

City of Redmond Planning Commission

**December 1, 2010 Meeting Summary
Redmond City Hall – Council Chambers
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington**

Planning Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Tom Hinman, Vice Chair Franz Wiechers-Gregory, Phil Miller, Robert O'Hara, Passion Julinsey, Scott Biethen, Tom Flynn

Planning Commissioners Excused:

N/A

Staff in Attendance:

Pete Sullivan, Planning Commission staff liaison; Colleen Kelly, Human Services Manager, Jeff Churchill, Senior Planner, Kim Dietz, Senior Planner.

Call to Order:

Commission Chair Tom Hinman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

The evening's agenda was approved without changes.

Study Session, Overlake Amendments Phase III.

The Commission held a study session to resolve issues identified to date for these amendments. Jeff Churchill directed the Planning Commission to new information related to infrastructure. The Commission was satisfied with responses to previous issues; no new issues were raised. The Commission passed a motion to recommend approval of the amendments by a vote of 7-0.

Study Session, Bear Creek Neighborhood Plan Update

The Commission held a study session to resolve issues identified to date for this update. There was additional discussion related to issue #5, having to do with a policy directing the City to evaluate use of bus pull-outs during future planning efforts. Mr. Churchill and the Planning Commission verbally agreed on a change to language that was more acceptable. The Commission passed a motion to recommend approval of the proposed neighborhood plan update by a vote of 7-0

Study Session, 2010/2011 Comprehensive Plan Update, Human Services Element Colleen Kelly gave a two-part presentation: an overview of Human Services as a work area for the City, and a summary of proposed changes to the Human Services Comprehensive Plan element.

Summary of first part: Human Services (HS), a division of the Planning Department, is not to be confused with Human Resources. HS is typically housed without a City's Parks Department, but in Redmond's case it fits quite well in Planning due to tie-ins with Comprehensive Planning and affordable housing goals. The HS Strategic Plan, passed in 2009, is central the division's work. HS consists of one manager, a part-time Senior Planner and a citizen-based Commission. Redmond's HS division is not a direct service

provider; they contract with 48 different community programs, with a \$680K budget. Planning Commissioners asked what the biggest issues are facing HS. They include shelter, food, domestic violence and youth intervention.

Significant changes to the Human Services element of the Comprehensive Plan are as follows: Align strategic plan with sustainability goals; expand definition of the City's role; add focus to independent elements of the work program. Ms. Kelly indicated she would strengthen a passage in the element that referenced the Human Services Strategic Plan

Study Session, Neighborhood Commercial Development Guide Amendment – Policy and Regulatory Updates.

The Commission held a study session to continue to identify and resolve issues identified to date. The proposed package of amendments is extensive; it including changes to Comprehensive Plan policy and development regulations in several areas. Kim Dietz responded to many questions about proposed policy changes. Significant areas of concern included park proximity, incentives, and Floor Area Ratio. The Commission agreed to extend the study session into a second block (scheduled for 12/8), in which they will finish working through the proposed changes and begin resolving issues. Ms. Dietz will return with follow-up information at the 12/8 meeting; a public hearing is scheduled for 12/15.

Announcements and Scheduling

- The Planning Commission will attend a joint meeting Thursday, December 2, with the Parks and Trails Commission. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a presentation on proposed design alternatives for the Redmond Central Connector.
- On December 7, the City Council will be briefed on results from the Nov. 3 Livable Redmond event. Staff will provide a similar presentation to the Planning Commission at their next regularly-scheduled meeting, December 8.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.