City of Redmond Planning Commission

January 26, 2011 Meeting Summary
Redmond City Hall – Council Chambers
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington

Planning Commissioners in Attendance:
Chair Tom Hinman, Vice Chair Franz Wiechers-Gregory, Robert O'Hara, Passion Julinsey, Tom Flynn, Phil Miller, Scott Biethan

Planning Commissioners Excused:
N/A

Staff in Attendance:
Pete Sullivan, Planning Commission staff liaison; Kim Dietz, Senior Planner; Carolyn Hope; Senior Planner (Parks).

Guests:
Guy Michaelsen, Berger Partnership; Dave Knight, Berger Partnership, Brad Tong, SOJ

Call to Order:
Commission Chair Tom Hinman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda:
The evening's agenda was approved without changes.

Items from the audience
No members from the audience made comments.

Report Approval, Neighborhood Commercial Development Guide Amendment – Policy and Regulatory Updates. Staff: Kim Dietz, Senior Planner.

The Planning Commission recommended transmitting the report to City Council without changes by a vote of 7-0.

Report Approval, 2010/2011 Comprehensive Plan Update, Human Services Element. Staff: Colleen Kelly, Human Services Manager.

Pete Sullivan forwarded the report on behalf of Ms. Kelly. The Planning Commission recommended transmitting the report to City Council without changes by a vote of 7-0.

Study Session, Redmond Central Connector, Draft Design and Trolley Study. Staff overview and Commission feedback.

Ms. Hope introduced the topic and explained the project's status. Guy Michaelsen (project consultant, Berger Partnership) presented the latest design alternatives and Brad Tong (project consultant, SOJ) presented preliminary findings from the project's Trolley Study. The Planning Commission asked questions and provided feedback.

Announcements and Scheduling

- Pete Sullivan distributed a Technical Committee report and attachments for the combined Comprehensive Plan review package scheduled for Planning Commission study session on February 9, 2011. Materials were distributed at the meeting to give Commissioners additional time to review the report, which includes staff recommended updates to the following Comprehensive Plan elements: Goals, Vision, Framework Policies; Land Use; Urban Centers; and Transportation. A portion of the associated updates to regulations for the Urban Centers element were also included.

  Mr. Sullivan also reminded the Commission that previously-designated Planning Commission liaisons are asked to attend preparation meetings on Monday, January 31, 2011 and Monday, February 7, 2011. Commissioners noted that Monday preparation meetings are held to address meeting management issues, and are not a full meeting of the Planning Commission. Liaisons are asked to attend during the next two sessions to become better acquainted with their upcoming roles over the next several Commission meetings.

- Commissioners suggested they impose a cut-off time for generating new discussion issues related to review of the above Comprehensive Plan elements. Commissioners suggested the end of the public hearing (2/16/11) as a potential cut-off time. Mr. Sullivan indicated he would relay the suggestion to staff and confirm with Commissioners. Also, the Commissioners asked Mr. Sullivan to determine what an optimal timeline would be for submittal of written public comments.

- Commissioners asked Mr. Sullivan to determine the cut-off date for forwarding additional comments on the Central Connector. Graphics showing the long-term Central Connector design were also requested.

- The Central Connector agenda item was listed as a study session on the agenda, causing some Planning Commissioners to think additional materials would be forwarded in advance. Commissioners ask that in the future briefings be labeled as such, and materials forwarded in advance when possible.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.