

Memorandum

To: Planning Commission
From: Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner, 556-2406
Date: May 11, 2012
Subject: **Study Session, Content of 2012-2013 Annual Update to the Comprehensive Plan**

PURPOSE

Enclosed materials are provided for Planning Commission review in advance of the May 23, 2012, initial study session regarding content of 2012-2013 Annual Update to the Comprehensive Plan

BACKGROUND

Each year the City sets the scope of the package of Comprehensive Plan amendments to be considered by the community, Planning Commission and the City Council over the following year as provided for in the Growth Management Act (GMA). This resultant list of proposals is referred to as the annual Comprehensive Plan ‘docket.’

The City of Redmond’s procedure for reviewing and adopting annual amendments to the Comprehensive Plan is to adopt a blanket ordinance that establishes the content and framework of the annual amendment package. This procedure accomplishes two principal objectives. First, it enables the City to comply with state requirements for concurrent review of the cumulative effects of all proposed amendments. Second, detailed review of each amendment can occur as each is brought forward separately to the Technical Committee, Planning Commission, and City Council.

Between April 5-9, 2012, the City announced the April 30, 2012, application deadline for privately-requested amendments to the Comprehensive Plan for consideration as part of the 2012-13 Plan Amendment Package. This included a letter describing the process and timeline for amendment requests, mailed to 1133 interested parties. In addition, notice was communicated via the following:

- eAlert (free GovDelivery-based e-mails by topic; sign-up through City web site)
- Press Release dated April 9
- Article in Redmond Patch
- Announcement via City Twitter and Facebook accounts

- Updated City web page describing Comprehensive Plan amendment process:
www.redmond.gov/docket
- RCTV
- *Announcements* column of City home page, www.redmond.gov
- Internal City e-mail (for City-initiated proposals)

MEETING PREPARATION

Please review the enclosed list of proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments as well as the map of their locations. At the May 23 meeting, staff will describe the proposed package and ask Commissioners whether any other items ought to be included.

Of the 19 total items, four are City-initiated carry-overs from 2011-12, eleven are new City-initiated proposals, and four are new, privately-initiated proposals. Two of the privately-initiated proposals have multiple components, such amendments to multiple portions of the Comprehensive Plan, or a combination of Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Amendments.

No private proposals were solicited during the 2011-12 docket; interested parties were encouraged to voice proposals via 2010-2011 periodic update process occurring during that time period.

REVIEW SCHEDULE

The GMA also requires evaluation of the cumulative effects of amendments proposed as part of the annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Package. Staff will present these 'inter-relationships' to the Planning Commission at a follow-up study session, May 30. The City Council then adopts a blanket ordinance setting the framework and content of the amendment package while allowing each amendment to be reviewed individually. City Council action is expected in late July.

QUESTIONS

Please contact Pete Sullivan at (425) 556-2406, ppsullivan@redmond.gov with questions and for additional information.

ATTACHMENTS

- A) Draft List of Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments for 2012-13
- B) 2012-13 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Map