

City of Redmond Planning Commission

**August 14, 2013 Meeting Summary
Redmond City Hall – Council Chambers
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington**

Planning Commissioners in Attendance:

Franz Wiechers-Gregory, Chair, Scott Biethan, Phil Miller, Eric Murray, Robert O'Hara, Sheri Sanders

Planning Commissioners Excused:

Vibhas Chandorkar, Vice Chair

Staff in Attendance:

Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, Jeff Churchill, Senior Planner, Thara Johnson, Associate Planner

1. Call to Order:

Chair Wiechers-Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

The agenda was approved without changes.

3. Items from the audience:

No oral testimony was provided.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The meeting minutes for July 17 were approved unanimously without changes.

5. Study Session, 2013 Redmond Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Miscellaneous Amendments.

Jeff Churchill gave an overview of the proposed package of amendments. He provided background by stating that after the adoption of the Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan in 2011, staff has maintained a list of corrections and updates, which this package contains. Mr. Churchill gave a proposed schedule for review of the proposed 23 amendments; the Planning Commission review including study sessions and public hearing will conclude in August, 2013, with Council approval anticipated in September or October, 2013.

Commissioner Sanders stated that she supported proposed amendments that encourage additional public access to and knowledge of our processes. Commissioner Murray stated that the City should be more proactive in engaging the public in both land use actions and other City activities. He suggested that the Planning Commission invite the Communications Director to a future meeting and that he would be willing to serve as a liaison to the Planning Commission on this issue. Other Commissioners were in support of these suggestions.

The public hearing on the proposed amendment package will occur next week on August 21, 2103.

6. Report Approval, Zoning Code Amendment to expand allowance for drive-through facilities in the General Commercial zone.

The Planning Commission unanimously approved the report with no changes.

7. Report Approval, Proposed Zoning Code Amendment related to hours of operation for eating and drinking establishments in the Manufacturing Park (MP) zone.

The Planning Commission moved and seconded a motion to approve the report.

Commissioner Biethan motioned to amend the report to read in the fourth paragraph under item #1, Key Issues Discussed by the Planning Commission, "... [extended hours] encourages retail uses to occur in areas with industrial rental rates." The motion to amend was approved unanimously, and the report was then unanimously approved as amended.

8. Briefing, Innovative Housing Demonstration Program.

Sarah Stiteler gave an update of the Innovative Housing Demonstration Program, and stated that the current program will sunset on August 23, 2013, after a total of eight years. The program will be evaluated in approximately one year after further development and Ms. Stiteler requested input from Planning Commissioners regarding issues for evaluation. Commissioner Miller suggested that the woonerf-type vehicular access in the Sycamore Park development be reviewed for functionality and if a narrower street may be possible in subsequent developments.

9. Reports/Announcements/Scheduling

There were no reports.

10. Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Summary prepared by:

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