



**Neighborhood Vision Event – Summary of Ideas and Comments**  
 Bear Creek Neighborhood Plan Update  
 September 24, 2009

*The purpose of the Bear Creek Neighborhood Vision Event on September 24, 2009 was to better understand survey results about the neighborhood vision statement. A neighborhood vision statement describes what the neighborhood will be like in the future if planning goals are achieved. Participants at the event provided additional detail about what certain neighborhood qualities (like “connected neighborhood character/identity”) mean to them. This document contains a summary of what City staff heard that evening.*

**Why are you interested in the neighborhood plan update?**

- Important to look at neighborhood as a whole
- Want to know what area will look like in the future – like natural look/feel
- Transportation access issues
- Want to keep up to date on plan updates
- Representing industry in Southeast Redmond area
- General interest/concern
- Clean streams

Topic	Quality	What does it mean to you?
<b>Economic Activity</b>	Successful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staying open</li> <li>• Ease of doing business</li> <li>• Depends on demographics, customer base</li> <li>• Visibility to customers</li> <li>• Meeting people’s needs</li> <li>• Local industry serving local customers</li> </ul>
	Locally-owned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community-minded</li> <li>• Participation</li> <li>• Care about schools, neighborhood</li> <li>• Part of community</li> <li>• Donate locally</li> <li>• Key into Redmond’s personality/character</li> <li>• Share common goals</li> <li>• Keep mix of uses</li> <li>• May or may not mean “buy local” programs</li> </ul>
	Compatible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise can be successfully addressed</li> <li>• Encouraging mix of demographics</li> <li>• Diverse community → greater understanding → more peaceful community (global and local scale)</li> <li>• Not homogeneity</li> <li>• Crossroads is example of diverse location</li> </ul>

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<b>Transportation System</b>	Reliable, Connected, Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve connections into Bear Creek Park &amp; Ride</li> <li>• Reliable and safe are pre-requisites</li> <li>• Question is can you achieve all three (reliable, connected, safe)</li> <li>• Connections out of neighborhoods important</li> <li>• Park &amp; Ride is full</li> <li>• Traffic volumes important to take into account</li> <li>• Reduce need for trips by making more services available in Redmond</li> <li>• Redmond is a pass-through for some commuters</li> </ul>
<b>Land Use</b>	Sustainable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-use</li> <li>• Living with land – not harming land</li> <li>• Not depleting resources</li> <li>• Clean air, water</li> <li>• Diversity of use</li> <li>• Reasonable land use regulations and procedures – common sense and user-friendly for property owners – make it easy to do responsible development</li> <li>• Planting trees</li> <li>• Parks</li> <li>• Protecting wetlands</li> <li>• Managing runoff</li> <li>• Bike paths in beautiful areas</li> <li>• Flowers</li> </ul>
	Successful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not a function of density</li> <li>• Need place for visitors to park</li> <li>• Successful for whom? Developers? Family property owners?</li> <li>• For good of community</li> <li>• Encourage civic activity</li> </ul>
	Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross walks</li> <li>• Bike lanes safe and visible to truck drivers</li> <li>• Cooperation in the community</li> <li>• Less isolation</li> <li>• Environmental health, safety</li> <li>• Access to clean water</li> </ul>

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<b>Natural Environment</b>	Clean, Forested, Protected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable survival of fresh water clams/mussels and salmon in Bear Creek</li> <li>• Clear/clean water in creek</li> <li>• Tend to bare creek banks; erosion controls</li> <li>• Clean air</li> <li>• Set aside land for preserving forest; who pays?</li> <li>• Hawthorns, maples, cedars, along creek</li> <li>• Preserve willows behind Aegis, Safeway</li> <li>• Preserve clusters and variety of heights and species with new development</li> <li>• Natural variety of species</li> <li>• Farmland preservation</li> <li>• Tree frogs – indicators of pollution</li> <li>• The forest helps filter air, water</li> <li>• Work to preserve</li> <li>• Can use parks more to help preserve</li> <li>• Teach people to help sustain (stay on trail)</li> <li>• Balance</li> <li>• Wetland bank vs. farming</li> <li>• Preserving vs. access such as trails along the boardwalks</li> <li>• Perrigo to Union Hill – a natural environment or with sustainable farming</li> </ul>
<b>Character, Identity</b>	Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No through-streets may help mitigate car thefts</li> <li>• Want to push-through Avondale Green</li> <li>• Access needs to be safe</li> <li>• Two opposing issues with respect to Avondale Green</li> <li>• Traffic light at Avondale Green</li> <li>• Pedestrian and bicycle crossings</li> <li>• Crossings for transit riders</li> <li>• Law enforcement – presence</li> <li>• Crosswalks</li> <li>• Coordinated transportation – thinking about the land uses</li> <li>• Fire prevention with respect to many trees</li> <li>• Accessibility (Avondale Green – one egress)</li> <li>• Define a character other than being a continuation of SR 520</li> <li>• Think about cross over Avondale as 520 grows</li> <li>• Diversity of cultures and land uses – encourage via events</li> <li>• Rural – maintain as long as possible</li> <li>• Neighborhood is larger than our defined boundaries – identify with this, highlight</li> </ul>

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	Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New development (Aegis) as a demonstration “green” project</li> <li>• Housing – green projects</li> <li>• Multiplex that looks like single-family</li> <li>• Densify (with accessory dwelling units)</li> <li>• Multiple construction processes (straw bale, rammed earth, demonstrations)</li> <li>• Can help ring people together</li> <li>• Pathways (tree linked) to connect people</li> <li>• Connect to transit</li> <li>• Solar</li> <li>• Hydrothermal</li> </ul>
	Connected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sense of community (extent to neighborhood)</li> <li>• Where do you park? Newcomers may not know concern with denser housing – need to offer parking. Plan ahead! <u>Free</u>.</li> <li>• Perrigo Park – how is attendance? Connect to transit/light rail</li> <li>• Perrigo needs more parking</li> </ul>
Parks & Recreation Opportunities	Natural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walkable</li> <li>• Boardwalks that do not disturb the environs</li> <li>• Interpretive signage for natural resources</li> <li>• Demonstration/restoration gardens with signage</li> <li>• Natural areas</li> </ul>
	Variety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More shelters in parks</li> <li>• Picnic tables placed in various locations; outside of parks; like pull-offs/rest stops</li> <li>• Less structure to parks, leave natural</li> <li>• Equestrian usage – good but away from stream</li> <li>• Make trails multi-use</li> <li>• More opportunities</li> <li>• Variety of plant/tree species to prevent mass die-offs such as pine beetle or fungus</li> <li>• Passive uses as well</li> <li>• More than soccer fields</li> </ul>
	Nearby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No specific comments</li> </ul>
	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More parking at Perrigo!</li> <li>• Education opportunities like Bellevue Botanical</li> <li>• Gardens – demonstration, sustainable plantings, community training, agricultural and botanical (see Huntington Gardens in California)</li> <li>• Larger and multipurpose gardens like Bellevue Botanical</li> <li>• Educational signage</li> </ul>

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<b>Housing</b>	Attractive, Safe, Affordable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look to the developer/contractor to be knowledgeable, “do what is right”</li> <li>• Market driven</li> <li>• Use caution with regulations to prevent developers from going broke and walking away</li> <li>• Aegis/fruit stand/the rental house – opportunities where development could occur near term</li> <li>• Multiple use structures OK in limited locations</li> <li>• Subsidized housing for first responders and teachers</li> <li>• Meld into the environment</li> <li>• Maintain current zoning</li> <li>• Need to be compatible with Avondale access – single-family independent driveways are a challenge</li> <li>• Maintain rural atmosphere while allowing flexibility for change such as cottages and many generations in one house</li> <li>• Could have multi-use structure with housing along Union Hill road – limitations of uses (noise), eating establishments to serve businesses and residents</li> <li>• Need to supply parking to fit the land use such as visiting retirement facility</li> <li>• Multiplex ok (2-4)</li> <li>• Retrofit existing large homes?</li> <li>• Balance: trips, size, number of people – do not pack together – distribute</li> </ul>