

City of Redmond Planning Commission

May 18, 2011 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, Scott Biethan, Canaan Bontadelli, Tom Flynn, Passion Julinsey and Robert O'Hara. Chair Hinman welcomed Commissioner Bontadelli back from his work on the Zoning Code Rewrite Commission.

Planning Commissioners Excused:

Vibhas Chandorkar, Phil Miller

Staff in Attendance:

Sarah Stiteler, Planning Commission staff liaison; Jeff Churchill, Senior Planner

Guests:

Ben Bakkenta, Program Manager, Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)

Call to Order:

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

Approval of the Agenda:

The agenda was approved without changes.

Approval of meeting summary, 4/27/11

Summary was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Items from the audience

No comments from the audience were made.

Briefing, HUD Sustainable Communities Grant

Ben Bakkenta, from the Puget Sound Regional Council provided an overview of the HUD Sustainable Communities Grant, of which the City of Redmond is a partner along with many other public and non-profit agencies in the region. Mr. Bakkenta, the project manager who is leading the effort, presented a summary of the program regarding the process, timelines, and anticipated deliverables. The grant is 3-year, \$5 million federal grant received by PSRC in October, 2010. The grant will support neighborhood planning and plan implementation to encourage more sustainable communities around new transit centers that are expected in the next 20 years.

Mr. Bakkenta stated that the City of Redmond will be working primarily in a segment of the program which will be developing specific actions and tools to support equitable, sustainable communities in the region's high capacity light rail corridors. Task forces will identify steps to coordinate development, housing, jobs, and community amenities that will help attract transit-oriented development along the North, East, and South LINK

light rail corridors. City of Redmond staff are currently participating in a staff level task force for the East Corridor.

Briefing, Redmond Community Indicators Report

Jeff Churchill, Senior Planner, presented a summary of the *Redmond Community Indicators 2011* report. Mr. Churchill provided highlights of the 2011 report and described how the information can be used by Commissioners, staff, the community and others to help advance Redmond toward its Comprehensive Plan goals. Some of the findings presented indicate that the Redmond community is strong, with record attendance at community events and increased volunteerism. The City has weathered the recession well, with an increase in jobs and businesses licenses. The recession continues to have effects, however, with stalled private development, and increased child poverty as reported by the Lake Washington School District.

Briefing, Zoning Code Rewrite

During 2009 and 2010 the City of Redmond comprehensively updated its development regulations. On April 5, 2011 the City Council adopted the new Redmond Zoning Code as Title 21 of the Redmond Municipal Code. The Zoning Code replaces the Redmond Community Development Guide.

Jeff Churchill, Senior Planner, gave a presentation on the new Zoning Code, highlighting changes in format and content. He reviewed some of the other “parking lot” issues identified but outside of the scope of the update, and the approximate timing for review of these issues.

Announcements and Scheduling

- The East King County Housing Tour will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- The City Council held its first study session May 10, 2011 on the Package 1 amendments for the Comprehensive Plan Update and identified a number of issues to discuss at the second study session scheduled for May 24, 2011.
- Sarah Stiteler confirmed that the next Planning Commission meeting is May 25, 2011. The Planning Commission will begin review of three elements of the Comprehensive Plan that evening: Community Character and Historic Preservation, Housing and Economic Vitality.

Adjourn

Chair Hinman adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Summary prepared by:

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