REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 14, 2012
Meeting Summary

Council
Kim Allen (Chair)
Tom Flynn
Hank Myers *(4:35 p.m.)*
Hank Margeson *(Attending Council Member)*
John Stilin *(Attending Council Member)*
Pat Vache *(Attending Council Member)*

Staff
Tim Fuller, Interim Public Works Director
Rob Odle, Planning and Community Development Director
Ron Grant, Assistant Director, Public Works
Lori Peckol, Planning Manager, Policy and Comprehensive Plan
Mike Paul, Public Works - Construction, Engineering Manager
Jon Spangler, Public Works – Natural Resources, Engineering Manager
Jeff Churchill, Planning, Senior Planner
Roger Dane, Public Works – Natural Resources, Senior Planner
Kim Dietz, Planning, Senior Planner
Deborah Farris, Planning, Code Enforcement Officer
Mike Haley, Public Works - Construction, Senior Engineer
Steve Hitch, Public Works – Natural Resources, Senior Engineer
Kelsey Johnson, Planning, Assistant Planner
Elizabeth M. Adkisson, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m. Adjourned: 5:25 p.m.

Chair Kim Allen opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

Preview of Redmond Way Water Quality Facility

Mr. Mike Haley, Public Works - Construction, Senior Engineer, presented information on the Redmond Way Water Quality Facility:

- the project has been on hold for a year;
- six regional facilities are contained in the plan;
- appropriate technology has been obtained to complete the project; standard treatment will be utilized;
- approximately nine months for design phase;
- a supplemental agreement regarding extension of the design contract will be before Council for consideration at the regular meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 2012;

- final design/bid projected for May 2013;
- construction projected for Summer 2013.

General discussion ensued regarding technologies to be used, current stormwater treatment in Redmond, location of facility, and noticing/funding of project.

SE Redmond Neighborhood Plan Update

Mr. Jeff Churchill, Planning, Senior Planner, and Ms. Kim Dietz, Planning, Senior Planner, provided information and requested Council input regarding the scope, timing and outreach for the SE Redmond Neighborhood Plan Update.

Councilmember comments included:
- addressing land use and zoning issues in that area (inconsistencies; prediction of Industrial and Manufacturing Zones);
- utilization of a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC);
- addressing the connection of the bike trail on East Lake Sammamish to the Redmond Central Connector;
- gathering key business and residential leaders in the same meetings; and
- including education in the planning process, and reviewing expectations with stakeholders.

Joint Landmark Commission/City Council Meeting

Ms. Dietz reviewed the proposed agenda for the upcoming City Council and Landmark Commission Joint Study Session, to be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, including the following topics: Introductions; Meeting Context (Landmark Commission overview, connections to initiatives, Regional Landmark Commission role, and collaboration with Redmond Historical Society); Discussion of Proposed 2012-13 Work Plan and Council Feedback (Leary Way, Old Town, other aspects of work plan, and establishing a City of Redmond category for National History Day competition); and Adjournment. Ms. Dietz stated a packet of useful information would be distributed in advance of this meeting; and solicited any other topics for discussion.

General discussion ensued regarding including Native American history, funding for the work plan (through a budget offer), and status of the Haida House at Dudley Carter Park.

Signs on Light Standards

Ms. Deborah Farris, Planning, Code Enforcement Officer, presented information on 'signs on light standards', in follow-up to discussion at the July Committee meeting:
- staff has consulted with City Attorney Jim Haney;
- regarding Downtown Park advertising issue – resolved; RMC 9.32 – Parks Director can approve signs for temporary/public events, on Park properties; Parks is moving forward with advertising for the Downtown Park;
- regarding signs in public rights-of-way and parking lots – City would have to exempt self or allow public to use these areas as well for display; this may undermine current sign code, keeping distractions to a minimum;

- regarding allowances per specific neighborhood/urban center (example: Downtown and Overlake Neighborhoods) – this is not in alignment with current sign code (which designates uses by zone);
- additional concerns – how to control content of signs (graphics/text); creation/regulation of a sign program; and
- the temporary sign code contains an exemption for seasonal/festival signs and displays; and any signs that cannot be seen from public rights-of-way are exempt.

General discussion ensued regarding next steps for Staff research – to look into and report back on local jurisdiction's sign codes for examples/language, and policy considerations in regards to the City exempting itself from the sign code.

Use of Microsoft Tags on Public Notices

Ms. Kelsey Johnson, Planning, Assistant Planner, presented information on the use of Microsoft Tags on public notices:

- Staff is expanding the use of these tags from advertisements to public notices; these notices are in the form of mailings to residents within the immediate area of projects, and the large signs posted on the project sites; and
- the tag appears on the notice, which can be scanned by mobile devices, and takes the viewer to the project webpage for more information on projects.

General discussion ensued regarding the use of Microsoft Tags versus other 'Tags', and the use of 'Tags' in this manner in local jurisdictions.

2012 Stream Map Update

Ms. Johnson and Mr. Roger Dane, Public Works – Natural Resources, Senior Planner, provided information on the 2012 Stream Map Update:

- the last update to the Stream Map was in 2009; this is one of nine maps contained in the critical areas code;
- this update has been reviewed by the Planning Commission, who has recommended approval; and will be before Council for consideration at the regular meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 2012;
- data collected through Natural Resources Staff walking and gathering data on-site, as well as GIS map data; and
- new data includes:
  - Redmond Watershed Preserve (included on the map for the first time);
  - a number of new streams (acquired from King County); and
  - the addition of stream names; two names are represented – official name in black, and informal name in blue.

General discussion ensued regarding the use of the document in an advisory manner, the current 'disclaimer' found on the document and possible clarifications/alternate language for the 'disclaimer'.