

*Citizens Planning for the Future of Neighborhoods Together*

**Progress Update – January 2014**

Planning staff work in partnership with people in each of Redmond’s 10 neighborhood planning areas to identify long-term issues, short-term needs, opportunities for change, and features for preservation. Community members from many areas of the city are taking part in these efforts by attending meetings, completing online surveys, and staying in touch through Facebook pages. Communication takes place via mail, e-mail, RCTV, the *Redmond Reporter* and *Redmond Patch*, the City’s website, Facebook pages, digital neighborhood newsletters, and the *Focus* site.

The table below describes the type of actions taken since the last update, as well as specific progress made within each category.

<b>Neighborhood/Action</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Redmond’s Neighborhood Network	<p>The 2013 Neighborhood Network series was underway from March through August, and included the following meetings and events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three neighborhood meetings and an online questionnaire</li> <li>• Derby Days – neighborhood lemonade stand</li> <li>• Three Planner in the Park events</li> <li>• Sustainable Yards, Gardens, and Food Systems Speakers Day with the Redmond King County Library</li> </ul> <p>The focus for the neighborhood meeting series included a partnership with the Redmond Police Department to provide a Redmond Ready workshop and opportunity for neighborhood-based discussions regarding ideas, concerns, and timeliness of the respective neighborhood plans.</p> <p>This year introduced additional opportunities for people to connect and consider their neighborhood plan, priority projects, and annual goals. These include “Planner in the Park” events and participation at Derby Days.</p> <p>As a thank you to participants of Redmond’s Neighborhood Network, staff worked with the Redmond (KCLS) Library on a September 21, 2013, Sustainable Gardens and Food Systems Speakers Day.</p> <p>During 2013 the Neighborhood Network program helped 2,425 people connect with City officials and staff.</p>
Neighborhood Matching Grant and Spotlight Fund	<p>Staff is continuing to promote the program, respond to inquiries, and coordinate grant awards.</p> <p>The most recent grant was to residents of Northstar, which is located in the North Redmond neighborhood; they received a \$5,000 grant to replace an existing play structure in their</p>

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	neighborhood park and to renovate some of their existing play area equipment.
Redmond's Community Academy	Staff promoted the Redmond Community Academy during the 2013 Neighborhood Network. This series was provided during September-November 2013, and included a focus on Redmond's vision, its implementation, and strategies for successfully achieving the community's long-term goals. Six people participated in the 2013 series and several noted their interest in continued civic engagement and volunteer opportunities.
Southeast Redmond Neighborhood Plan Update	<p>The Southeast Redmond Neighborhood Plan update is underway, with Council adoption expected in summer 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff conducted a Planner in the Park series as well as a neighborhood questionnaire as a “soft launch” to the project in summer 2012.</li> <li>• Three kickoff events were held in November and December 2012 to formally launch the update.</li> <li>• Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) was appointed by Mayor and Council in January 2013 and met nine times from then until November 2013.</li> <li>• City hosted the first open house on April 18, 2013, on neighborhood plan concepts; also gathered feedback via online questionnaire.</li> <li>• City hosted the third open house on October 16, 2013, on the preferred alternative; also gathered feedback via online questionnaire.</li> <li>• CAC completed recommendation in November 2013.</li> <li>• Planning Commission review begins February 2014.</li> <li>• Staff has used a wide variety of approaches to encourage people to participate in the update and to seek input for the neighborhood plan update.</li> <li>• The Planning Commission begins its review of the recommended plan update on February 12, 2014, and will hold a public hearing on the plan's policy amendments on February 19, 2014.</li> </ul>