

Memo

To: City Council

From: Deborah Knight, City Administrator

Date: 5/23/2008

Re: Welcome Bob Martin, Community Development Director

This will be Bob Martin's first Council meeting as Community Development Director. There will be an opportunity during staff reports to welcome Bob to the Sultan City family.



CITY OF SULTAN

NEWS RELEASE

May 12, 2008

For Immediate Release

SULTAN HIRES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Sultan - On Thursday, May 8, 2008 the Sultan City Council confirmed Mayor Eslick's appointment of Robert Martin as Community Development Director effective May 12, 2008. Martin is expected to begin work on May 27, 2008.

Mr. Martin has over 30 years of experience in planning and economic development. Martin served as Development Services Manager for Walla Walla from 1986 to 2002 where he was instrumental in reforming downtown Walla Walla into a tourist destination and National Main Street community. He was heavily involved in the development of the Washington Growth Management Act and served as President of the Washington City Planning Directors Association. After leaving Walla Walla, he had a private consulting practice for two years before taking a position as Senior Land Use and Natural Resources Manager for Whatcom County. Martin has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Central Michigan University in Biology and a Master of Geography from Oregon State University. Martin holds a certification in "City Planning" from the American Institute of Certified Planners

Mayor Eslick said, "Sultan is looking forward to having Robert Martin on board as the Director of Community Development. He brings with him a great deal of experience in the area of economic development and urban planning and has worked with many city councils, commissions, regulatory boards and groups. He truly will be an asset to our City team." Mr. Martin added, "I am looking forward to the opportunity to assist Sultan in achieving its potential."

For further information, please contact City Administrator Deborah Knight at 360.79.2231.

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