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Community Development Director and Planning Director Announced

Anne Laurent, Community and Economic Development Director for Los Alamos, New Mexico, named Community Development Director; Bruce Erickson appointed Planning Director.

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In an effort to solidify the realignment of several key departments and enhance collaboration across City teams, Park City named Anne Laurent Community Development Director and Bruce Erickson Planning Director. The Community Development Director position was created with City Council support during the 2016 budget process to enhance responsiveness with citizens, customers, and community partners, and to provide for more effective execution of the vision set forth by the Mayor, the City Council, and citizens of Park City.

Laurent, the Community and Economic Development Director for Los Alamos, New Mexico, brings a depth of experience in planning and project management, economic development, housing, historic preservation, and facilities management. During her Los Alamos tenure, Laurent completed more than \$130 million in capital projects, streamlined building permit processes, developed an affordable housing program, and finalized its historic preservation and sign code ordinances. Laurent is also a licensed and LEED®-accredited architect and certified Project Management Professional.

Laurent sees several parallels between Park City and Los Alamos, noting both communities share high expectations when it comes to responsible and responsive community development, as well as quality customer service. In addition, Los Alamos, like Park City, has a highly educated populace, limited buildable land, and complex affordable housing and transportation issues, as well as a significant history and sense of place. In accepting the position, Laurent said that she is *“excited to use my broad local government leadership experience and professional training to help facilitate quality development while maintaining a sense of community and quality lifestyle.”*

Laurent's appointment follows City Manager Diane Foster's April 2015 announcement to create a Community Development Department and to bring together key City regulatory and planning departments, as well as the City's transportation planning and implementation functions to *"promote greater internal coordination and a more integrated and strategic approach in the consideration of new projects."*

Foster also announced that interim Planning Director, Bruce Erickson, has agreed to become a permanent member of the Community Development Department and serve as Planning Director. Erickson joined the Planning Department in July to ensure a smooth transition when acting Planning Director Kayla Sintz resigned. A longtime Park City resident and former Park City Planning Commissioner, Erickson brings more than three decades of international resort planning and development experience in mountain towns and ski areas. Erickson's leadership on the Planning Commission spanned 16 years, including three terms as chairperson. In announcing the appointment, Foster said Erickson's *"resort-based experience, including his accreditation as a certified planner and wealth of local knowledge, make him uniquely qualified to complement the Community Development team."* Foster added that she is impressed by the positive changes Erickson already has initiated, *"including improving our efforts to maintain Park City's historic character, staff mentoring, and professional development."* Erickson, as Planning Director, provides daily support to the team of planners as well as guidance to Planning Commissioners as they implement the City's General Plan and enforce the Land Management Code. Erickson spoke highly of the planning staff and their high level of commitment to both the planning profession and the continued success of Park City. He added he is *"looking forward to making significant contributions to the long-term success of Park City."*

The appointments of Laurent and Erickson round out the recently created Community Development Department. Foster added that Laurent and Erickson have complementary skillsets and a shared commitment to community and public service. Laurent is scheduled to begin work in late October, while Erickson's appointment is effective immediately.

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