

CITY OF REDMOND
BEAR CREEK CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
October 22, 2009 – Redmond City Hall

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

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

PLANNING COMMISSION LIAISON PRESENT: 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

The meeting was convened at 4:35pm by Mr. Berrios.

REVIEW OF OCTOBER 8, 2009 MEETING SUMMARY

The CAC unanimously approved the meeting summary for its October 8, 2009 meeting.

EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT

CAC members noted that the Bear Creek neighborhood is relatively small in area and population compared to Redmond as a whole. Ms. Thompson and Ms. Murillo noted that the area does not have to be all things to all people. Ms. Thompson also noted that there is a stormwater facility located on the east side of Avondale Road at about NE 90th St.

NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARY

The CAC discussed whether to recommend shifting the neighborhood boundary in two places. First, it discussed whether to include the multi-family areas west of Avondale Road in the neighborhood. CAC members discussed potential benefits, the process of recommending the change, whether the time was right, and what the history of the boundary was. Mr. Churchill said that shifting the boundary would allow Avondale Road to be fully dealt with in one plan update process. He also said that shifting the boundary would promote broader participation from the multi-family areas, and would significantly increase the total population of the neighborhood. The CAC believed that shifting the neighborhood boundary would best serve the community.

The other boundary shift discussed was moving the business park and industrial areas along Union Hill Road into the Southeast Redmond neighborhood. An area business owner had requested to be placed in the Southeast Redmond neighborhood at the September neighborhood vision event. Mr. Churchill said that this would allow Union Hill Road to be treated as a corridor rather than a dividing point, and would allow industrial area business owners to focus on one plan update. He noted that it would probably reduce the amount of time and effort the CAC devoted to issues specific to those kinds of land uses. Mr. Thompson said he liked the idea of roads being part of a neighborhood concept rather than a dividing point. With respect to the first boundary shift, he likened the Bear Creek valley as the neighborhood's back fence, and the Avondale corridor its front yard. He also appreciated the opportunity to hear a business person's perspective.

The CAC asked Mr. Churchill to return to the group with the group's rationale in written form.

EXISTING AND FUTURE LAND USES

There were few comments regarding the land use maps provided. Staff clarified that the data is from 2008. Staff also updated the CAC regarding wetland mitigation bank activity at the Keller Farm. There are no active applications at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

CAC members asked Mr. Churchill to check into contact information for an HOA off of NE 95th St., a natural spring on the west side of Avondale Way, and an advertising sign on Avondale Road. Ms. Thompson recommended holding a meeting in the future on possible uses for city property near the Keller Farm produce stand.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Berrios agreed to chair the next meeting on November 5, 2009 at 4:30pm at Redmond City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

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