City of Redmond Planning Commission

March 10, 2010 Meeting Summary

Redmond City Hall – Council Chambers
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington

Planning Commissioners in Attendance:
Chair Charlie McCarthy, Vice Chair Tom Hinman, Scott Biethan, Franz Wiechers-Gregory, Passion Julinsey, Phil Miller, Robert O'Hara, Thom Youngblood (last meeting prior to temporary CRC appointment).

Planning Commissioners Excused:
Robert O'Hara was excused at the break.

Staff in Attendance:
Sarah Stiteler, Tim Cox, Steve Hitch and Kim Dietz.

Call to Order:
Commission Chair Charlie McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda:
The agenda was changed to reflect the discussion of the Overlake Village Stormwater and Park Facilities Plan to be at 7:15 p.m. instead of 8:30 p.m.

Items from the Audience
Todd Woosley, representing PS Business Parks, made comments about the 152nd Avenue Design Charette for the station location of the light rail. He stated that he favored Concept E which proposes the location to be further north on 152nd, adjacent to SR 520. He further stated that this would result in a more coordinated approach and allow for a more vibrant retail and mixed use area. In addition, Mr. Woosley requested that the Planning Commission consider the fairness of having largely one property owner as the recipient of off-site stormwater in the Overlake area.

Briefing, Overlake Village Stormwater and Park Facilities Plan
Tim Cox, Parks Planning Manager and Steve Hitch, Senior Engineer gave a presentation to update the Planning Commission on the latest work on the Overlake Village Stormwater and Park Facilities Plan. Mr. Cox stated that a community meeting had been held on January 21, 2010 where study concepts had been presented. The study proposes to provide alternative sites for the detention of regional stormwater in the Overlake area. The goal is to further define appropriate sites within the 323 acre study area that will maximize public investment by supporting the co-location of park and stormwater facilities. Such a facility would require 10 to 12 acres total area for the estimated capacity needed. It would implement the regional facilities plan, as well as implementing stated policies of the Overlake Neighborhood Plan. At this stage, the study is evaluating four preferred sites. The next task will be to identify a preferred alternative and proposed implementation plan for review and consideration prior to the next community meeting in May, 2010. The Planning Commission requested that responses to correspondence received by the Commission be drafted for their review.

Study Session, Viewpoint Neighborhood Plan

Kim Dietz, Senior Planner gave an introduction on the major points of the proposed Viewpoint Neighborhood Plan. She described these elements as 1) Neighborhood Awareness, 2) Transportation, 3) Water Quality and Natural Environs, 4) Land Use and zoning, and, 5) Parks and Places. Ms. Dietz requested that at this time the Planning Commission provide any feedback and questions, as well as requests for additional information and to begin to define issues for further discussion.

Study Session, 2010-2011 Comprehensive Plan Update - Scoping
Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner reviewed the proposed scope for the 2010-2011 Comprehensive Plan Update with the Planning Commission. A suggestion was made that staff communicate with other staff involved in the Code Rewrite process, to determine if corresponding policy language should be changed or enhanced to reflect any new regulatory issues supporting sustainability. Commissioner Gregory motioned to approve the scope as proposed; Commissioner Hinman seconded the motion. The motion passed 7 – 0.

Reports/Schedule
Sarah Stiteler gave a brief report of recent Council meetings. Commissioners discussed the retreat held the previous week and agreed that more information and overview of related issues in Overlake and Downtown would be desired. One suggestion was to provide a short quarterly report or presentation to update the Commission.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.