



Meeting Summary
City of Redmond Planning Commission
March 13, 2019
City Hall, 15670 NE 85th Street
Redmond, Washington 98073

Planning Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair, Roy Captain; Sherri Nichols; Stephanie Rodriguez; Vidyanand Rajpathak

Planning Commissioners Excused:

Vice-Chair Phil Miller; Vanessa Kritzer; Judy East

Staff in Attendance:

Jae Hill, Long-Range Planning Manager; Kimberly Dietz, Senior Planner; Scott Reynolds, Planner

1. Call to Order:

Chair Captain called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

S. Nichols moves approval, S. Rodriguez seconds. Approved without objections.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2019:

S. Nichols moves approval, S. Rodriguez seconds. Approved without objections.

4. Items from the Audience:

There were no items from the audience.

5. Study Session and Possible Action, Wireless Communications Facilities Zoning Code Update

Kim Dietz presented responses to the Commissioners from their Issues Matrix and new developments since the previous hearing. Ms. Dietz explained staff's responses to the Planning Commission's open issues as follows:

- Issue A2. The process for Right-of-Way permits for new/replacement poles are being addressed in a Public Works separate approval progress; (5:38)
- Issue C2. When staff or Technical Committee would be involved in permit review and decision making, in accordance with permit review timeframes that are guided by shot clocks; (7:09)
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- Issue D1. The difference between FCC and RCW equipment volume measurements—of 28 cubic feet and 17 cubic feet, respectively—is based on established definitions. Specific equipment is included in FCC's calculations though not in the RCW calculations; (10:30)
- Issue D3. Other items—such as signs, traffic cameras, and antennas—collocate on city street poles; (13:38)
- Issue D4. The City will consider Wireless Policy Group's request—to add some language regarding technical feasibility—at a later time; (14:33)

- Issue E1. Payments for new/replacement poles are borne by the applicant, and that the rules are being developed by Public Works staff; (24:06)
- Issue E2. The City does not incentivize 5G installation, but Comprehensive Plan Policies support installation of communications technology; (25:16)
- Issue E3. Concerns may be similar among other carriers. Staff and the City Attorney had previously worked with service providers such as AT&T to incorporate their concerns or interests in code development; (25:56)
- Issue E4. Staff presented three additional amendments addressing clarity, consistency, and accuracy for the Commission’s consideration. (27:51)

• Staff confirmed that no additional written testimony was provided during the period in which the written hearing was open. At their February 27, 2019 meeting, Commissioners had agreed to maintain the hearing open for written comment through Wednesday, March 6th (30:33).

Chair Captain looked for a motion to recommend the technical committee report. S. Nichols moved “approving the amendment to the Redmond Zoning Code as prepared by the Technical Committee”; seconded by V. Rajpathak; unanimous approval. (31:14)

Ms. Dietz clarified that there were additional amendments identified by the Commission, through public testimony, and by staff to series of amendments included in the Technical Committee’s report. J. Hill suggested a motion to amend the previous action. S. Nichols moved “to also approve the amendments brought to us tonight”; seconded by V. Rajpathak; unanimous approval. (32:11)

J. Hill stated that the Planning Commission Report could either be approved tonight, or the commission could direct the chair to approve. S. Nichols moved to “approve and direct the Chair to sign the draft Planning Commission Report”; seconded by S. Rodriguez, unanimous.


The Chair thanked Staff for their work.

6. Reports and Scheduling.

J. Hill mentioned that the informational briefings scheduled for March 13th would be moved to the following week’s agenda. J. Hill then asked the Commission for potential retreat topics. The Commission had none. The Chair requested that Staff send an email to solicit input.

Summary prepared by: Jae Hill, Long-Range Planning Manager, on 3/19/19

Summary approved by: Roy Captain, Chair, on March 20, 2019.



Signature of Planning Commission Chair