

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION**

March 9, 2010

Mayor

John Marchione

Members of the Council

Richard Cole, Council President
Pat Vache, Council Vice-president
Kim Allen
David Carson
Hank Margeson
Hank Myers
John Stilin

Staff

Jane Christenson, Deputy City Administrator
Cathy Beam, Principal Planner
Sergio Santander, Graphics Designer
Courtlandt Stanton, Supplemental Intern I
Craig Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director
Carolyn Hope, Parks Senior Planner

MEETING SUMMARY

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:46 p.m.

Council President Richard Cole opened the meeting and reviewed the items for discussion on the agenda.

Redmond's Green Agenda

The Mayor and Members of the Council received a presentation from Ms. Cathy Beam regarding the sustainability efforts at the City of Redmond, including but not limited to: carbon footprinting and the creation of a sustainability website.

Mr. Sergio Santander and Mr. Courtlandt Stanton provided an overview of the draft sustainability website front and discussed desired functionality of the site.

Members of the Council expressed:

- their preference to see a less prominent log-in, as they believe it detracts the user from navigating the site;
- a preference to see a back arrow used, as opposed to an 'x', as far as navigation of the site is concerned;
- that they would like to see a different picture used for the green building element other than the City Hall Building;
- a preference for user testing and feedback regarding the site;
- their desire to see the site 'branded' as a City of Redmond site – perhaps through the use of the trademarked City Logo; and
- that there has to be a way to market usage of the site, and to make a driver for use.

Councilmember Stilin stated that perhaps Waste Management would put the Impact logo for the sustainability site on their recycle bins as a reminder to residents.

Councilmember Margeson expressed his desire to see a ‘highlights/what’s new’ section in the site.

Councilmember Carson stated that he would like to see the site use Silverlight as opposed to Flash.

Discussion continued regarding:

- other ways to market the site;
- if use of the site could be made into a game of sorts – interactive, engaging, and competitive;
- the possibility of using the site as an advertising opportunity with links to purchase green materials, such as florescent light bulbs from other sites; and
- being able to access the site through mobile electronic means.

With regard to carbon footprinting – Members of the Council agreed that instituting a regulation now regarding reserving capacity space in houses as a building requirement for charging electric vehicles is premature. They requested that this item be pulled from the Council schedule and sent back to committee for further study.

Discussion continued regarding:

- the settings/timers of the lights at the City Hall building after hours and on the weekends; and
- the Code Rewrite Commission’s discussions in relation to building sustainability policies into elements of the Code Rewrite and the Commission’s desire to send this information to Cathy Beam in order to make sure the policies are included in the overall sustainability component for the City; Mayor Marchione stated that this may be a good study session topic for the March 30, 2010 meeting, after the joint meeting with the Parks and Trails Commission.

(The study session recessed at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9 p.m.)

BNSF Railway Corridor Plans

Mr. Craig Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director, advised that the Council would continue to receive a series of updates on the negotiation of the project as the closing date for acquisition in May approaches.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- rail banking;
- acquiring additional land around the corridor in order to be able to garner 52 feet in all areas; Mayor Marchione stated that a further report would come to Council regarding north/south possibilities;
- the schedule of the Master Plan – to come forward to Council in approximately six to eight weeks; and

- the possibility of scheduling an April 27, 2010, study session as a follow-up to this presentation.

Council Talk Time

Members of the Council agreed to meet at 6 p.m. next Tuesday for a group photo.

Councilmember Cole reminded the members regarding the upcoming meeting of Police Chief candidates. He also reminded the members to file their F1 disclosure statements with the PDC and with the City Clerk.

Councilmember Margeson provided details to the members regarding the recommendations of the Public Issues Committee to the Suburban Cities Association Board of Directors.

Councilmember Stilin suggested that, perhaps, a meeting should be scheduled with the Eastside Trail Advocates regarding the BNSF corridor in order to address their many email concerns.