

City of Redmond Code Rewrite Commission

May 17, 2010 - Meeting Summary
Redmond City Hall – Council Chambers
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington

Code Rewrite Commissioners present: Vice Chair Sue Stewart, Robert Fitzmaurice, Nancy McCormick, Robert Pantley

Code Rewrite Commissioners excused: Chair Nolen, Vibhas Chandorkar, Thom Youngblood

Staff in attendance: Steve Fischer, Gary Lee

Business conducted:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Approval of Agenda: the agenda was approved without changes.

Approval of minutes: Meeting minutes for April 26, 2010 were approved unanimously.

CRC Reports

Mr. Fischer noted that the CRC is scheduled to meet with the City Council on June 22 and will have approximately 60 minutes to discuss topics of interest with them. The CRC then brainstormed a list of eight topics that might be discussed at this meeting:

- Neighborhood standards
- Sustainability and green issues
- Finding out what Councilmembers would like to discuss
- Test driving the new code
- What the final project will look like
- Differentiating trees by species in tree preservation regulations
- Solar access
- Parking generally

Study Session – Downtown Regulations

Mr. Lee stated that this was the kick-off meeting for Downtown Regulations, and provided a brief overview of the schedule for review. The Commission then proceeded to identify the following questions/issues in pages 1 through 56 of the Downtown Regulations for further discussion:

- The Zoning Map should be revised to make sure all zone boundaries are closed to reduce confusion.
- Consider adding the shape of each zone (as a graphic representation) to the beginning of each zone table so people can easily know what zone the table applies to.
- The standard “See Pedestrian System Map” (page 5) should be more descriptive in regards to letting people know how the standard works.

- The phrase “or where ground floor residences may be negatively impacted by nearby nonresidential uses” (page 5) needs further work to provide examples of negative impact.
- Explore including the zoning boundaries on the Pedestrian System Map for additional reference.
- Discuss the appropriateness of the proposed parking requirements for SROs and Dormitories.
- Discuss the appropriateness of the parking requirement exemption for restaurants 750 sq. ft. in area, or less, as an incentive near pedestrian oriented promenades and plazas.
- Review the “General Sales & Services” category to determine if it can be broken down into finer detail.
- Add a statement to the beginning of the Chapter to acknowledge that Downtown is a neighborhood that is noisier than other typical neighborhoods.
- Further define the responsibilities of the Code Administrator regarding the determination of parking adequacy for uses not having specific parking requirements.
- Review parking requirements for nursing homes and similar uses.
- What is the building height exemption for water-enjoyment uses in the shoreline area for?
- Why not allow drive-up window lines to be in the on-site circulation area, if it does not impact public streets?
- What is the intent of the shoreline regulations regarding vending carts?
- Do we still need the setback standards around the “grove” on Leary Way?

Staff Reports and Scheduling

Mr. Fischer stated that the Downtown and Overlake sections of code will be the last that the CRC will review at the same time. All future sections of code, beginning with Land Division, Telecommunications and Performance Bonding, will be reviewed consecutively.

Mr. Fischer also noted that at the May 24th meeting that staff will present to the CRC for approval the transmittal report for Environmental Regulations and that the CRC will be holding the public hearing for the Overlake section of code.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 pm.

Summary Approved On: _____

Code Rewrite Commission Chair: _____