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From Suburb to City

Introduction to Community Design

Planning Commission
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Discussion Purpose

To guide updates to Land Use and Community Character and Historic Preservation chapters (Redmond 2050 Phase 2).

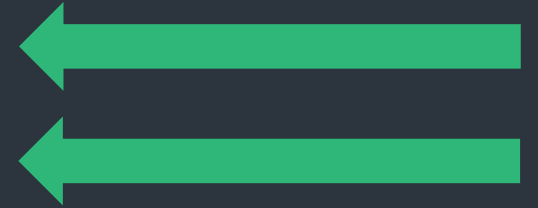
Obtain input on two proposals:

1. Shifting from community and neighborhood “character” to a focus on design, and
2. Propose a “Community Design” element that combines topics from several chapters and allows for additional design-related policy discussions

Community Character & Historic Preservation

Policy Considerations

- Revise language to be more inclusive
- Update design standards to better reflect themes of equity and inclusion, resiliency, and sustainability
- Celebrate local history, especially native cultures – specific proposal for Marymoor Village
- Reflect community priorities



Input to Date

- Redefine community character and neighborhood character to be more inclusive
- Analysis of which design standards are most important to include
- Prioritization of historic properties for preservation
- Approaches: continue to encourage preservation or have mechanisms for enforcement



Questions on Community Character vs Design

- Does removing reference to “community character” help the City pursue desired equity outcomes?

OR

- Do references to character make it easier for community members to understand the vision for their neighborhood?

When “Character” is Exclusionary

Example 1

Some neighborhoods allow several types of housing, but...:

- Have a minimum % of housing required to be detached single-family (SF)
- Requires all housing units to have the same look and feel as SF
- Requires minimum spacing between non-SF developments

Example 2

Neighborhood development standards require large setbacks and require specific landscaping within setbacks

Questions on Consolidation of Design Policies

- Does a unified Community Design element make sense?
- Should a Community Design element include only explicitly built environment design policies or should the element include broader policies which impact how the City feels, looks, or sounds?
- What should be included in a Community Design element?

Comprehensive Plan - Adopts Vision for the City



Continual Support:



Community Involvement



Environmental Review

Functional & Strategic Plans - Defines How Vision will be Implemented



Financing & Implementation



BOTH PHASES

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Questions on Community Character/Design

What could/should a Community Design element include?

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WHERE GROWTH GOES

- Centers
- Corridors
- Neighborhoods
 - High-level policies, which set the foundation for neighborhood plans

HOW THINGS ARE BUILT/PRESERVED

- Historic preservation
- Public realm (design of areas between front of building to back of curb)
- Accessibility / universal design
- Inclusive / cultural design elements
- Site and building design standards (foundational policies for RZC Design guidelines)