

City of Redmond Planning Commission

December 8, 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, Robert O’Hara, Passion Julinsey, Tom Flynn

Planning Commissioners Excused:

Phil Miller, Scott Biethen

Staff in Attendance:

Pete Sullivan, Planning Commission staff liaison; Kim Dietz, Senior Planner.

Call to Order:

Commission Chair Tom Hinman called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

The evening’s agenda was approved without changes.

Approval of meeting summary, 10/27/10

The summary was approved without changes.

Approval of meeting summary, 12/1/10

The summary was approved without changes.

Approval of meeting minutes, 11/10/10

The minutes were approved with one change: to correct an error indicating Tom Hinman called the meeting to order. The minutes should be revised to show that Vice Chair Gregory called the meeting to order.

Items from the audience

No members from the audience made comments.

Briefing, Livable Redmond Event.

Staff: Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner and co-lead for the 2010-2011 Comprehensive Plan Update

The purpose of the briefing was to update the Planning Commission on outcomes and next steps from the Livable Redmond Event, including the proposed sustainability principles, and to seek any questions or feedback. Pete Sullivan briefed the Commission accordingly, and Planning Commissioners remarked on the quality of the event; holding a similar event in the future; and asked how the City Council responded to staff’s presentation on December 7.

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

Staff: Kim Dietz, Senior Planner

The purpose of the study session was to continue to review and discuss amendments to Neighborhood Commercial portions of the Comprehensive Plan and Community Development Guide. The study session's focus included the recommended policy updates and preliminary discussion of the regulatory updates. The Planning Commission will complete their identification of major topics for discussion. Chair Hinman indicated he would discuss meeting highlights with Commissioners not in attendance, which will determine whether the Commission is prepared to consider all issues closed for discussion. A public hearing and final study session is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15.

Announcements and Scheduling

- The Commission reflected on the joint meeting Thursday, December 2, with the Parks and Trails Commission, in which the two Commissions heard and discussed proposed design alternatives for the Redmond Central Connector. Commissioners also shared thoughts about their involvement through the remainder of the master planning process.
- Pete Sullivan summarized other actions taken by City Council on December 7 that are of interest to the Commission. He also noted that the City Council is scheduled to take action on two items of interest on January 4.
- After the December 15 meeting, the Commission will not meet again until January 12. Chair Hinman thought it would be nice if staff brought cookies or other festive treats to the December 15 meeting; Mr. Sullivan suggested everyone bring a little something to share.
- Pete Sullivan encouraged Commissioners and the public to view the City's new web site, which debuted earlier the same day.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.