

REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, September 8, 2010
Meeting Summary

Council

Kim Allen, Chair
Pat Vache
David Carson
Richard Cole (*Attending Council Member*)
John Stilin (*Attending Council Member*)

Staff

Bill Campbell, Public Works Director
Rob Odle, Planning and Land Use Director
Ron Grant, Deputy Public Works Director
Judd Black, Development Review Manager
Don Cairns, Transportation Engineering Manager
Carolyn Hope, Senior Parks Planner
Asma Jeelani, Associate Planner
Thara Johnson, Associate Planner
Gary Lee, Senior Planner
Jason Lynch, Building Official
Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner
Lei Wu, Senior Transportation Engineer
Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

Convened: 4 p.m.

Adjourned: 4:22 p.m.

Chair Kim Allen opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

Zoning Code Update

Mr. Gary Lee, Senior Planner, reported that six sections are proposed to be amended, and one section deleted/consolidated into other areas of code with regard to the Development Standards 2 package. This package will be going forward next week to the Code Rewrite Commission for their review.

Ms. Thara Johnson, Associate Planner, reported that with regard to Land Division, Telecommunications, and Performance Assurance, all divisions of land are proposed to be consolidated, and reorganization and clarification in the other areas of the code will occur.

BNSF Infrastructure Alignment Plan

Ms. Carolyn Hope, Senior Parks Planner, reported that a study session with the full Council will be held on September 14, 2010, to discuss the BNSF Infrastructure Alignment Plan. It is the first deliverable in the process to identify where a stormwater trunk line will be placed in relation to Sound Transit alignment, as well as where other infrastructure projects will fit into the corridor. It will also include an analysis of uses other than Sound Transit in the corridor. It has been determined that the corridor is not wide enough to fit all needs and, therefore, the 76th Street right-of-way has been included. Staff will go over alternatives with the Council at their study

session on September 14. A visioning meeting regarding the redevelopment of the corridor will be held on September 15, 2010, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the corner of Bear Creek Parkway and Leary Way.

Electrical Code Amendment – Plug-in Vehicles

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the draft ordinance with regard to amending the City's electrical code to include provisions for construction of plug-in charges for electric vehicles during new construction. Mr. Jason Lynch, Building Official, noted that it is the City's intent to provide this service without the homeowner having to do it. Mr. David Hoffman, representing the Master Builders' Association relayed that so long as the provisions were not mandated, the Master Builders would support the ordinance. Tax incentives available through the Federal Government for electric vehicle use, location of panels, charges, and other logistics associated with implementation were discussed. Members of the Committee agreed to move the matter forward to the Council for consideration under the Consent Agenda at their October 19, 2010, regular meeting.

Redmond Town Center Parking Lot Extension (Macy's Parking Lot)

Ms. Asma Jeelani, Associate Planner, provided a report to the members of the Committee noting that the request is for extension of a long-term temporary use permit. Ms. Jeelani advised that staff has spoken with the applicant encouraging them to make the lot a permanent lot, but they were not interested in that alternative. The applicants have come back to staff with the renewal application for the permit.

Discussion ensued regarding the larger policy issue of extended renewals of this type of temporary use. Councilmember Allen noted that the topic is the 'parking lot' for further discussion upon conclusion of work by the Code Rewrite Commission.

Members of the Committee agreed to bring the matter forward to the full Council under the Consent Agenda as soon as staff is ready.

Redmond Transportation Master Plan (TMP)

Mr. Don Cairns, Transportation Engineering Manager, and Ms. Lei Wu, Senior Transportation Engineer, provided a report regarding the planned update to the Transportation Master Plan. The matter is set for study session before the Council on September 21, 2010. The results of the 2010 Travel Diary Survey, progress on transportation policy, and the scope of work and expected outcomes of the Transportation Master Plan update will be discussed at the study session. Mr. Cairns overviewed the proposed changes.

164th Avenue NE Extension

Mr. Ron Grant, Deputy Public Works Director, reported that the next phase of the 164th Extension project is a key component to returning the one-way roads in downtown Redmond to two-way streets. Mr. Grant advised that staff would like to begin now with the design of the

extension with funding available in the 2010 budget. There is a need to understand what the right-of-way implications may be, and this work would be considered preliminary work to help define the right-of-way needs. Members of the Committee asked staff to review the matter with the City's attorneys prior to bringing it forward for Council consideration.