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Community development director hired

New planner brings experience from similar position in Rowlett

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The city of Sachse has hired Marc Kurbansade as director of community development. The position manages, directs and oversees the planning, zoning, building inspection and building maintenance activities of the city. His annual salary is \$75,345.

The position became available

several months ago when former Community Development Director Barry Shelton was named assistant director of development services for the city of McKinney.

“Marc has experience in a wide variety of development projects around the Metroplex and will bring a broad perspective to Sachse’s opportunities,” City Manager Billy George said. “More than that, though, Marc has shown a sensitivity to the community’s

wants and needs that, I believe, will serve the city very well.”

Previously Kurbansade was the senior planner for the city of Rowlett.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in environmental studies from Richard Stockton College in New Jersey and Master of Urban and Regional Planning from Florida Atlantic University.

"I am looking forward to my new position as Sachse director of

community development," he said. "I believe my previous experience in both the public and private sectors will lend a fresh perspective to help the city be a better place to live, work and play."

Kurbansade is a member of American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners.

He also serves on the State

Chapter of APA as a Certification Maintenance Coordinator to assist AICP members with professional development.

"As many residents and businesses across North Texas are aware, recent drought conditions and the corresponding restrictions have posed many problems and questions," he said. "Therefore, an evaluation of our landscaping regulations will be one of my first tasks. We need to ensure that

we are meeting a high level of quality for landscaping associated with development but also being good stewards of our water resources."

Kurbansade said some other projects will center on revisions to development regulations and processes to ensure uniformity and clarity.

"I intend to build upon the high standard of quality that my predecessor set for me," he said. "Our department needs to continue to serve our customers with the highest possible

level of service. Our customers are any current or potential resident or business that calls us on the phone, sends us an email, visits the city offices, or simply engages us while we are

outside of our office. And, our customers should expect nothing but utmost attention to their concerns.”

Kurbansade is a member of Urban Land Institute and volunteers through their Urban Plan program. Urban Plan is an educational program taught at different high schools and universities.

“Marc has been thrown into the deep end on several private development projects around town,” George said. “In addition, I’ve tasked him with reviewing Sachse’s landscaping ordinance in light of water restrictions which will likely be the new normal and to take an important role with the city engineer in updating the city’s impact fees. Marc is also reviewing screening provisions for commercial development. It is the first week and his plate is getting full.”