

City of Redmond Planning Commission

**April 27, 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, Scott Biethan, Tom Flynn, Phil Miller and Robert O'Hara

Planning Commissioners Excused:

Passion Julinsey, Canaan Bontadelli, Vibhas Chandorkar

Staff in Attendance:

Sarah Stiteler, Planning Commission staff liaison; Joel Pfundt, Principal Planner, Lei Wu, Senior Transportation Engineer

Guests:

Arthur Sullivan and Michael Stanger, representatives from ARCH - A Regional Coalition for Housing

Call to Order:

Chair Tom Hinman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

The agenda was approved without changes.

Approval of meeting summary, 3/30/11

Summary was approved by a vote of 6-0.

Approval of meeting summary, 4/13/11

Summary was approved with one modification by a vote of 6-0.

Items from the audience

No comments from the audience were made.

Briefing, Transportation Master Plan

Phil Miller, as Planning Commission Liaison for the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) invited Lei Wu to proceed with an introduction about the Plan. Ms. Wu stated that the TMP update is the planned five-year major update to the original TMP adopted in 2005 and responds to changed conditions since that time. She gave information about the various elements of the TMP, its relationship to other City plans and the process for how the City is currently updating the TMP, including a schedule for key milestones. Ms. Wu presented draft proposed criteria for evaluating transportation projects for the Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP). The draft proposed TFP criteria are intended to replace the existing TFP criteria developed as part of the creation of the current TFP.

Joel Pfundt provided a brief overview of the Healthy Living Active Living (HEAL) grant which provides the City with funds to conduct in-depth pedestrian and bicycle planning, among other activities. Mr. Pfundt discussed how the City will be gathering information about conditions for pedestrians through a series of three “walking audits” beginning early this summer. The information will be integrated into the overall TMP update process.

Study Session, Housing Needs Assessment and Policy Concepts

Franz Gregory, as Planning Commission Liaison for the Housing Element, requested that staff provide an introduction to the housing issues matrix. Sarah Stiteler described the format of the issues matrix as a method for identifying policy areas potentially in need of updating. Arthur Sullivan further identified preliminary findings from the ARCH Housing Needs Assessment and how that information may direct the update to specific policies. The Planning Commission provided feedback and asked questions. Commissioner responses will be used to prepare the draft update to the Housing Element of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan, which the Commission will soon review as part of the 2010-2011 Comprehensive Plan update.

Announcements and Scheduling

- Arthur Sullivan informed the Planning Commission about the East King County Housing Tour that will be held on Thursday, May 19th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All Commissioners are invited. Sarah Stiteler stated that an invitation would be sent to Commissioners shortly.
- Sarah Stiteler confirmed that the next Planning Commission meeting is May 18, 2011.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Summary prepared by:

Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner / Planning Commission Staff Liaison