

CITY OF REDMOND
BEAR CREEK CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY [DRAFT]
January 14, 2010 – Redmond City Hall

NOTE: This summary is not a full transcription of the meeting.

CAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Berrios, Murillo, J. Thompson, S. Thompson

PLANNING COMMISSION LIAISON: Chandorkar

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Churchill, Senior Planner

The Bear Creek Citizen Advisory Committee is appointed by the Mayor to advise vision, policy, and regulatory updates during the course of the Bear Creek neighborhood plan update.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Thompson convened the meeting at 4:35pm.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Mr. Thompson added the following items to the agenda: having a Parks Department representative visit the CAC; discussion of public notice postings; the Greater Southeast Redmond Area Transportation Study; and a report on 21 Acres in Woodinville by Ms. Thompson.

REVIEW OF DECEMBER 3, 2009 MEETING SUMMARY

The CAC unanimously approved the meeting summary for its December 3, 2009 meeting.

REPORT ON “21 ACRES” IN WOODINVILLE

Ms. Thompson reported that she joined a friend for a garden club meeting. She reported that there is a gentleman partnering with residents to keep mason bees that will pollinate crops in eastern Washington. She also reported on a place called “21 Acres” in Woodinville. It will be an education center with a commercial kitchen, education program, nutrition program, gardening, “hoot” and bat houses, and “Sustainable Saturday” workshops. It will feature a solar array on its roof. It will also be part of a pollinator pathway.

GUEST FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Thompson asked if a Parks Department representative could join the CAC at its next meeting, since no one was available to join during the Citizen Academy during the first half of 2009. Mr. Chandorkar suggested providing staff with options to improve the odds that someone would be able to attend.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZATION OF VISION IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Mr. Thompson added the following ideas to the vision implementation strategies document: a parks facility building in the neighborhood to which residents could walk; p-patch gardens; and the concept of “21 Acres” as reported by Ms. Thompson.

The CAC then worked to prioritize vision implementation strategies so that staff could best reflect the CAC’s priorities in policy language. Mr. Churchill agreed to provide an updated vision implementation strategies document at the next meeting.

APPROACH TO POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The CAC agreed that a three-meeting sequence would be a good approach for policy development. At the first meeting, the CAC will discuss the policy topic area and provide direction to staff. At the second meeting, the CAC will review and amend draft language. At the third meeting, the CAC will make a draft recommendation to the Planning Commission.

GREATER SOUTHEAST REDMOND AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Mr. Thompson remarked that projects P11 and P13 were low priorities for him. He suggested moving the proposed crosswalk in P23 one block to the north. He and others expressed that T3 – a possible Park & Ride – might work if Metro were able to use existing parking spaces in commercial developments.

PUBLIC NOTICE POSTINGS

Mr. Churchill explained documents that provide notice of State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) determinations.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will occur on January 28, 2010 at 4:30pm at Redmond City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

Memorandum

To: Bear Creek Citizen Advisory Committee
From: Jeff Churchill, AICP, Senior Planner, 556-2492
Date: January 28, 2010
Subject: **January 28, 2010 CAC Meeting**

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

At your January 28 meeting, the CAC will begin the next phase of the neighborhood plan update: policy development. To help CAC members prepare, staff has included background materials for review prior to the meeting.

PREPARATION FOR JANUARY 28 MEETING

The focus of the second half of your January 28 meeting will be a discussion of neighborhood character in preparation for reviewing draft neighborhood character policies. To prepare for that discussion, please review the prioritized vision implementation strategies document, as well as the neighborhood character discussion document. Both are enclosed. In addition, you may find it helpful to review survey results from both spring and summer 2009, as well as the draft vision statement that the CAC developed in fall 2009.

Please contact me with questions or concerns prior to the meeting.

Enclosures

- Vision implementation strategies prioritized
- Neighborhood character discussion background document



Bear Creek Vision Implementation Strategies – January 28, 2010
 Bear Creek Neighborhood Plan Update

Implementation strategies are an intermediate step between the vision statement and policies that result from them. Brainstorming and prioritizing vision implementation strategies ensures that policies remain consistent with the draft vision statement.

Priority scale is 1-3, where 1=highest priority

Vision Concept	Implementation Strategies	Priority
Healthy Activities	Multi-modal access to local parks	
	Parking at parks	
	Security at parks (lighting)	1
	Events at parks (e.g., breast cancer walk)	
	Athletic fields, courts	
	Educational kiosks, plaques	
	Exercise equipment on trail	
	Wide sidewalks and trails	
	Community activities that bring people together	
	Wetlands programs for school students, parents	
	Farmers market	
	P-patch gardens	
	Parks facilities building walkable to neighborhood	
Accessible	Enhance multi-modal access to parks	
	Crosswalks	1
	Accessible driveways – to street, both directions	1
	Alternative access	1
	Designated u-turns (north/south)	3
	More bus stops	
	Bus stops linked to cross-walks	1
	Improve Avondale Way for bicycles	
Innovative	Alternative energy	1
	Fruit stand area a showcase for solar, wind energy (city-sponsored)	
	Demonstration housing (energy, signage)	1
	Cottages and mother-in-law units	1
	Low-intensity streetlights	
	Aquifer signage	2
	Farm partnership: demonstration urban farming, composting	
	Farmer’s market (@ Gill’s, Perrigo)	
	Subsidized housing for first responders	1

Vision Concept	Implementation Strategies	Priority
	Infiltration of stormwater	1
Environmentally friendly	Educational materials	1
	Encourage green building	1
	Protect aquifer (educate)	2
	Education around salmon	1
	Increase infiltration	1
	Pervious materials	1
	Tours of city wells	1
	Plant native species	1
	“21 Acre” concept (sustainability, food, education)	
Safe, connected	Lighting for intersections, crosswalks	1
	Tree trimming	3
	Crosswalks at useful locations	1
	Crosswalks collocated with bus stops	1
	Connect neighborhood hubs, such as 180 th /Avondale Road with Perrigo Park	1
	Signage to landmarks, historic sites	2
	Historic walking tours	2
	Gateway signage at end of 520 welcoming travelers to neighborhood	1
	Activities that bring people together	1
Choices	Attached units that look like single-family homes	1
	Accessory dwelling units	1
	Cottages	1
	Small- and moderate-sized homes	1
	Modest	1
	Community business (in lieu of existing single-family homes)	1
	Know-your-neighbor activities	1
	Subsidized housing for first responders	1
	Partner with Habitat for Humanity	3
	Rural feeling	1
Attractive	Retaining views of Rainier	1
	Retaining views of moonrise	2
	Encourage use of farm land	1
	High-density small-scale homes	2
	When doing public improvements, don’t cause disinvestment in property	1
	Zone land appropriately	1
	Easier Neighborhood Matching Fund	3
	Interpretive sign regarding old farms (Olson, Keller)	2
Supportive	Neighborhood events	1
	Bus-stops and crosswalks coordinate	1

Vision Concept	Implementation Strategies	Priority
	Local traffic access to Avondale	1
	Reasonable speeds on Avondale (35mph)	2

Neighborhood Character Discussion – January 28, 2010

Bear Creek Neighborhood Plan Update

What we have heard to date specifically about neighborhood character

- People in the neighborhood value trees, access to parks and recreation areas, privacy, safety, sidewalks, accessibility to Downtown, Avondale median
- The neighborhood has been characterized as pulsating, diverse in age and ethnicity, good for small families, peaceful, family-oriented, pedestrian friendly, suburban-rural, a place where people look after one another, friendly, calm, safe with good emergency response
- Unique features include the pumpkin patch, access to local produce, support for local farms/farmers, farms and fields, parks, road landscaping, wildlife, Bear and Evans Creeks, barns and historic sites, and the bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
- Top-ranked adjectives from the vision survey include: safe, sustainable, reliable (transportation), successful (business), attractive (housing), natural (parks), clean (environment)
- *Also see spring 2009 survey results*
- *Also see draft vision statement and prioritized vision implementation strategies*
- *Also see existing neighborhood plan policies*

What the neighborhood character section has included

- Description of land use types
- Identification of unique neighborhood features (natural features, etc.)
- Identification of neighborhood subareas, if any
- Identification of public view corridors
- Residential and/or commercial design policies
- Other character related topics

Questions to consider prior to the January 28 meeting

- What are the unique features of Bear Creek that are particularly important to retain?
- Does the City have provisions in place to protect these features or should additional actions be considered? *See the Comprehensive Plan.*
- If more actions should be considered, what opportunities or actions should be considered?
- What are the implications of taking that action?

The citywide context

Redmond's Comprehensive Plan contains policies about community character and design in the Community Character and Historic Preservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Key ideas contained in this element include:

- Balancing Redmond's regional role, caring for the environment, and meeting the demands for growth
- Encouraging Redmond's reputation as a center for intellectual and technological innovation
- Focusing on Downtown as a primary identifying feature of Redmond
- Reflecting Redmond's farming heritage through pea patch gardens, farmers markets, education, and agriculture activities
- Developing formal and informal community gathering places
- Encouraging community festivals
- Facilitating diverse recreational and cultural programs