

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Meeting Summary

Council

Tom Flynn (Chair)
Kim Allen
Byron Shutz
Hank Margeson (*Attending Councilmember*)
John Stilin (*Attending Councilmember*)

Staff

Tom Hardy, Senior Planner
Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner
Rob Odle, Planning Director
Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner
Linda De Boldt, Public Works Director
Cathy Beam, Principal Planner
Cheryl Xanthos, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:15 p.m.

Committee Chair Tom Flynn called the meeting to order, reviewed attendance, and overviewed the agenda

Memorandum of Understanding with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for: Seidel Creek Restoration Project Effectiveness Monitoring

Mr. Tom Hardy, Senior Planner, stated that the dam on Seidel Creek was built in 1927 to provide water to the City, but it was never utilized. The dam will be removed in 2015 to reduce downstream liability if it ever fails. When the dam is removed the effects will be monitored for five years to see if salmon are recolonizing and the population is growing. The effect on the ecosystem will also be studied. The wanted outcome is that salmon get above the dam to spawn and fertilize the vegetation. The University of Washington and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) High School students will help collect and process the samples.

General discussion ensued regarding if deer eat vegetation along the stream; how long it will take for salmon to rediscover the place to spawn; the level of participation of the STEM students; cost to the city; and what the goal is for the project.

Proposed Update to Planning Commission Rules of Procedure

Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, provided a brief update on the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure. The Municipal Code requires that the commission adopts rules, the Council approve the rules, and the rules are kept on file. The proposed change codifies the Planning Commission's current operating practice. The change states that the appropriate time for oral testimony on a Zoning Code or Comprehensive Plan Amendment is during a public hearing. This change allows staff to provide clear direction to the public and allows the commission the

opportunity to have enough time to deliberate. Other updates are: for quasi-judicial items, public testimony can only occur at the public hearing; written testimony for any item is welcome until the close of the public hearing; and providing clarification for the length of the meeting time.

District Energy Update

Mr. Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner, stated that Puget Sound Energy (PSE) proposed to partner with the City of Redmond for a feasibility study on District Energy. The study will cost approximately \$300,000-\$500,000, and Redmond's portion would be \$20,000. PSE is interested in this pilot project of local generation because it fits into their conservation portfolio and can be an example at the regional and state level of how District Energy systems work. The Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) is seeking input from cities and private utilities on creating systems such as this, and to find out if the UTC rules enables these types of programs. The resolution will go to the full Council on May 6, 2014. The project partnership will:

- take one year to complete;
- PSE will be lead;
- the scope of work will outline the roles and deliverables;
- both parties will co-own the work products;
- any communications to outside parties will require prior agreement; and
- Redmond would provide staff time, \$20,000, and data resources.

Councilmember Flynn stated for the record that he is employed by PSE and his boss and coworker are working directly with this program.

General discussion ensued regarding engaging with the public, staff time, and adoption of the Growing Transit Communities East Corridor Implementation Plan

PSE Green Power Challenge Program

Ms. Cathy Beam, Principal Planner, stated that as of January 1, 2014, five percent of Redmond residents were on green energy. PSE has set a goal of 242 new Redmond resident accounts by the end of 2014. If the goal is reached, Redmond will receive a grant of \$20,000 to purchase a photovoltaic system for a city facility. Redmond will be competing against Puyallup and Federal Way. The community that has the highest percentage of net new accounts will receive an additional \$20,000 towards the solar installation. This challenge will be formally kicked off on Earth Day. The resolution will go to the full Council on March 18, 2014.

General discussion ensued regarding cost of providing and using green power.