

CITY OF REDMOND
BEAR CREEK CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY [DRAFT]
April 8, 2010 – Friendly Village Clubhouse

NOTE: This summary is not a full transcription of the meeting.

CAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Berrios, Murillo, J. Thompson, S. Thompson

PLANNING COMMISSION LIAISON: Chandorkar

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Churchill, Senior Planner

The Bear Creek Citizen Advisory Committee is appointed by the Mayor to advise vision, policy, and regulatory updates during the course of the Bear Creek neighborhood plan update.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Thompson convened the meeting at 4:35pm.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Churchill introduced the neighborhood planning process to the meeting participants. He explained the purpose of the meeting and fielded a few questions.

Mr. Thompson introduced members of the CAC and explained the role of the CAC. He also fielded a few questions.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

CAC members each led small groups in discussions about land use, transportation, and the environment. The groups rotated twice so that each person could provide input on each topic. At the end of the discussions, CAC members shared the input of each small group with the entire assembly.

Small group discussion notes are attached. They begin on the next page.

LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION

Following the reporting out by the CAC members, there were a few questions directed to CAC members and City staff about issues of particular concern to the residents of Friendly Village, and about the rest of the neighborhood planning process.

REVIEW OF MARCH 25, 2010 MEETING SUMMARY

The CAC unanimously approved the meeting summary for its March 25, 2010 meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Thursday, April 22 at 4:30pm at Redmond City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

CAC Meeting at Friendly Village – Small Group Discussion Notes (DRAFT)

Bear Creek Neighborhood Plan Update – April 8, 2010

Environment

- Open spaces and natural areas good
 - Enjoy quietness, quaintness
 - Keep rural
- Farming on Keller Farm good
- Don't develop farm area
- Get rid of invasive plants
- Bear Creek is important because:
 - Can watch the creek run – a nice attraction
 - Fish/salmon habitat
 - Like to watch during storms
 - Wildlife habitat for otters, birds
 - Bird diversity (except geese!)
 - Let it be accessible to pedestrians
 - Sense of serenity – a natural boundary
 - Know that it is alive and healthy
- Clean water is important
 - How is Redmond's water treated? What chemicals are used?
- Riparian corridor maintenance important
- What's going on south of Friendly Village (stakes, ribbons, etc.)
- Keep the parks
- Save the natural parts of the neighborhood
- Like trees on Avondale
- Like Perrigo and boardwalk
- Preserving wetlands for the community
- Elevated boardwalk – extend into wetlands – make wetlands more accessible
- Boardwalk good for birders
- Concerned about coyotes coming into Friendly Village during summer when grass along Keller Farm boundary is not mowed
- Concern than un-mowed grasses become fire hazard in the summer
- Who owns (or who would own) the wetland bank?

Land Use

- Concern about protecting investment in home
- Preserve senior affordable housing
- Get rid of brick house (on Avondale)
- Pea patches good
- Is all of Friendly Village outside flood plain? How much is developable? What is the zoning?
- Protect place where low income residents can live

- Need senior housing
- SHAG housing – affordable!
- Modular park – preserve!
- Most people can't afford to live in the area
- Senior park – affordable!
- Grange Hall
- Keep zoning for Friendly Village – senior housing!
- City too friendly with developers
- Don't add mixed commercial/residential in area southeast of Avondale Road – preserve area
- Concerned about increased population in King County (outside city limits)

Transportation

- Getting to Perrigo Park
 - Feel safe except at bridge crossing
- Want sidewalks on NE 95th Street
- Prefer walking Union Hill Road because Avondale is too noisy
- Parallel non-motorized path along Avondale a good idea
- No increase in traffic
- Need longer westbound left signal from NE 95th onto Avondale Road
- Better speed control on NE 95th St
- Bus pull-outs for Metro, school buses
- Park & Ride closer to Redmond Ridge
- No development
- Not enough police presence at Avondale/NE 95th intersection – people blocking intersection
- Improve/add u-turns – coordinate with bus pull-outs
- Add bus that shuttles people directly to Park & Ride from somewhere in Novelty Hill/Trilogy area; allow direct routes