



DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

REDMOND 2050 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, August 12, 2021

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Chair Joffre called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

CAC members present: Blumenfeld, Chandorkar, CK, A. Coleman, M. Coleman, Cruz, Joffre, Koehn, Stoner, Wang, Wu

CAC members absent: Armstrong, Bhagwat, Brakke, Jacob, Thompson

Staff present: Jeff Churchill, Planning Manager; Glenn Coil, Senior Planner; Beckye Frey, Principal Planner

2. Conversation with Mayor Birney

Mayor Birney thanked the CAC and staff for their work. Committee members and Mayor Birney discussed the following topics:

- The importance of the CAC's work;
- The COVID-19 pandemic and the City's response;
- Post-pandemic trends that the Committee should consider in its work;
- Affordable housing; and,
- Celebrating the sometimes-unnoticed positive things that have occurred over the past year.

3. Approval of Meeting Summary for July 8, 2021

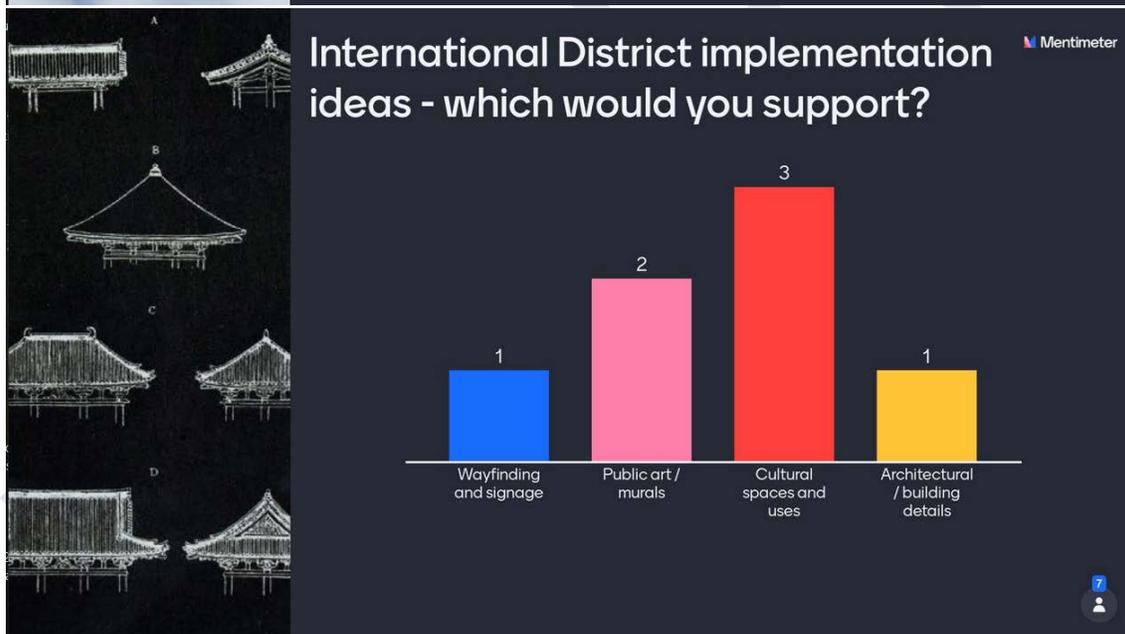
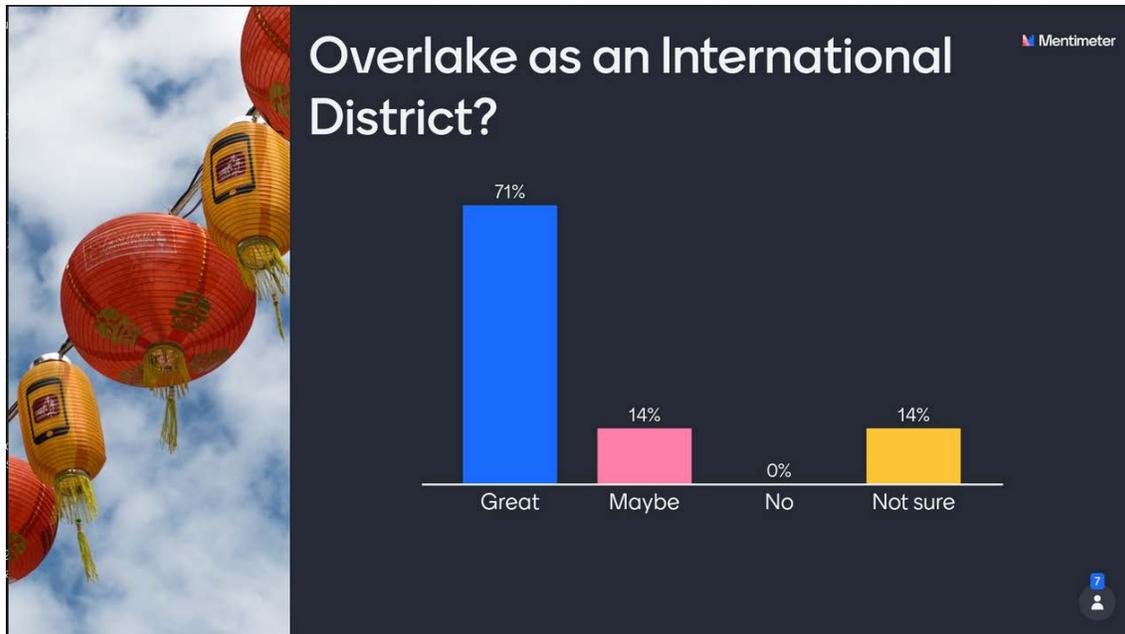
Approved without objection.

4. Overlake Required Updates and Policy Update Approach

Ms. Frey introduced the required updates for the Overlake Neighborhood Plan and described the approach for updating policies to the Urban Centers Element, which is where policies related to Overlake are located.

Committee members provided the following input via Mentimeter (online polling):





*Please note the glitch that allowed only one choice to be selected on the International District implementation slide. CAC members selected the choice that they most supported in the Mentimeter poll and added to chat additional comments:

- Stoner - All
- Joffre - All of them! But especially the art/cultural uses (smile)
- Chandorkar - All of the choices
- Wu - all of them, especially public art (laugh)
- Wang - I'm slightly wary of architectural details (I'm imagining chinatown-themed facades) but supportive of the other 3 elements

Not all CAC members were able to use Mentimeter, and at least one was having issues with chat. Ms. Frey encouraged CAC members to email their thoughts on these topics to her at bfrey@redmond.gov.

Ms. Frey shared the dates and topics of upcoming community events and encouraged CAC members to sign up for any and all topics they're interested in. The full list of events is posted online at <https://www.redmond.gov/1425/Get-Involved>. Ms. Frey asked CAC members to share the event information with their networks and encouraged participation!

5. Transportation Policy Options and Alternatives (continued)

The Committee continued its discussion from July on transportation policy options and alternatives, focusing on how Redmond should balance investing in system maintenance with investing in new mobility improvements.

CAC Questions and Discussion Concerning Policy Options and Alternatives

Balancing Investments in Maintenance with Investments in New Mobility Improvements

- *Discussion continued from previous meeting...*
- [July 8 comment repeated here for sake of completeness] Just considering flexible dollars, would lean toward prioritizing investment in **maintenance** because there are other sources available for new projects.
- It is important to **maintain older infrastructure**
- Need to consider the **environmental impacts** and benefits of new improvements
- Maintenance is a big issue in Seattle - poor maintenance causes **accessibility issues**
- When does City consider making an improvement instead of maintaining the existing facility?
- Maintaining the system advances **equity**: if a person's first option is not available, a well-maintained system will allow people across the economic spectrum to use other options (bike, transit, e.g.)
- New mobility improvements seem like a given, so our focus should be on maintenance
- System needs to be maintained so that it is **functional** at minimum.
- It's often more popular to build new infrastructure because it is easy to point to, whereas maintenance is not sexy.
- Maintaining infrastructure is often a **good investment**.
- New mobility improvements add to the overall amount of maintenance required.
- **What is the minimum acceptable level of maintenance?** At minimum it should appear to be taken care of.
- Example of good regular maintenance: Grass Lawn Park artificial turf surfaces are replaced every few years to keep them functional and safe for users.

6. Good of the Order

Mr. Churchill reported the following:

- Aparna Varadharajan has stepped-down from the CAC. She represented the Planning Commission on the CAC and the Commission will choose a member to be her successor, likely at its next meeting.
- Staff attended Rockin' on the River to engage with community members about Redmond 2050. CAC members should be on the look-out for future opportunities to participate in activities like this.
- Staff will continue to send draft translations of Redmond 2050 materials to CAC members and greatly appreciates any feedback that Committee members can provide.
- The CAC social gathering is rescheduled to September 9 at 6:00 p.m. - details to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.