

City of Redmond Planning Commission

January 27, 2010 Meeting Summary Redmond City Hall – Council Chambers 15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington

Planning Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Charlie McCarthy, Vice Chair Tom Hinman, Franz Wiechers-Gregory, Phil Miller, Robert O'Hara, Thom Youngblood

Planning Commissioners Excused:

Scott Biethan

Staff in Attendance:

Sarah Stiteler, Jayme Jonas and Tricia Thomson

Call to Order:

Commission Chair Charlie McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

The agenda was changed to reflect the discussion of the NE 40th Street Corridor Study to be at 7:15 p.m, instead of 7:45 p.m.

Items from the Audience

Todd Woosley, representing PS Business Parks, made comments about the NE 40th Street corridor. He stated his concern that any changes to the corridor should result in the continued excellent vehicular access to the Overlake area.

Briefing, NE 40th Corridor Study

Jayme Jonas, Senior Planner and Tricia Thomson, Senior Engineer gave a presentation to update the Planning Commission on the latest work on the NE 40th Corridor Study and to seek feedback on the draft recommendations summarized in the Draft Report's Executive Summary. The study represents one of the implementation strategies of the Overlake Neighborhood Plan which was adopted in 2007. The focus of this evening's discussion is on proposed pedestrian and bicycle improvements along five segments of the corridor primarily to improve safety and accessibility. Public comments on the draft recommendations have been obtained by surveys, open houses and stakeholder meetings. The City Council will also review these draft recommendations at a study session later in the Spring, 2010, with final adoption of the study anticipated in late spring/summer of 2010.

Scoping, MP/BP Study – Phase II

Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner reviewed the MP/BP Study with the Planning Commission and discussed the options for the next phase of the study. Phase I recommendations focused on changes to site requirements and Permitted Land Uses. Initially, Phase II was proposed to encompass other strategies which could be more complex, including land use and zoning changes, either parcel or area specific. The Planning Commission considered the outcomes of the Phase I study and whether additional work was necessary for further refinement of MP and BP areas, in light of two other major efforts within the City, namely the Economic Strategy Study and the Redmond Community Development Guide (RCDG) Rewrite project. They recommended that no additional work in Phase II was necessary at this time. They suggested that this should be revisited after the City Council has reviewed and adopted the Commercial, Manufacturing and Industrial regulations package within the RCDG Code Rewrite expected in June, 2010. Further, they recommended that the two individual requests for land use change and rezone should be

pursued separately from MP/BP Study especially as they questioned the need for further MP/BP at this time, and that the privately initiated applications needed to go forward.

Study Session, Planning Commission Rules

Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner reviewed the Planning Commission's administrative procedures contained in RCDG 20F.50.40 and Rules contained in Appendix 20F-4. Ms. Stiteler presented information provided by the City Attorney regarding the authority of the Chair and the need for specific sunset provisions relating to the Code Rewrite Commission. Ms. Stiteler will prepare a final draft for review and adoption at the next meeting in February, 2010.

Reports/Schedule

Chair McCarthy discussed the schedule for the Planning Commission retreat on March 3, 2010. Sarah Stiteler gave a brief report of recent Council meetings.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.