

CITY OF REDMOND
BEAR CREEK CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
March 25, 2010 – Redmond City Hall

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

CAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Berrios, Murillo, S. Thompson

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

Ms. Murillo convened the meeting at 4:40pm.

REVIEW OF MARCH 11, 2010 MEETING SUMMARY

The CAC unanimously approved the meeting summary for its March 11, 2010 meeting.

TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION DRAFT POLICY REVIEW

Prior to reviewing the policy language, Ms. Murillo noted that some street lights along Avondale Road may be obscured by trees that are about to leaf. She specifically mentioned a street light across the street from Avondale Green.

CAC members had specific comments about draft policy #4 and #6. Regarding policy #4, Ms. Murillo wanted to ensure that there would be convenient access both to the future light rail station and to the existing Bear Creek Park & Ride. Regarding #6, Mr. Thompson asked what “planting areas” could mean. Mr. Churchill answered that planting areas could be along the side or in the middle of the road. Ms. Murillo asked about what different pavement treatment options could be. Staff and CAC members answered that it could be another color pavement or a different material. The idea is to clearly delineate the space for bicyclists and to give the appearance of a narrower vehicle travel lane.

Mr. Thompson requested policy language that speaks to remediating local access issues as private development or capital improvements take place in the Avondale corridor. He also spoke in support of minimizing the number of driveways directly accessing Avondale Road.

Mr. Churchill agreed to return with revised draft language.

LAND USE DISCUSSION

The CAC then began its discussion of land use in preparation for reviewing policies at a future meeting. Staff provided an existing zoning map,

planned land use map, and existing land use map. CAC members affirmed the agricultural history of the neighborhood, and said that policy language should welcome agriculture that uses best practices to protect the aquifer.

There was also much discussion about the future of land zoned for single-family uses directly adjacent to the east side of Avondale Road. Given the interest in neighborhood businesses, CAC members discussed the idea of allowing neighborhood businesses if certain access and other conditions could be met. CAC members also discussed allowing multi-family residential in the same area given similar conditions.

There was a short discussion about altering the proposed neighborhood boundary slightly to remove some jagged boundary lines and take in a property that appears to access Avondale Road. Staff agreed to research that more.

An overall theme was to ensure that Avondale Road access works for residents in the long run. CAC members recognized that there is no easy solution.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Thursday, April 8 at 4:30pm at the Friendly Village clubhouse. CAC members agreed that their main role would be to listen to the ideas and concerns of Friendly Village residents. Mr. Thompson suggested conducting regular CAC business if not many Friendly Village residents attend. Others concurred with that idea.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.