



REDMOND PLANNING COMMISSION
Roy Captain, Chair | Phil Miller, Vice-Chair
Judy East | Vanessa Kritzer | Sherri Nichols
Vidyanand Rajpathak | Stephanie Rodriguez

Meeting Summary
City of Redmond Planning Commission
March 20, 2019
City Hall, 15670 NE 85th Street
Redmond, Washington 98073

Planning Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair, Roy Captain; Vice-Chair Phil Miller; Judy East; Sherri Nichols; Vanessa Kritzer; Vidyanand Rajpathak; Stephanie Rodriguez

Planning Commissioners Absent/Excused:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Jae Hill, Long-Range Planning Manager; Jeff Churchill, Transportation Strategic Advisor; Bruce Newman, Traffic Operations Engineer

Staff Present in Chambers:

Erika Vandenbrande, Planning Director; Carol Helland, Deputy Planning Director

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Approval of Agenda:

J. Hill requested amended agenda to include a meeting summary of the March 13, 2019 meeting to expedite the Wireless Code Facilities review to Council. P. Miller moves approval as amended, S. Nichols seconds. Approved without objections.

3. Approval of Meeting Summary, March 13, 2019:

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

4. Election of Officers:

Chair Captain opens nominations for Chair. P. Miller nominates R. Captain for Chair. No other nominations. P. Miller moves to close nominations, seconded by S. Nichols. Chair Captain calls for a vote, unanimous approval of R. Captain as continued Commission Chair.

Chair Captain opens nominations for Vice Chair. P. Miller nominates S. Nichols. Nominations are closed. Chair Captain calls for a vote, unanimous approval of S. Nichols as Commission Vice-Chair.

5. Items from the Audience:

There were no items from the audience.

6. Informational Briefing, Development Agreements for High-Capacity Transit

J. Churchill presents an informational follow-up to the Commission's previous approval of a Zoning Code amendment concerning Development Agreements for High Capacity Transit. He also gave an overview that the types of deviations expected last year are the ones being seen now. There was also free-form discussion with the Commission regarding some project-specific details, including the vertical profile of the rail alignment. J. Churchill also indicated, in response to repeated questions, that the final design for the station, service planning, 70th Street, and other project components has not yet been complete.

V. Kritzer made some suggestions as to how there could be improved participation with regards to outreach, including sending future questionnaires to the Marymoor Village stakeholders. J. East added that numerous postcards were sent to residents about those open houses.

7. Informational Briefing, Traffic Signals

Bruce Newman, of the City's Traffic Operations Department, presented the general principles and function of the City's traffic signals. He stated that if someone has suggestions or concerns about traffic issues, they should use the City's Queue Alert App.

J. East stated that 40th Street and 51st Street seem to have become worse in the last few months for some reason. R. Captain stated that he thinks vehicles are triggering pedestrian traffic signals and altering the queueing.

S. Nichols inquired about who "safety" and "delay" was prioritized for; she then asked for clarity around the safety of pedestrians, and for clarification of priorities of vehicles versus cars. B. Newman stated that they don't focus on reducing delay for particular modes, but that due to low pedestrian counts, vehicles often get prioritized. RapidRide gets priority.

P. Miller asked numerous questions about the number and costs of signals in the City, noting that 107 signals is a lot for a town our size. P. Miller also noted that Philadelphia has removed all signals from their downtown areas. P. Miller then noted that the intersection of Bear Creek Pkwy and West Lake Sammamish Pkwy is timed too rapidly for pedestrians, especially those with limited mobility. P. Miller asked about sidewalk closures near Station House; B. Newman responded it's due to construction. P. Miller stated he hopes the City eventually prioritizes pedestrians over vehicles.

Out of Order:

J. Hill announced the need for approval of minutes of 2/27/19 which include the Wireless Communication Facilities updates that are now moving on for Council review, then requested Commission recess to review and approve the minutes.

Chair Captain calls for a brief recess.

7. Reports and Scheduling.

Meeting minutes of 2/27/19 are reviewed without comment. Move approval by V. Kritzer, second by P. Miller.

J. Hill reminded the Commission that he was still soliciting retreat topics, and to forward those via email to Sarah Stiteler.

Chair Captain stated that he would not be available for a retreat on April 10th, and requested a change to April 17th. The Commission unanimously agreed on that date, beginning at 5:30pm.

8. Communication with Staff.

J. Hill introduced Carol Helland, the new Deputy Director of Planning and Community Development. Carol gave a brief welcome statement, reflecting that she's been working in Bellevue for 23 years but is a Redmond resident.

J. Hill announced his departure, and that he would be moving on to work at King County. Several Commissioners congratulated him and thanked him for his work.

R. Captain thanked P. Miller for his many years of service and noted that "his voice will be sorely missed on this Commission." P. Miller replied that it has been an honor to serve over the last ten years, and that it's important for the community voice to be represented.

P. Miller moved to adjourn, S. Nichols seconded; meeting adjourned.

Summary prepared by: Jae Hill, Long-Range Planning Manager, on March 22, 2019

Summary approved by: Roy Captain, Chair, on April 17, 2019.

Signature of Planning Commission Chair