenty years. The City chose to lead instead of follow.

The Southern Gateway Area is more commonly known as the Lake Highlands neighborhood on the east side of Bothell Way, as well as, a section along the opposite side of Bothell Way. The City has engaged in a study of this area in order to guide the shape of future development.

Recently, two significant parcels have come up for sale: the Elks Lodge property (over 8.5 acres) and the Boyer property at 153rd & Bothell Way. Without this planning, the area would very likely experience haphazard redevelopment. This plan is intended to encourage new development in a way which reflects the community quality of life, makes the neighborhood more walkable, and creates more housing choices.

Since last fall, three public meetings have been held, along with monthly Planning Commission meetings, and the preferred alternative shown in the map has emerged. A Town Hall meeting is being planned to ensure that the surrounding neighborhoods are aware of the process before the next stage of the project commences.

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Shoreline Area News: Public meeting on Southern Gateway plan ...
Jan 23, 2013
At the direction of the City Council, the Lake Forest Park Planning Commission began working on the Southern Gateway Subarea Plan in early 2011. A subarea plan identifies needs and establishes goals for a specific ... http://www.shorelineareanews.com/

Shoreline Area News: On the Agenda
Feb 23, 2013
Lyon Creek Bypass Design Consultant Agreement -- Scope Of Work (Review And Discussion); Burke Gilman/Interurban Trail Connections (Discussion); Southern Gateway Subarea Plan And Regulations And Design ...
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Southern Gateway public meetings in Lake Forest Park
Jun 04, 2012
The City of Lake Forest Park is developing a plan for the Southern Gateway Area (bothell Way NE corridor between NE 145th and NE 185th Street) to encourage land redevelopment that is more walkable, provides a wider ...
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Aug 24, 2012
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Southern Gateway Workshop Wednesday, November 30 at the Elks
Nov 19, 2011
The City of Lake Forest Park is using your comments and ideas from the October 29 Open House and online survey to create options for building a strong and vibrant Southern Gateway community. Review some of the ...
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Shoreline Area News: Southern Gateway Brainstorming Session ...
Oct 29, 2011
The City of Lake Forest Park is studying ways to make its Southern Gateway Area more livable, visually attractive, and economically viable, and your input is needed. The study will focus on the area along Bothell Way (SR ... http://www.shorelineareanews.com/

Shoreline Area News: Lake Forest Park Southern Gateway Sub ...
Jun 16, 2012
Public comments on the scope of issues that need to be addressed by the Environmental Impact Statement for the Southern Gateway Area Sub-area Plan will be accepted at any time before close of business on June 19, 2012 ... http://www.shorelineareanews.com/

Southern Gateway Subarea Study workshop January 24, 7pm
Jan 21, 2012
Lake Forest Park will hold the third workshop on the southern gateway project for the City, with a public hearing on January 24, 2012, 7-9pm, at the Elk’s Lodge at NE 145th and Bothell (Lake City) Way. The Southern Gateway ...
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Residents Consider Potential Facelift for Lake Forest Park's Southern Gateway
By Teri Guethner | Dec 1, 2011
The Lake Forest Park Planning Commission which is looking at development of the Southern Gateway held its second public meeting at the Elks Club Wednesday evening where... 1 Comment Documents (1)

GOVERNMENT, THE NEIGHBORHOOD FILES
LFP Council Puts Moratorium on Southern Gateway Permits
Sep 4, 2012
City Council passed a moratorium at its August 23 regular meeting on acceptance and processing of permits in much of its Southern Gateway sub-area. In a presentation on the Documents (1)
CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK  
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA) NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY 
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) 
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE COMMENTS

Description of Proposal: The proposal is a non-project action involving adoption of the Southern Gateway Subarea Plan and interim regulations implementing the provisions of RCW 36.70A.150 of the Growth Management Act. The City of Lake Forest Park Planning Commission proposes to recommend adoption of a Subarea Plan for the Southern Gateway (Lake Highlands) neighborhood. The "Proposed Alternative" considered in the EIS consists of several implementation actions, including rezoning to allow a mix of uses and buildings up to 5 to 7 stories in height and a residential component of 20 dwelling units per acre or more; design guidelines, setback, landscaping, and bulk regulations to protect adjacent residential neighborhoods; public roadway or publicly accessible drive between NE 147th Street and NE 150th Street, generally in alignment with 35th Ave NE; a publicly accessible plaza or other open space along or near the new roadway; and adoption of interim design guidelines and development regulations.

Proposers: City of Lake Forest Park Planning Commission

Location of Proposal: The Southern Gateway subarea is in the Lake Highlands neighborhood in the southeast portion of the city. The properties proposed for rezoning are all adjacent to Bothell Way NE and between the city limits of NE 147th Street and NE 150th Street on the south to NE 155th Street on the north.

DEIS Required: The City of Lake Forest Park is acting as the SEPA lead agency for this proposal, has determined this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment and that an environmental impact statement (EIS) is required under RCW 36.70A.150 (11)(c). A Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared and issued.

Commenting on DEIS: Agencies, affected tribes and members of the public are invited to comment on the DEIS. The DEIS is available for review at the following locations:

- City of Lake Forest Park City Hall, 17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155
- Lake Forest Park Library (KCLS) Lake Forest Park Town Center, 17711 Bothell Way NE, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155
- City of Lake Forest Park website under the Planning & Development Department webpage, Land Use Planning (http://cityoflfp.com/index.aspx?NID=162)

You may submit your comments in writing addressed to the Responsible Official or you may present your comments at a public hearing to be held by the Lake Forest Park Planning Commission on Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 6:30 PM, to take comments on the Draft Subarea Plan, the draft implementing regulations, and the DEIS at:

- City of Lake Forest Park City Hall, 17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155

Written comments on the DEIS for the project can also be submitted to the responsible official listed below via mail or email and must be received by February 25, 2013.

Responsible Official: Steve Bennett, Director, Department of Planning and Building
City of Lake Forest Park City Hall
17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155
steve@cityoflfp.com
Published in the Seattle Times on January 16, 2013
[ACTIVE] Invitation to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Southern Gateway Plan

Citizens of Lake Forest Park are invited to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Southern Gateway Plan by attending a Public Hearing at City Hall, Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 6:30 PM or by writing a comment and submitting it to the Planning Department by February 20, 2013 via mail or email. The Southern Gateway Plan is intended to encourage and direct new development that accomplishes the City’s and community’s vision and that results in a livable residential neighborhood; a diversity of retail services; an attractive entry into the city; and economic development.

The DEIS studied two primary alternatives: the Planning Commission’s Proposed Alternative and the No Action Alternative. Environmental issues evaluated in the DEIS include the natural environment (e.g., water resources, plants, and animals); air quality; land use patterns, plans and policies; aesthetics; transportation; noise; cultural resources; public services; and utilities.

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