

Citizens Planning For the Future of Neighborhoods Together

Progress Update – April 2013

Planning staff work in partnership with people in each of Redmond’s 10 neighborhood planning areas to identify long-term issues, short-term needs, opportunities for change, and features for preservation. Community members from many areas of the city are taking part in these efforts by attending meetings, completing online surveys, and staying in touch through Facebook pages. Communication takes place via mail, e-mail, RCTV, the *Redmond Reporter* and *Redmond Patch*, the City’s website, Facebook pages, digital neighborhood newsletters, and the *Focus* site.

The table below describes the type of actions taken since the last update, as well as specific progress made within each category.

Neighborhood/Action	Progress
Redmond’s Neighborhood Network	<p>The 2013 Neighborhood Network series is underway from March through May. The focus for the 2013 series includes a partnership with the Redmond Police Department to provide a Redmond Ready workshop and opportunity for neighborhood-based discussions concerning ideas, concerns, and timeliness of the respective neighborhood plans.</p> <p>This year will also introduce additional opportunities for people to connect and consider their neighborhood plan, priority projects, and annual goals. These include “Planner in the Parks,” meetings with homeowners’ associations, and participation in community events such as Derby Days.</p>
Neighborhood Matching Grant and Spotlight Fund	<p>Staff is continuing to promote the program, respond to inquiries, and coordinate grant awards.</p> <p>Residents of Northstar, which is located in the North Redmond neighborhood, have requested \$5,000 to replace an existing play structure in their neighborhood park and to renovate some of their existing play area equipment. This request will be considered by the City Council during late May or early June 2013.</p>
Redmond’s Citizen Academy	<p>Staff plans to promote the Redmond Citizen Academy during the 2013 Neighborhood Network. This series will be provided in its entirety during September – November 2013.</p>
Southeast Redmond Neighborhood Plan Update	<p>The Southeast Redmond Neighborhood Plan update is under way, with final adoption expected in 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff conducted a Planner in the Park series as well as a neighborhood questionnaire as a “soft launch” to the project in summer 2012. • Three kickoff events held in November and December 2012 to formally launch the update. • Citizen Advisory Committee to be appointed by Mayor and Council in early 2013.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="656 199 1393 304">• The nine-member Southeast Redmond Neighborhood Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meets monthly (from January through October 2013).<li data-bbox="656 310 1409 445">• Quarterly open houses offer the neighborhood an opportunity to comment on and help the CAC develop neighborhood plan concepts and alternatives. The first open house occurred on April 18, 2013.