

Madison Mayor Rhodes-Conway: Announces appointment of interim Director of Planning and Community and Economic Development

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Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway announced today that she is appointing Nan Fey to serve as the City's Director of Planning and Community and Economic Development (PCED) until a permanent replacement for the recently retired Natalie Erdman is hired.

The position of PCED Director includes the advancement of the City's efforts in affordable housing, development and economic development as well as leading the Department's management team. Nan has served on numerous city committees, boards and commissions, having been appointed by Mayors Bauman, Cieslewicz, and Soglin. An attorney by training, she became involved in City policy issues as a neighborhood advocate.

Her focus has been primarily on planning and development issues addressed by the Board of Public Works, Joint West Campus Area Committee, Inclusionary Zoning Advisory Committee, the Plan Commission (chair 2005-12) and the Lamp House Block Plan. Nan has been chairing the Madison Food Policy Council since its creation in 2012. She is a previous recipient of the Jeffrey Clay Erlanger Civility in Government Award.

“Nan’s committee experience provides her with a great background for this job,” said Mayor Rhodes-Conway. “She knows the people around the table, from City staff to interested residents and City partners. I am pleased she has accepted this challenge.”

Her first day in her office is May 20th. By City ordinance, a nation-wide search will be conducted for a permanent replacement for the position.