

## Redmond Comprehensive Plan Update

This is the second quarterly newsletter regarding the 2010-2011 Update to the Comprehensive Plan and we'd like to take this opportunity to keep you up-to-date regarding all of the recent and upcoming activities! As mentioned in the Fall 2010 Newsletter, the City of Redmond has initiated a Comprehensive Plan review and update in response to Redmond policies and state Growth Management Act requirements. This periodic update to the Comprehensive Plan will enable Redmond to thrive according to the community's vision through 2030. In addition, the City's Transportation Master Plan is being updated and both plans will be completed by December 2011.

The organizing theme for the updates is that of sustainability, defined as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Redmond's Comprehensive Plan will integrate ideas and policies that speak to sustainability which will become the guide for actions during the next 20 years.

### What's Next? Upcoming Review of Elements

The first quarter of 2011 will be full of activity, with the Planning Commission review of several major elements of the Comprehensive Plan. We encourage your participation and one of the key ways to participate is by providing feedback during Planning Commission review. The overall update to the Comprehensive Plan will be accomplished by reviewing each element, or chapter of the Plan. Changes will be to add and refine sustainability concepts, reflect City actions or studies since the last update in 2004 or other changes in conditions, and updates that are required due to changes in the Growth Management Act or regional plans since 2004.

As each element is reviewed by the Planning Commission, there will be public hearings with opportunity to provide comments, both orally and in writing. Please see below for a list of elements to be reviewed by the Planning Commission during the period of January through March 2011.\*

#### Planning Commission Review of Comprehensive Plan Elements

Plan Elements	PC Review	City Council Review
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goals/Vision/Framework</li> <li>• Land Use</li> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Urban Centers</li> </ul>	Begin February 9, 2011 Public Hearing February 16, 2011	April/May 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Economic Vitality</li> </ul>	Begin March 9, 2011 Public Hearing March 16, 2011	Summer 2011

\*Dates may change—please check the Planning Commission page of the City's website: [www.redmond.gov/PlanningCommission](http://www.redmond.gov/PlanningCommission)

#### Status Update—Review to date

To date, the Planning Commission has completed its initial review of the following elements:

- Annexation and Regional Planning
- Neighborhoods (Introduction to the element)
- Planning, Implementation and Evaluation
- Human Services



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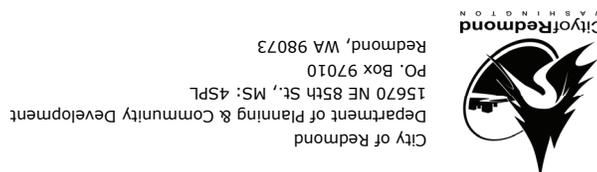
## Livable Redmond: A Community Conversation about Sustainability

More than 85 people participated as part of Redmond's November 3, 2010, community conversation on sustainability. The purpose of the event was to ask people who live, work, shop or recreate in Redmond to share their ideas about what sustainability means to Redmond. Keynote speaker Andy Wappler, Vice President of Corporate Affairs for Puget Sound Energy and former local meteorologist, spoke about opportunities that are good for the environment, economy, and for all of the community.

In describing what sustainability means in Redmond, participants cited a number of characteristics, including: community connections and cohesiveness; clean, quiet and walkable neighborhoods; access for all to a diversity of jobs, housing at a range of prices, education, and transportation choices; the importance of environmental quality and minimizing impacts to the environment; energy efficiency; opportunities for increased local food production; community awareness, education and engagement; economic diversity and business investment in the local community.

The characteristics identified were summarized into six "Sustainability Principles" approved by City Council in January 2011. These principles will inform work during the coming year on updates to the Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan as well as Redmond's sustainability initiatives as a whole. For more info go to [www.redmond.gov/LivableRedmond](http://www.redmond.gov/LivableRedmond).

**Thank You!** We thank you for your continued interest and encourage your participation in the review of these elements. The Comprehensive Plan is the path to the City's future endeavors, and your input is vital!



The Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. most Wednesday evenings in the City Hall Council Chambers, 15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond. All Commission meetings are open to the public and are cablecast live on RCTV Channel 21 and streamed live and archived for "on demand" viewing at [www.redmond.gov/Communications](http://www.redmond.gov/Communications). In addition to seeking comments through public hearings, the Commission reserves up to 15 minutes at the beginning of each meeting for public comment. Comments can be provided in person or in writing:

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