

2013 Redmond Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Miscellaneous Amendments (LAND-2013-01274)

Planning Commission Issues Matrix for August 21, 2013

Issue	Discussion Notes	Status
<p>1. Unit lot subdivision: when was it adopted? How many times has it been extended? How many projects have been completed? (Sanders)</p>	<p><u>Planning Commission Discussion</u> Commissioners expressed interest in learning more about the length of time that the unit lot subdivisions had been in effect since its initial adoption and the number of projects that had made use of the provisions.</p> <p><u>Staff Response/Recommendation</u> In reviewing the adopting ordinances, staff found that it was initially adopted on October 29, 2005 with an original sunset date of October 29, 2008. The ordinance was then extended for an additional five years, and so expires in October 2013. During the eight year timeframe when the unit lot subdivision provisions have been in effect, there have been approximately five projects that have utilized this code, with the majority of applications occurring in the last two years.</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u></p>	<p>Opened 8/14</p>
<p>2. Public input generally (Multiple)</p>	<p><u>Planning Commission Discussion</u> Commissioners expressed interest in learning more about the Planning Department’s current outreach practices and strategies, and about the strategies and activities of the City’s Communications office. There was particular interest in pursuing more proactive outreach approaches.</p> <p><u>Staff Response/Recommendation</u> Staff appreciates and understands the Commission’s interest in outreach, and shares the desire to reach a broader audience both for specific land use applications and for other initiatives. To that end, staff has experimented with a number of new approaches recently. These include: visiting neighborhood parks, leading neighborhood walks, sending more communication directly to email inboxes, hanging posters in local businesses and apartment mailrooms, incentivizing online questionnaire completion, partnering with other City departments on outreach activities as part of Derby Days, and partnering with the library system and a local artist.</p> <p>We recognize that the outreach landscape is changing and so we continue to seek and apply new ideas and tools. For example, the City is evaluating more active forms of community engagement that could supplement the biennial citizen survey (the traditional source of citizen satisfaction data); this effort includes researching best practices and the use of technology to enhance community engagement. Also, we are researching the availability and use nationally of interactive digital tools for a variety of civic</p>	<p>Opened 8/14</p>

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	<p>engagement purposes. We will work with Communications staff to follow-up on the Commission’s request to learn more about citywide communication and outreach efforts and provide an update following that discussion.</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u></p>	
<p>3. Master Planned Development neighborhood meetings: are there ways to further reduce the chances of last-minute surprises? (Biethan)</p>	<p><u>Planning Commission Discussion</u> Planning Commissioners requested additional discussion relating to ways to address issues that may arise from a neighborhood meeting during the final stages of a project, or ways to increase the odds that those issues are surfaced earlier in the process. Commissioner Biethan noted that those issues can sometimes result in significant changes to a project, such as infrastructure modifications.</p> <p><u>Staff Response/Recommendation</u> Staff understands the Commission’s concerns relating to ensuring predictability during the design and planning of a project. There are informal ways to resolve issues that arise as a result of a neighborhood meeting, between the developer and concerned citizens. Typically, developers attempt to resolve issues that arise prior to a scheduled public hearing. Staff’s recommendation includes providing an additional opportunity to gather early public input and thereby reduce the chances that new issues will surface in the last days before a decision is to be made.</p> <p>This issues is also related to issue #2 regarding public outreach more generally. The better the City’s outreach is in general, the less likely it is that surprises will emerge late in the development review process.</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u></p>	<p>Opened 8/14</p>