

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission

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Date: April 26, 2023

Subject: Redmond 2050 : First Draft Human Services Policies

PURPOSE

The purpose of this study session is to review revised draft policy updates for the Human Services element (Attachment A). Human Services Manager Brooke Buckingham will attend to provide subject matter expertise.

BACKGROUND

The Human Services element is among nine elements that the Planning Commission will review as part of Redmond 2050 Phase 2. The Human Services element directs the City's efforts in planning, funding, coordinating, and improving human services delivery to achieve a more socially sustainable, resilient, and equitable community.

The Planning Commission reviewed and provided feedback to staff at the April 12, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. Staff have integrated the feedback, which is reflected in revisions to policies HS-3, HS-7, and HS-16.

Redmond 2050: First Draft Human Services Policies

PREPARATION FOR APRIL 26 STUDY SESSION

Please review the draft policies. Attachment A shows existing policy language, proposed policy language, and the reasons for proposed changes. The first draft does not contain any narrative or graphics - just policies. Many changes are related to:

- Simplifying language
- Emphasizing equity
- Collaboration and partnerships
- Investment and resources
- Highlighting homeless services
- Reflecting input from planning commission and community advisory committee

Commissioners may also wish to review the [Existing Conditions Report](#) chapter for Human Services. The end of the chapter contains the policy considerations that are the major drivers of change to this element. An additional resource is the [2022 Human Services Strategic Plan](#), which also informs this draft.

REDMOND 2050 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Staff presented the draft policies the Redmond 2050 Community Advisory Committee (CAC) on April 13, 2023. The CAC expressed support for the human services efforts and the drafted policies. Themes from the CAC discussion included:

- When and how the city would operate as a direct service provider
- Collaboration with other City departments
- Active and appropriate responses, including with other departments, to help people
- Preventing homelessness by serving people at risk of becoming homelessness
- Collaboration with, and services for, students and youth
- Bringing services to people rather than requiring people come to the services, for example, mobile services, emergency deliveries, etc.

These considerations were implemented by updating draft policies and creating new draft policies. Specifically, the new HS-1, HS-2, HS-4, HS-7, HS-12, HS-14, and HS-22.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Human Services Element Policy Guide
- B. Issues Matrix