CITY OF REDMOND BEAR CREEK CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

November 5, 2009 - Redmond City Hall

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

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

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 4:40pm by Mr. Berrios.

REVIEW OF OCTOBER 22, 2009 MEETING SUMMARY

The CAC unanimously approved the meeting summary for its October 22, 2009 meeting.

REVIEW OF DRAFT VISION STATEMENT

Mr. Berrios led the CAC in a discussion of the first draft of a neighborhood vision statement provided by Mr. Churchill. The draft contained seven paragraphs, the first of which was general. Subsequent paragraphs each addressed a particular aspect of the neighborhood.

Overall, CAC members recommended including topic headings for each paragraph to make more clear what topic is addressed in each paragraph.

- In the first paragraph, Ms. Thompson recommended describing "resources" as "natural and recreational resources." The CAC accepted the recommendation.
- In the second paragraph, the CAC discussed whether to describe the Bear and Evans Creek valley as having a "rural" or "rural/agricultural" feel. CAC members agreed to include the word "agricultural," but recognized that it would be important to describe in neighborhood policies how agriculture and a healthy stream ecosystem could coexist. The CAC also discussed adding language about landmark tree preservation, but decided that such language would be more appropriate as policy language.
- The CAC requested that staff incorporate language about demonstration housing in the third paragraph. It also recommended changing "wide variety of income levels" to "variety of income levels," since there is not expected to be large amounts of high-end development in the neighborhood.
- In the fourth paragraph, the CAC decided to change the first sentence to "Neighborhood businesses prosper" so that there could be a broader discussion about opportunities for neighborhood-scale businesses in the neighborhood.
- There were no significant changes requested to the remaining paragraphs.

REVIEW OF RATIONALE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARY CHANGES

Staff prepared a one-page document describing the CAC's rationale for recommendation neighborhood boundary changes. The CAC requested minor modifications relating to the order and content of the bullet points, which will be brought back for consideration on November 19th.

GREATER SOUTHEAST REDMOND AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY UPDATE

Mr. Churchill provided a brief update regarding the Greater Southeast Redmond Area Transportation Study, which includes the Bear Creek neighborhood. On September 16th the City hosted an open house to obtain feedback about which proposed project were high and low priorities in the view of those who attended. Mr. Churchill stated that those who completed comment cards indicated that the study is heading in the right direction. Staff will seek direction on the study from the City Council on the evenings of November 24th and December 8th.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Churchill provided contact information for the Greystone HOA, and an update on the drainage/natural spring issue just west of Avondale Way near the south end of the neighborhood.

NEXT MEETING

Ms. Murillo agreed to chair the next meeting on November 19, 2009 at 4:30pm at Redmond City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

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