Exhibit E: Community Input including August 3rd Community Conversation, August 20th Questionnaire, September 8th Stakeholder Perspective on Stewardship, and other correspondence to date

City of Redmond
Small Animal Husbandry Community Conversation

August 3, 2011 Meeting – Preliminary Summary of Participants' Comments*

Staff participants: Kim Dietz, Lori Peckol, Sarah Stiteler, Pete Sullivan, Thara Johnson, Dennis Lisk, Teresa Kluver, Brianna May (intern), Cameron Zapata (intern)

City officials: Kim Allen (Council), Hank Myers (Council), Tom Hinman (Planning Commission), and Richard Grubb (past Councilmember)

Media: Redmond Reporter (Samantha Pak), Redmond Patch (Caitlin Moran), Redmond Blog (Bob Yoder)

Community members attending: 40

*World café venue setting, seven topic tables identified by a unique question regarding small animal husbandry, including Backyard Chickens. Each table was moderated by a table host (staff member). Participants were invited to visit tables at their leisure and to spend 10 to 15 minutes in conversation at the tables of their choice. Four rotations were offered during the evening. Groups dispersed among the different tables following each round thus facilitating conversation among participants at each table, with each round. **

Staff will use the outcomes of the discussion to inform recommended code updates for Planning commission and City council review and action as part of Redmond's 2010-11 Comprehensive plan update. Council action is anticipated by the end of 2011.

In no order of priority, the following is a summary of common aspects of participants' discussion at the six topic tables:

- **Does small animal husbandry fit in Redmond and if yes, why and if not, why not?**
  - Chickens fit in Redmond's community vision for a variety of reasons, including:
    - Help ensure sustainability
    - Provide a food source
    - Complement Redmond's history
    - Offer an opportunity for community building
  - Chickens provide a level of pest management
  - Chicken noise, in cases, is less than dog noise
  - Chicken ownership seen as commonsense
- **Which small animals should be allowed or prohibited?**
  - Chickens
    - Consider allowing up to eight chickens
  - Goats are an additional interest

  - Ducks and geese cause concern
  - Do not allow roosters
- **Where should animals be allowed?**
  - Chickens should be allowed in single family areas
  - Could require community gardens with animal allowance in new developments; use open space
  - Home owner associations (HOAs) may not allow these animals
  - Consider cooperative partnerships on institutional land such as schools, senior housing and care facilities, hospitals, and public land
- **How should Redmond implement allowances for small animal husbandry?**
  - Want to regulate against impulse purchases (chicks for holidays) and possible loss of interest
  - Provide many options for ownership and participation
  - Create a cooperative with Redmond Parks to provide educational resources and various programs
  - Need to manage and contain animals
  - Some participants proposed local licensing and permitting while others recommended minimizing additional regulation
  - Promote tilth, club, partnerships, coop tours to help increase awareness/education
  - Create and provide a "care packet" for owners of these animals
  - Address the animals' needs and emphasize animal care
  - Knowledge, education, awareness is paramount
  - Explore a step-by-step approach to additional allowances for small animal husbandry
  - Also consider a minimum/"chicken pal" approach that supports chickens as flock animals
  - Establish a chicken "ambassador" to serve as a local poultry expert; similar to topic experts with Seattle's Tilth organization
  - Create laws/regulations/code/guidelines that are easy to enforce and simple to implement/follow; to be most helpful in guiding owners and ensuring Best Management Practices (BMP)
  - Establish setbacks from neighboring homes, minimum yard size specifications, a possible graduated system; others commented that performance is more important than minimum yard size
  - Develop and consider relying more heavily on BMPs
- **Other aspects**

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- Concerns about animal abuse/neglect, treatment, and conditions
- Regarding concerns about property values - compare chickens versus blue tarps

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