Memorandum

To: Planning Commission

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Subject: **Technical Committee Report on 2010-2011 Periodic Update of the Comprehensive Plan:**
Park, Arts, Recreation, Culture & Conservation (PARCC) Element

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In preparation for the Commission's July 20, 2011 study session, this memo includes the Technical Committee report and recommended updates for the PARCC Element of Redmond's Comprehensive Plan.

BACKGROUND

The recommended amendments to the PARCC Element reflect Redmond's Principles for Sustainability through continued support for conservation of open space and natural areas, community gardens, public places and events, sustainable and environmentally-friendly building and design techniques, and historic preservation.

Other amendments reflect City Council direction and updates to the 2010 PARCC Plan. The proposed changes in this element are consistent with Redmond's Zoning Code, GMA, and Countywide Planning Policies for King County.

Staff sought comments on the preliminary draft of the Element from the Puget Sound Regional Council, Redmond's Parks and Trails Commission, and the Redmond Arts Commission.

REVIEW OF THE RECOMMENDATION

Please review the Technical Committee Report and recommended amendments and identify any discussion topics, questions and comments in advance of the July 20, 2011 meeting. As you review the recommended amendments, please consider whether the updates adequately:

- Reflect Redmond's principles for sustainability, as contained in the report on the Livable Redmond event
- Reflect changes to the Growth Management Act and regional plans since the last update in 2004

- Reflect a planning horizon of 2030
- Reflect Planning Commission's direction on concepts during the summer 2010
- Reflect work completed, changes in conditions or City Council direction since the last update in 2004

Staff invites Planning Commissioners to email their discussion issues ahead of the meeting to staff to assist in preparation.

REVIEW SCHEDULE

The Planning Commission will hold an initial study session on July 20, 2011 and public hearing and study session on July 27, 2011. Completion of Planning Commission recommendation is anticipated at the August 10, 2011 study session.

ATTACHMENTS

- **Technical Committee Report on 2010-2011 Periodic Update of the Comprehensive Plan: PARCC Element**