

King County PSERN – Education Hill – Community Outreach Proposal

The City of Redmond Planning and Community Development Department will require an amplified public involvement process in order to facilitate positive community relations with the neighborhoods surrounding Education Hill - King County Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) project. The following briefly outlines suggested steps for the community outreach.

Step 1 – General Community Notification and Survey

Provide general information about the proposed project, provide a photo simulation of the tower design, and send a survey to solicit community concerns.

- Community mailing (1,000' from subject property)
 - Provide date/time for a balloon test to occur on a Saturday to show possible visual impacts.
 - Provide a survey with self-addressed stamped return envelope for concerned citizens to provide feedback following the balloon test.
 - Any written materials should be reviewed by the PSERN Communications Manager.
 - Odelia Pacific would be available to answer additional questions and/or concerns, etc.
 - PSERN will be kept in the loop on questions and concerns that arise

Step 2 – Balloon Test

Schedule a balloon test on a Saturday for 2-3 hours in the morning. A balloon test is the only way that the fully potential visual impacts for this project will be able to completely determined. In the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review, King County PSERN will have to be able to demonstrate that the proposed tower will not impede any views. The only way to fully assess the impact is to perform a balloon test at the height of the proposed tower.

Step 3 – Survey Results

Following the balloon test, review any survey results received and determine overall community concerns. Identify if those concerns can be addressed/mitigated. Obtain an overall idea how supportive or against the community is about the proposed project.

Step 4 – Mail Invite to Community Open House

- Schedule a date/time/location for an open house to answer questions/provide information about the project.
- Mail out invites to the open house (1,000' from subject property) (at least 2 weeks prior to meeting)
- Meeting information will be posted on the PSERN Web site.

Step 5 - Community Open House

Hold a community open house to answer questions/provide information about the project. Meeting information will be posted on the PSERN Web site.

- Based on balloon test, provide photo simulations etc. to show to the community.
- Be prepared based on survey results and other comments to provide answers to concerns and provide possible mitigation measures.
- Odelia Pacific would be in attendance to coordinate and facilitate the open house.
- PSERN will coordinate with Odelia Pacific on information needed for materials and handouts
- Have a King County PSERN representative at the open house to answer questions and explain the project.
- Have a representative from fire/police/emergency to explain the need for the facility to the community.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Sarah Telschow, Odelia Pacific Permitting Lead
 - Coordinates/facilitates meetings including neighborhood associations and community meeting/open house
 - Coordinates general community notification (Step 3)
 - Coordinates Balloon Test/Survey
 - Sends notice out to local papers about community meeting
- Karla Clark, PSERN Communications Manager
 - Contact for Odelia Pacific Permitting Lead
 - Provides project information for materials, signage as needed for meetings
 - Coordinates with PSERN Government Relations Officer to pull together first responder coalition to attend meetings
- PSERN Team Members- TBD
 - PSERN Construction Manager and PSERN Project Manager will review and answer questions at meetings or post meetings and will attend community meetings as needed