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DATE: May 4, 2010

SUBJECT: REDMOND'S NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK - A PILOT MEETING IN

GRASS LAWN

The purpose of the memo and staff report at your May 4, 2010, meeting is to provide an overview of a proposed addition to the City's existing communication and outreach methods: Redmond's Neighborhood Network. The concept evolved as a component of the neighborhood planning process as follow-up to residents' interest in opportunities for continued communication. To help us initiate Redmond Neighborhood Network, we invite you to attend a pilot meeting in the Grass Lawn neighborhood. The meeting is planned for May 13, 2010, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, at Rose Hill Junior High School.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of Redmond's Neighborhood Network is to:

- Provide an opportunity for annual check-ins on adopted neighborhood plans;
- Hear from the people in the neighborhood;
- Build and maintain connections; and
- Complement existing neighborhood communication opportunities, such as National Night Out.

Staff often hears from residents during the neighborhood planning process that they would like to continue the dialogue that occurs during the plan update by bringing neighbors together periodically for conversation at the neighborhood level. Beginning with the Willows/Rose Hill neighborhood plan update, participants articulated their interest in knowing more about City activities such as capital improvements projects, services including disaster preparedness, programs such as natural yard care, as well as having an opportunity to share their ideas and concerns.

Currently, four neighborhood plans include policy language calling for ongoing communication with residents. Two additional neighborhood plans (Idylwood and Overlake) propose similar language and the Bear Creek Citizen Advisory Committee members have expressed an interest in ongoing communication and connections.

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This annual check-in with each of Redmond's ten neighborhoods would supplement existing communication and outreach efforts. Planning will provide the lead staff for the meetings, though staff from other departments may attend if the timing works to provide updates or seek feedback on particular projects that are underway.

The meetings will provide an opportunity for residents to reflect on the updated neighborhood plan, suggest updates to the priority project list in the neighborhood plan, and in general share their thoughts and consider the upcoming year. Feedback from the meetings will help staff plan for future projects, offer a network of contacts for supplemental outreach, and provide a short-term inventory of neighborhood interests.

NEXT STEPS

Staff plans to provide two pilot meetings in 2010:

- May 13 in the Grass Lawn neighborhood; and
- During the fall (date to be determined) in the Education Hill neighborhood.

Pending the results of the pilot meetings, staff anticipates meeting with each of Redmond's ten neighborhoods during the first half of every year beginning in 2011.

Please contact Kimberly Dietz with questions at 425-556-2415 or kdietz@redmond.gov . Additional information for the May 13, 2010, pilot meeting is available at http://www.redmond.gov/intheworks/grasslawn/.

ATTACHMENT A: Meeting Invitation

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Grass Lawn Neighborhood Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2010 FROM 7-8:30PM ROSE HILL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA LOCATED AT 13505 NE 75TH ST., REDMOND

Residents helped update the Grass Lawn neighborhood plan in 2005. Come share your thoughts on how things are going since the plan update.

Before the meeting (or if you cannot attend), please complete our short questionnaire at www.redmond.gov/intheworks/grasslawn.

Neighborhood Networks is one way we reach out to Redmond residents. For additional activities, visit the community calendar at www.redmond.gov/aboutredmond/events.

We are listening... to you.

Contact Kimberly Dietz for additional details: 425-556-2415 or email kdietz@redmond.gov.

