City of Redmond Planning Commission

August 24, 2011 Meeting Summary
Redmond City Hall – Council Chambers
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington

Planning Commissioners in Attendance:
Chair Tom Hinman, Scott Biethan, Passion Julinsey, Phil Miller, Vibhas Chandorkar and Robert O'Hara

Planning Commissioners Excused:
Tom Flynn and Franz Wiechers-Gregory, Vice Chair

Staff in Attendance:
Pete Sullivan, Planning Commission staff liaison; B Sanders, Senior Park Planner, Lei Wu, Senior Transportation Engineer, Kim Dietz, Senior Planner

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

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

Approval of meeting minutes, July 27, 2011:
Minutes were approved without changes by a vote of 6-0.

Approval of meeting minutes, August 10, 2011:
Minutes were approved without changes by a vote of 6-0.

Items from the audience
Robert Gunther, resident of Sammamish, owns and has been working to develop property in the City of Redmond for several years. He commented on aspects of the permitting process, particularly regarding the cost of utility undergrounding.

His remarks relate to the Commission's recent review of the Utilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan, for which the Commission engaged in targeted discussion related to utility undergrounding. The Commission asked Pete Sullivan to comment on how Mr. Gunther's remarks tie in to upcoming City Council review of that element.

Report Approval, Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture, and Conservation (PARCC) Element, 2010-2011 Comprehensive Plan Update.
The Report was approved (6-0) pending insertion of a summary of discussion related to Issue Matrix Item #6, which concerns future potential acquisition of King County properties such as Marymoor Park. The summary is to be included in the *Recommended Conclusions* portion of the Planning Commission Report. Commissioner O'Hara agreed to forward a draft to staff with assistance from Commissioner Miller.

Report Approval, Capital Facilities Element, 2010-2011 Comprehensive Plan Update.
The Report was approved (6-0) pending insertion of Item #16 in the Final Issues Matrix. That item directs the Commission to consider inserting language identifying on-site reuse of rainwater and use of composting toilets in the Utilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan. The Commission re-opened the Utilities Element for further consideration, added item #16, and closed it pending further review during the Commission's upcoming *Comprehensive Plan Reconciliation Items* topic, scheduled for review September 21, 2011.

Briefing, August 3 Community Conversation on Backyard Chickens and Small Animal Husbandry.
Kim Dietz, Senior Planner, summarized meeting outcomes and implications for 2010-2011 Comprehensive Plan Update. The Commission asked questions and provided feedback in preparation for an initial study on this topic, scheduled for September 21, 2011.

Briefing, Transportation Master Plan Update.
Lei Wu, Senior Engineer, provided a status update, including summary of recent outreach meetings. The Commission asked questions and provided feedback, and anticipates holding a follow-up briefing in the Fall, as the Transportation Master Plan progresses through the Transportation Facilities Planning portion of the project.

Announcements and Scheduling

- Commissioner Hinman encouraged other Commissioners to attend the Short Course on Local Planning, Tuesday, September 6, 6:30-9:30PM at Snoqualmie City Hall.
- Commissioner Hinman also acknowledged the agenda for the Planning Commission and City Council joint meeting, scheduled for September 27, 2011, 7:30PM at Redmond City Hall. He encouraged other Commissioners to actively participate, especially in areas of interest or expertise.
- Pete Sullivan summarized upcoming Planning Commission meeting topics, and Commissioner Hinman noted the intent of the briefing on adopted Neighborhood Commercial policies and regulations, scheduled for September 21.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Summary prepared by:

Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner / Planning Commission Staff Liaison