City of Redmond Planning Commission

April 25, 2012 Meeting Summary Redmond City Hall – Council Chambers 15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington

Planning Commissioners in Attendance:

Tom Hinman, Chair, Franz Wiechers-Gregory, Vice Chair; Scott Biethan, Vibhas Chandorkar, Phil Miller, Eric Murray, and Bob O'Hara

Planning Commissioners Excused:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Sarah Stiteler, Planning Commission staff liaison; Kimberly Dietz, Senior Planner and Malisa Files, Deputy Finance Director

Call to Order:

Tom Hinman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of the agenda:

The agenda was approved without changes.

Approval of meeting minutes and summary:

The minutes for March 21, 2012 were unanimously approved with no changes. The meeting summary for April 16, 2012 was also unanimously approved with no changes.

Items from the audience

None

Briefing, Neighborhood Network and Budget-by-Priorities Meetings.

Kimberly Dietz, Senior Planner, and Malisa Files, Deputy Finance Director, briefed the Planning Commission regarding the input received from the Neighborhood Network Meetings conducted during February and March, 2012. This year, the City combined the programs to streamline outreach efforts for the Redmond Neighborhood Network and Budgeting by Priorities to reduce the number of invitations involving similar subject matters within a single year. Three community meetings were organized around the six community priorities of: 1) Infrastructure and Growth; 2) Safety; 3) Clean and Green Environment; 4) Community Building; 5) Business Community; and 6) Responsible Government. The open house format as well as small focus groups gave participants an opportunity to express ideas or suggestions for Redmond in the near term (1-6 years) as well as for the longer term (6-12 years). This feedback will assist the City budgeting process for the consideration of future public investments and complements the inventory of community perspective obtained during previous years'

Neighborhood Network meetings. A final summary report was published on March 30, 2012 and is available on the City's website.

Commissioners discussed the methods and process used for public outreach for these events, suggesting that a small group of interested Commissioners could meet to discuss this informally with staff in the future.

Briefing, Growing Transit Communities, East Corridor Task Force

Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, gave an overview of the Growing Transit Communities work, which is funded by a HUD grant of \$5 Million awarded to the Puget Sound Regional Council in October, 2010. The grant supports planning and development of sustainable transit communities in the central Puget Sound region, in three identified light rail corridors. Over the past several months, the East Corridor Task Force (including City of Redmond staff and other representatives) has been working to identify project ideas for catalyst demonstration projects within the Corridor. Ms. Stiteler summarized elements of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for assistance in conducting research and developing tools to address key issues and challenges to implementation of equitable transit communities within the corridor. The work is anticipated to begin on June 1, 2012 with the first phase (\$50,000) to be completed by October 31, 2012. The second, major phase of the work (\$200,000) begins November 1, 2012 and will be completed by October 31, 2013.

Announcements and Scheduling

Sarah Stiteler reported on the City Council study session held the previous evening on the Housing Strategy Plan. She stated that the Council agreed with most of the Planning Commission's recommended high priority strategies, but wanted to give more emphasis to outreach efforts and ways to make accessory dwelling unit permits easier to obtain. The Housing Strategy Plan is scheduled for City Council adoption on May 15, 2012.

Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Summary prepared by:

Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner / Planning Commission Staff Liaison