

Chamber of commerce director to retire

Chamber of Commerce Director Skip Hauke announced this week that he plans to retire from his position next year.

"I have been blessed with the greatest staff and board of directors that one could ever imagine, plus more than 640 wonderful and supportive members, making the Astoria-Warrenton Chamber the largest and best on the Oregon Coast," Hauke told the board. "I am very proud of what our chamber has accomplished during my 13 years, but 98 percent of the credit goes to the staff."

Hauke joined the chamber staff in January 2005, after 40 years of operating his family's Sentry Markets in Astoria. The markets had been in the Hauke family for 110 years.

David Reid, who with his wife owns Lucy's Books, has been named Hauke's replacement. The Reids moved to Astoria in 2002 when he took a new job as district sales coordinator for Aflac.



Hauke



Reid

Reid has been a chamber ambassador since 2003 and board member since 2011. He has served on the downtown association's Business Development Committee since 2012 and was president of the Rotary Club in 2008-09. He was honored with the chamber's George Award in 2014.

In 2016, Reid became lead adviser for Clatsop Community College's Small Business Development Center.

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instead of in phases.

The large parcel is being viewed by the city in its entirety, with houses, roads and utilities grouped along Ridge Road on the west side and most of the property left undeveloped as wetlands and other natural areas.

When the Planning Commission approved the project in August, it placed 29 conditions on the developer before construction can begin.

The conditions include building one or more neighborhood parks, assessing storm water drainage, making a video inspection of the sewer system, widening some streets proposed in the project and building a safe crossing from the project to Fort Stevens State Park.

"This appeal has cost our client quite a bit of time," said Adam Dailey, an engineer representing Fort Pointe.

When the project was approved, one of the partners said they want Fort Pointe built as soon as possible "given the immediate need for housing."

Also on Tuesday, the commission grappled with Mayor

Henry Balensifer's proposal to ban ministorage facilities from the city's main entryways: Main Avenue and Harbor Drive, plus Pacific Drive in Hammond.

A change to the city's development code, which would have banned new storage units west of Highway 101, was rejected by the Planning Commission as too broad.

"I don't have anything against ministorage facilities, I just want to keep them off the frontage roads of entrances to downtown corridors," Balensifer said.

Commissioner Pam Ackley agreed that keeping the city's entrances visually appealing is important.

"I think we definitely need to revisit this," she said. "I don't think we put enough thought into this."

The commission agreed to form a committee to craft a more specific ordinance or code change that wouldn't affect existing ministorage facilities, but would make new ones subject to additional conditions, such as setbacks from main roads and landscaping.

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Seaside author to speak Sunday

Author Gloria Linkey will share research from her just-released book, "A Town Called Seaside," at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, in the Netul River Room in the Fort Clatsop Visitor Center.

Her talk is part of the monthly "In Their Footsteps" free speaker series sponsored by the parkw.

Linkey's book looks at Seaside's progression from a summer resort in the 1940s to the thriving tourist attraction and community it is today.

Linkey is past president



Linkey

of Seaside Museum & Historical Society and a member of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Her previous books are "Native American Women: Three Who Changed History" and "Abby Rescues Animals."

"A Town Called Seaside" will be available for purchase at the event.

Linkey's earlier history book is available at the park's bookstore. There will sign books following her presentation.

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