



DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

REDMOND 2050 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday January 14, 2021

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

CAC members present: Bhagwat, Blumenfeld, Brakke, Chandorkar, CK, A. Coleman, Koehn, Norling, Stoner, Thompson, Varadharajan, Wang, Wu

CAC members absent: Armstrong, Castro, M. Coleman, Cruz, Duval, Jacob, Joffre

Staff present: Caroline Chapman, Senior Planner; Jeff Churchill, Planning Manager; Beckye Frey, Senior Planner; Tam Kutzmark, Senior Planner; Ian Lefcourte, Planner

Ms. Bhagwat briefly introduced herself.

2. Approval of Meeting Summary for December 10, 2020

The meeting summary was approved without objection.

- **Existing Conditions Reports: Land Use, Utilities, Capital Facilities, and Natural Resources**

Mr. Churchill briefly introduced the agenda item. Ms. Chapman provided an overview of the Land Use section. Mr. Lefcourte provided an overview of the Utilities and Capital Facilities sections. Ms. provided an overview of the Natural Environment (aka Natural Resources) section. Staff asked CAC members to consider the following questions in small groups:

- *What additional policy considerations should be added?*
- *What did you find useful?*
- *What information is needed to inform policy choices?*

- *What other ways could these reports be improved?*

Land Use small group discussion summary:

Suggested Policy Considerations

- Additional, small scale neighborhood commercial
- Flexibility and streamlined process for single family updates and ADUs
- Address missing middle housing more aggressively
- Set aside percent of commercial space for small and legacy businesses in new developments (similar to 10% for low income housing)
- Better define "maintain neighborhood character" to not unduly exclude some desired changes and updates
- Find ways to encourage smaller homes
- Requirements for parks and open space access, supporting community building and character
- Community Land Trust and ability to donate or add to public lands, especially in high priority areas like Lake Sammamish

Suggested Additional Information to Include in Existing Conditions Report

- Add considerations of the PAAs
- Parking requirements in single family and missing middle homes
- Amount of land has not been developed on by zone
- Demographics of single-family neighborhoods, or demonstrate any changes in economics (property tax rates, average household income)

Capital Facilities small group discussion summary:

Suggested Policy Considerations

- Future of Redmond Pool and Old Firehouse Teen Center - they are important to significant parts of the community
- Equity considerations such as: response times and coverage; funding of infrastructure not falling disproportionately on low-income households; and internet connectivity
- Sustainability considerations such as ensuring all facilities can accommodate growth and improving the environmental sustainability of facilities over the long term

Suggested Additional Information to Include in Existing Conditions Report

- Demographic trends, for use in planning for parks, e.g.
- City facility use information, such as where there are rental facilities the City owns

Utilities small group discussion summary:

Suggested Policy Considerations

- Resilience in utilities is a high priority- that can withstand climate change and geo-seismic instability.
- Guide capital facility considerations with an emphasis on resilience and recovery, especially for large geo-seismic events.
- Minimize geographic disparities for communications and telecommunications - are all the areas covered equally.
- Possible to provide community with choices in the selection of service providers throughout the community?
- High Speed and fiber and internet speed should be equally provided for - there should be access to facilities for everyone at a reasonable rate. Can we work with lower income families to ensure equitable access.

Suggested Additional Information to Include in Existing Conditions Report

- Discussions about charging stations. Personal electric vehicles are useful, but the city will still need an expanded local transit system. Greater interest in the last mile, and options to enhance greater pedestrian mobility in and around Redmond.

Natural Environment small group discussion summary:

General thoughts:

- Context is hard to grasp, are these goals that need to change as we look towards Redmond 2050 growth? Cannot comment until we know what we're going to be.

Suggested Policy Considerations

- There was a reference to CO2 reductions since 2008 but the goal was related to 1990 levels. (Need to update to match 2020 Environmental Sustainability Action Plan.)
- Opportunities to partner with business on these topics, and what accountability looks like for these topics.
- Noise needs to be addressed both current levels and how traffic will impact that
- Policy considerations for off-grid residences; consider incentives or tax break - individual or at neighborhood level

Suggested Additional Information to Include in Existing Conditions Report

- Electrical vehicles - bring that into this element
- Shoreline and view corridors - given the development that is coming

3. Good of the Order

Meeting Pacing. Committee members expressed that this meeting's discussion did not feel as rushed as the December meeting felt. There was support for considering longer meetings to enable more time for discussion, but no decision to lengthen meetings. Staff expressed willingness to stay on after the official meeting end to answer questions and have discussion. Ms. Frey noted that the CAC Teams page is ideal for posting ideas and articles.

Meeting Accessibility. Mr. A. Coleman suggested turning-on captions. Staff agreed to determine if this feature, available to at least some, can be made available to all.

Adjourn - 7:30 p.m.

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