

CITY OF REDMOND
BEAR CREEK CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
May 13, 2010 – 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

Mr. Berrios convened the meeting at 4:40pm.

DEBRIEF OF CAC MEETING AT FAIRWINDS ON MAY 10, 2010

CAC members commented that the one resident from Fairwinds that attended the special CAC meeting at Fairwinds was very well-informed. CAC members commented that Fairwinds is a self-contained community, unlike elsewhere in the neighborhood.

TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION POLICIES

Staff described the minor change requested by the CAC to policy #5, and the addition of policy #10 regarding bus pullouts. Staff relayed information from the traffic operations staff about the use the observed impact of buses on traffic flow in the Avondale corridor. While there is no hard data, staff's observation has been that the northbound flow in the afternoon peak is the most affected by buses stopping in traffic to pick-up and drop-off passengers. The CAC was in general agreement with the policy language and decided to set it aside until the CAC considers the policy package as a whole.

LAND USE POLICIES

Mr. Thompson had asked on April 22 who owned the land between what was called Quin's and Championship Motors. The City owns that property. CAC members noted that there is a significant dip in the property that surprises drivers who drive into the property. CAC members wondered whether there were any liability issues. CAC members also asked what the City's plans are for that property. There was general agreement with the land use policy language and the CAC decided to set it aside until it considers the policy package as a whole.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT DISCUSSION

The CAC reviewed the ideas generated during the visioning process and then discussed how to translate those ideas into policy. Key themes included: farming that is compatible with protecting the aquifer, educational partnerships; access to natural areas; and keeping up with best practices. Questions that arose included: how close can agricultural activities get to Bear and Evans Creeks? How are pesticides regulated? What effects do earthquakes have on the aquifer? What is the effect of irrigation on the aquifer?

Mr. Thompson related that a member of the Water Tenders told him at the open house on April 29 that he would be ok with farming if it did not contaminate the water. The same person said he was concerned about setbacks of agricultural activities from the creek.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Thursday, May 27 at 4:30pm at Redmond City Hall. Topics of discussion will be the environment, and parks, open space and recreation.

REVIEW OF APRIL 22, 2010 MEETING SUMMARY

The CAC unanimously approved the meeting summary for its April 22, 2010 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.