

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, August 13, 2013  
Meeting Summary

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**Council**

Kim Allen (Chair)  
Tom Flynn  
Hank Myers  
John Stilin, *(Attending Councilmember)*  
Pat Vache, *(Attending Councilmember)*  
Hank Margeson *(Attending Councilmember)*

**Staff**

Lei Wu, Senior Engineer, Planning  
Rob Odle, Planning Director, Planning  
Peter Dane, Associate Planner, Planning  
Amanda Balzer, Environmental Scientist, PW  
Kim Keeling, Program Administrator, Planning  
Cathy Beam, Principal Planner, Planning  
Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, Planning  
Kim Dietz, Senior Planner, Planning  
Lori Peckol, Planning Manager, Planning  
Mike Paul, Engineering Manager, PW  
Don Cairns, Engineering Manager, Planning  
Patrick McGrath, Planner, Planning  
Terry Marpert, Planner, Planning  
Chester Knapp, Senior Planner, Planning  
Michelle M. McGehee, MMC, City Clerk

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Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:31 p.m.

Committee Chair Kim Allen opened the meeting, noted Council members in attendance, and overviewed the agenda.

**166<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Rechannelization Consultant Agreement**

Ms. Lei Wu, Senior Engineer, reported on the Consultant Agreement Approval for next Tuesday, August 20, 2013. The focus is to get the preliminary design finished by the end of the year. The project addresses safety issues by converting the current four lanes to three lanes. The right design needs to address concerns including: congestion along corridor, pedestrian crossings, the intersection of NE 85<sup>th</sup> St, and bus pull-outs. The agreement also includes traffic modeling, design, and cost estimation. The total cost for the agreement is \$140,000.

**Local Source Control InterAgency Agreement- Wellhead Protection**

Ms. Amanda Balzer, Senior Engineering Technician, stated that they will be bringing an InterAgency Agreement for the Council's approval on August 20, 2013. This agreement creates a contract between the Washington State Department of Ecology and the City of Redmond to fund .9 FTE to conduct pollution prevention site visits. The City participated in this program in 2011 and 2013 and received \$158,000 to complete 300 site visits. In this biennium, 2013-2014, the City has been offered \$150,000 to fund 225 site visits. Based on the inspections, outreach

material has been developed in the areas where businesses need more information. There is also participation in regional coordination efforts and assisting in training partners. The primary purpose of a site visit is to review what the hazardous waste management practices are: determine what kinds of waste they are producing, if the waste is being stored and disposed of properly and that there are no unwanted discharges to storm water, groundwater, or sanitary sewer. During the visit the business is provided with site specific one-on-one technical assistance.

### **Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Update**

Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, provided a brief update on the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan by the Planning Commission.

1. Expand the hours of operation in the Manufacturing Park Zone for eating and drinking facilities to 12 midnight.
2. Allow drive-up drug stores in the General Commercial Zone.

General discussion ensued regarding medical marijuana and the drive-up drugstores and whether a study session is necessary.

### **Transportation Master Plan Update**

Mr. Don Cairns, Engineering Manager, provided an update on the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). The 158<sup>th</sup> Street extension and is being specifically addressed in the ordinance. The Transportation Facilities Plan has gone up by approximately \$20 million to \$389 million because the estimate for the bridge at the Overlake Transit Center has gone up from \$8 million to \$28 million. Microsoft is agreeing to pay for the entire cost of the bridge. Local Circulator Proof of Concept language has been added into the Three-Year Action Plan. The language has been added to all of the maps in the TMP where there are proposed connections, specifically stating that the alignments are conceptual and are subject to change.

General discussion ensued regarding what caused the drastic increase in the estimate of the bridge and if we document all projects whether funded or unfunded.

### **Wellhead Protection Ordinance**

Mr. Rob Odle, Planning Director, stated that the one issue remaining with the Technical Advisory Group is regarding arbitration; this has been resolved. There will be no arbitration included in the Wellhead Protection Ordinance, because it is not necessary in regulatory issues. The new process starts with mediation, if unsuccessful, then a second round of mediation would be facilitated by the Mayor. The Mayor will convene both city staff and the appellant to work through the issues. If that is also unsuccessful, the final step is an opportunity to file a formal appeal to the City's Hearing Examiner. This process provides a level of assurance that issues can be worked out before having to file a formal appeal.

General discussion ensued regarding the Mayor's role and how a mediator would be chosen.

## **Parking Management Update**

Mr. Terry Marpert, Planner, and Ms. Kim Keeling, Program Administrator, provided an update on the Parking Strategies Project. The project's goal is to determine whether Redmond's parking regulations are helping the City achieve its future vision. Specific strategies are being identified in the four areas: Downtown Redmond, Overlake, Southeast Redmond, and the Willows Corridor. The strategies are tailored towards the unique traits in each of the four areas. They build upon the 2008 Downtown Redmond Parking Study and the 2009 Overlake Parking Management Concepts. A preferred consultant has been selected and the contract is still in negotiations, but will be for approximately \$50,000. The Council's approval will be sought in late September 2013. The project will take approximately 9-12 months.

The other update pertained to the Parking Enforcement Contract. The contract is due to expire December 31, 2013, and is for approximately \$158,000. The contract was for a period of two years and was extended for six months. The plan is to issue a Request for Proposals for parking enforcement to get another two-year contract that will include:

- downtown monitoring;
- enforcement of current parking restricted areas;
- sales, processing, and distributing of monthly parking passes; and
- monitoring of the City Hall campus parking lot.

General discussion ensued regarding if the parking enforcement is working; if it should be reduced or stopped during the Cleveland Street construction; and if the lack of parking is a deterrent to businesses starting up.

## **SEPA Exemption Amendment**

Ms. Cathy Beam, Principal Planner, provided an update on the SEPA Exemption Amendment. It amends Redmond's Zoning Code regulations to increase the thresholds for exemptions. It is in response to the Natural Resources Reform Bill that was passed in 2012 and a SEPA Rule Making Order that was issued at the end of 2012. There have been three study sessions and a public hearing through the Planning Commission. Ms. Beam will be presenting a staff report on Tuesday, August 20, 2013, and the item will be coming forward on September 3, 2013, for action from the Council.

General discussion ensued regarding if the rules apply to everyone and why to use the maximum thresholds.

## **Capstone Development Update**

Mr. Rob Odle, Planning and Community Development Director, briefly stated that they will be bringing a staff report about the Capstone Development forward on September 3, 2013. The development was adopted twenty months ago. Staff will be going to the Design Review Board starting on August 22, 2013. The staff report will bring the Council up-to-date on the off-site planning schedule and will discuss the administrative modifications and changes to the development agreement.

General discussion ensued regarding the park that will be built; off-site mitigation for the tree issue, and if the Avalon Bay plans will be posted online.

### **2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Peter Dane, Planner, reported on the annual update for the Transportation Improvement Program. This six-year planning document is required by the state for certain grants, and tracks all of the transportation projects in the City. There are a number of projects that are being recommended for removal in order to align with the Transportation Master Plan update.

### **Eastside Transportation Partnership Agreement**

Mr. Peter Dane, Planner, stated that the previous agreement is expiring, and this is a new agreement that would continue the Eastside Transportation Partnership. There are only minor changes from the current agreement.

### **Transportation Grants Applications Update**

Mr. Peter Dane, Planner, stated there were two application grants to update the committee on. One of the grants is for the Overlake Village Pedestrian Bridge. There is a Federal Transportation Alternatives Grant that is distributed through the Puget Sound Regional Council. Mr. Dane would like to ask for \$5 million to help with the overall project cost. The other grant is from the Transportation Improvement Board to help with the construction of the Redmond Way sidewalk.

General discussion ensued regarding the design of the bridge.

### **Redmond Community Network**

Ms. Kim Dietz, Senior Planner, provided a brief update on the 2013 Redmond Community Academy. This year it kicks off on September 26, 2013, with six meetings and the goal to wrap up before the Thanksgiving holiday. The theme this year will involve Redmond's Vision, moving to achieve that vision, working with the challenges and gaps, investing for the future, and then back to Redmond's Vision. Staff would like to work with the Council President and the Mayor to create a thank you letter to all of those who have participated thus far in the neighborhood program and invite them to the Redmond Community Academy.

General discussion ensued regarding the reason for the name change from the Redmond Citizen Academy to the Redmond Community Academy, and if businesses can join.

## **Transit Now Agreement**

Mr. Chester Knapp, Senior Planner, provided a brief update on the two Transit Now Agreements. One of the agreements is with Microsoft and the other is with the City of Issaquah, the City of Sammamish, and Microsoft. The agreements help fund bus service on Metro Routes 244 and 269. On August 20, 2013, an amendment will come before the Council extending the terms of both of those agreements for one year through September 2014.

General discussion ensued regarding the division of funds and if it would change.