

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Meeting Summary

Council

Kim Allen (Chair)
Tom Flynn
Hank Myers
Hank Margeson (*attending Council Member*)
John Stilin (*attending Council Member*)
Pat Vache (*attending Council Member*)

Staff

Ron Grant, Acting Public Works Director
Rob Odle, Planning and Community
Development Director
Don Cairns, Transportation Engineering
Manager
Lori Peckol, Policy and Comprehensive Plan
Manager
Tim Cox, Natural Resources Senior Planner
Mike Paul, Public Works Engineering Manager
Lisa Singer, Public Works Senior Engineer
Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner
Jeff Churchill, Senior Planner
Deborah Farris, Code Enforcement Officer
Kim Dietz, Senior Planner
Joel Pfundt, Principal Planner
Michelle M. McGehee, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.

Chair Kim Allen opened the meeting, overviewed the agenda, and noted Council Members in attendance.

Summer Construction Projects

Mr. Mike Paul, Public Works Engineering Manager, presented information regarding the City's summer construction projects:

- 1) Redmond Way Overlay;
- 2) SE Redmond Transmission Main;
- 3) 164th Avenue Extension;
- 4) Redmond Central Connector;
- 5) Overlake LID (low impact development);
- 6) 2012 Stream Improvements;
- 7) 2012 Storm Improvements;
- 8) TSIP Projects;
- 9) Railroad Track Removal;
- 10) 2012 Street Resurfacing; and
- 11) Bear Creek Rehabilitation.

Grants for NE 84th Street Conveyance and Overlake Vault

Mr. Tim Cox, Natural Resources Senior Planner, provided a report to the Members of the Committee regarding two grants received: one for NE 84th Street Conveyance and the other for the Overlake Vault. An agreement will be going forward to the Council this fall in this regard.

Cleveland Streetscape/Couplet Conversion

Mr. Don Cairns, Transportation Engineering Manager, reported that a consultant agreement will come before the Council on July 3, 2012, for the design of the Cleveland Streetscape/Couplet Conversion. Mr. Cairns provided history on the projects, and spoke regarding funding through the Puget Sound Regional Council process.

Ms. Lisa Singer, Public Works Senior Engineer, spoke regarding the scoping for the projects; Bear Creek Parkway and 161st Avenue NE are her specific projects. She advised that the KPG team has been selected as the design consultants and the agreement has three parts: (1) final design of the Cleveland Streetscape; (2) the couplet conversion – further design, environmental work, and needs assessment; and (3) demolition of four buildings on the east end of the park. July 3, 2012, is also scheduled for the acceptance of the 161st Avenue NE portion of the project.

Members of the Council and staff discussed rights-of-way issues through the corridor.

Overlake Village – Update Letter to Property Owners

Mr. Jeff Churchill, Senior Planner, provided a history overview of the Overlake Village area and projects taking place in that area. He noted that four properties will be affected by the proposed alignment of light rail in that area in the future. Those property owners have received a letter from the City notifying them that they will be affected.

Zoning Code Amendments Regarding Undergrounding of Utilities

Mr. Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner, reported regarding:

- description of the proposal:
 - exempt single-family homes on existing lots, and additions and remodels thereof, from undergrounding utility distribution lines along public rights-of-way;
- background:
 - proposed amendment follows through with 2011 Planning Commission and City Council direction;
 - in 2011, Commission/Council considered three alternatives: fund-based by corridor, capital program/limited contribution, exemption-based and endorsed increased exemptions;
- benefits:
 - continue to require the City and most private developers to relocate aerial utilities underground as directed in the Comprehensive Plan;
 - eliminate high cost burdens associated with single-family development;
- key issues for Code Amendment:
 - clarifies code for new single-family homes are also subject to the above requirement;

- clarifies existing mechanism by which the applicant for any type of development proposal may petition the decision-maker for relief from undergrounding (including short plats; recreational clubs);
- criteria for short plats not recommended due to difficulty in applying criteria equally across typical proposals;
- Planning Commission review:
 - confirmed staff recommended Zoning Code changes;
 - recommend following up with broader review of City's undergrounding requirements;
 - public testimony from Sammamish Rowing Association reinforces above Planning Commission recommendation; club is working with staff to re-examine project conditions related to utility undergrounding along W. Lake Sammamish Parkway;
- schedule:
 - Planning Commission – June 13 – approve report;
 - City Council – July 3;
 - study session – July 31; and
 - Council action – July 31 (if study session not needed).

Members of the Committee discussed addressing the policy first and then discussing undergrounding on a holistic basis.

Councilmember Margeson noted a study session would be scheduled to discuss the matter further on July 31, 2012.

Proposed 2012-13 Docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Mr. Sullivan reviewed 19 minor annual amendments proposed; 4 are privately proposed projects. These will come before the Planning Commission for review on June 13, 2012, and before the City Council on July 31, 2012, for Council action. A staff report will be provided to the Council on July 3, 2012, regarding the proposed amendments.

Code Amendment to Move Language Regulating the Removal and Disposal of Illegal Signs from the RZC to the RMC

Ms. Deborah Farris, Code Enforcement Officer, reported regarding code enforcement efforts and streamlined enhancements to address the placement of illegal signs within the City. Increased sign sweeps are occurring, as well as fewer warnings being issued prior to sign removal. She noted staff is receiving better compliance. Ms. Farris also noted that all sign enforcement will be moving from the Zoning Code to the main Redmond Municipal Code where other enforcement provisions exist. The amendment will be coming forward to the City Council on July 3, 2012, on the Consent Agenda.

Sound Transit Eastlink Update

Mr. Joel Pfundt, Principal Planner, advised that on June 26, 2012, the Council will hold a study session at which they will receive an update on the Sound Transit Eastlink Update. Mr. Ron Lewis, new Director, of Sound Transit will be in attendance to speak with the Council.

Councilmember Allen noted that she would like Mr. Lewis to address talks of Route 545 being removed and how that will impact Redmond.

Formally Establish Pedestrian Bike Advisory Committee

Mr. Joel Pfundt discussed a resolution that would be coming forward to the Council for their consideration regarding acknowledging the Pedestrian Bike Advisory Committee for their role in Redmond. This resolution would also acknowledge ongoing meetings of the committee.

Landmark and Heritage Preservation Grant – Odd Fellows Hall Rings

Ms. Kim Dietz, Senior Planner, discussed a project to restore the Odd Fellows Hall Rings. A preservation grant is available to perform the work. The matter will come forward for Council consideration on July 3, 2012.

Electronic Zoning Code Demonstration (EZCode)

Mr. Rob Odle, Planning and Community Development Director, and Mr. Jeff Churchill, provided a demonstration of the City's new Electronic Zoning Code to the Members of the Committee. User testing will be conducted and the "go-live" date is scheduled for August 2012. There will be a link to the EZCode event launch through RCTV. A training video will also be distributed along with the Code link.