ISSUES MATRIX – 2010-2011 Periodic Update of the Comprehensive Plan (L100259)
Neighborhoods Element

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Policy and Text		
1. Describe the process for handling interim neighborhood issues – those that occur at times other than during a neighborhood planning process ***(Hinman)***	Staff Recommendation/Reasoning **9/15/10**: Similar to today, interim issues are noted for future update to the neighborhood policies and/or brought to the respective department. For example, a localized street repair would be managed by the City's transportation division, based on conditions and funding. The tiered approach to neighborhood plan updates is proposed to include an annual neighborhood meeting to check in with citizens regarding the current neighborhood plan. The City is piloting these meetings in 2010 as an opportunity for staff to develop an inventory of neighborhood issues as well as ideas. Staff and neighborhood citizens would review this inventory and consider as part of neighborhood plan amendments at six-year intervals. Supplementing the annual meeting and six-year updates, more significant updates to neighborhood plans would occur at twelve-year intervals, as necessary. Public Comments PC Discussion **9/15/10:** Commissioner Hinman closed this item following the Commissions recognition of staff's comments.	**Opened 9/15/10; Closed 9/15/10**
2. Explain the Redmond Neighborhood Network: what is it, how does it relate to	Staff Recommendation/Reasoning **9/15/10:** Redmond's Neighborhood Network is the name and process of checking in with neighborhood citizens on an annual basis. While still in a pilot phase through December 2010, staff anticipates implementing the Neighborhood Network in 2011.	**Opened 9/15/10; Closed 9/15/10**

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neighborhood planning, and how does it function ***(Hinman)***	At the neighborhood-scale, citizens attend a meeting, respond to questionnaires, and use other communication tools to consider the following: • How the neighborhood plan is working; • Completion of priority projects and new projects, ranked in order of highest priority; • Small, neighborhood beautification projects for completion during the next year, in order of completion and highest priority; and • Neighborhood goals for the next year. These neighborhood aspects help staff recognize interest, ideas, and opportunities for discussion and promotion during six-year, neighborhood plan updates. The Neighborhood Network includes those neighborhoods with recently updated neighborhood plans. The Sammamish Valley and SE Redmond neighborhoods would take part in the network following update of their plans during 2011-2012. <u>Public Comments</u> <u>PC Discussion</u> **9/15/10:** Commissioner Hinman closed this item following the Commissions recognition of staff's comments.	
3. Include the topic of stewardship in the Neighborhood Element narrative. Include along with the concept of small	<u>Staff Recommendation/Reasoning</u> **9/15/10:** Staff supports this addition and recommends the following: ***"Initial Neighborhood Improvements*** The neighborhood planning and update process provides an opportunity to identify ~~small capital~~ improvements of particular importance to the neighborhood that can be completed	**Opened 9/15/10; Closed 9/15/10**

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projects, pg. 11 of Neighborhoods Element ***(Gregory)***	through the Neighborhood Spotlight or Neighborhood Matching Fund. Projects for consideration may include improvements to bus shelters, public amenities such as benches and gardens, traffic safety improvements in conjunction with the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming program, and other projects that serve the greater, public good of a neighborhood. The neighborhood planning and update process also provides opportunities for fostering citizen stewardship. Stewardship can consist of organizing collaborative efforts to implement smaller, neighborhood beautification projects. As well, citizen interest in stewardship can help implement programmatic efforts such as planting along the Sammamish River, establishing neighborhood pea patches, and promoting awareness of disaster preparedness.~~ a trail connection, streetlights, signs, or a park improvement. Examples of smaller, noncapital projects that could be considered for assistance through the Neighborhood Matching Fund include a workshop event that promotes the goals and vision of the final plan or a neighborhood parade float for festivals, such as Derby Days.~~" Public Comments PC Discussion **9/15/10:** Commissioner Gregory closed this item following the Commissions support of the amendment as listed above.	
4. Address the process through which the Planning Commission will remain informed regarding neighborhood interests and concerns. Policy	Staff Recommendation/Reasoning **9/15/10:** Staff supports this addition and recommends the following amendments to policy NP-1 and the associated text: "**NP-1 Plan for, undertake, and report on updates to ~~Prepare or update~~neighborhood plans at consistent intervals as follows:** • **Meet annually ~~every six years, and include a review of~~**	**Opened 9/15/10; Closed 9/15/10**

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NP-1, pg 6 ***(Flynn)***	**~~neighborhood plans to determine if they are adequate or require updating. Work~~with neighborhood citizens to discuss progress of neighborhood plan implementation, neighborhood goals ~~representatives~~ and vision~~, the Planning Commission to prepare a recommendation on~~ and priority projects;** • **Review and complete refinements to policies and regulations, as necessary every six years; and** • **Review and complete more significant updates to policies and regulations, as necessary every twelve years.~~neighborhoods for consideration by the City Council.~~** The Planning Commission and City Council will be informed of neighborhood events and the resulting citizen interests and feedback using a variety of communication techniques such as newsletters, written updates, and staff briefings. The Planning Commission will review and conduct a public hearing on~~ After being developed, each~~ the six- and twelve-year neighborhood plan updates ~~will be reviewed by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the plan~~ and make a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council will then consider adoption of the plan, after modification if needed, and incorporate it into the Neighborhood Element." <u>Public Comments</u> <u>PC Discussion</u> **9/15/10:** Commissioner Flynn requested that policy NP-1 reflect the process through which the Planning Commission will remain informed regarding the public input and feedback associated with the annual neighborhood meetings (Redmond's Neighborhood Network).	

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5. Modify text to replace "future leadership roles" with "community leaders", pg 8 ***(Flynn)***	Staff Recommendation/Reasoning **9/15/10:** Staff supports this modification and recommends the following: "As a result of this process, citizens may be encouraged to consider civic leadership with Redmond government." Public Comments PC Discussion **9/15/10:** Commissioner Flynn suggested modifying ***Techniques and Structure of the Neighborhood Plan Update Process, 3rd paragraph*** to enhance the description of leadership.	**Opened 9/15/10; Closed 9/15/10**