CITY OF REDMOND BEAR CREEK CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

March 11, 2010 - Redmond City Hall

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

CAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Berrios, Murillo, J. 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

Ms. Murillo convened the meeting at 4:40pm.

REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 25, 2010 MEETING SUMMARY

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

NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER DRAFT POLICY REVIEW

The CAC reviewed the second draft of Neighborhood Character policies. It recommended changes to the preamble to better identify the aquifer and to have the last sentence read better. It also recommended splitting policy #1 into two policies, and slightly rewording policy #7. The CAC chose to support the alternative language for policy #5, which deals with the "welcoming entry" at the end of SR 520.

A motion to table this topic until the end of the plan development process was moved and unanimously approved.

HOUSING DRAFT POLICY REVIEW

The CAC reviewed the second draft of Housing policies. The CAC decided to raise awareness about housing cooperatives by including that kind of housing in the list in housing portion of the vision statement. The CAC also had a discussion about whether to "encourage" or "require" the use of building technologies and practices to reduce resource consumption and minimize the footprint of a development on the land. The CAC decided to use the word "require" for now, but will revisit the topic when it reviews the entire policy package at the end of the plan development process.

A motion to table this topic until the end of the plan development process was moved and unanimously approved.

TRANSPORTATION

Staff led the CAC through the recommended additions to the Buildout Transportation Plan. These project recommendations come out of the 2009 Greater Southeast Redmond Area Transportation Study. CAC members expressed support for R10, providing a new road connection from Avondale Green to a signal at Avondale Road. CAC members also expressed support for B11, adding a southbound bike lane along Avondale Road from Avondale Way to Union Hill Road.

Members questioned the effectiveness of R20, providing u-turns along Avondale Road, because uturns slow traffic. CAC members supported adding a crosswalk across Avondale Road, but not at the location proposed in P23 because of the potential traffic management problems and the likely low usage. Instead, CAC members recommended a crosswalk at about NE 85th Place, where people now jaywalk across Avondale Road. There is a bus stop near that location. CAC members did not support adding a sidewalk on the west side of Avondale Road from Avondale Way to Union Hill Road because members did not feel it would be used by many, and that it would be expensive to build because of the bridge over Bear Creek. They also had concerns about constructing a road behind Fairwinds because of possible stream impacts.

CAC members noted the Planning Commission public hearing on this topic that is scheduled for March 24 and 8pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.