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REDMOND URBAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes

Tuesday, April 17, 2012
City Council Chambers, 777 SW Deschutes Avenue, Redmond, Oregon

Commissioners Present: Chair Eric Porter, Vice Chair Will Van Vactor, Tory Allman, Bob Bleile, Stan Clark, Katie McDonald (absent: *Anne Graham*)

City Staff: Heather Richards, *Community Development Director*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: None

(scribe CP's note: The minutes were created from an audio record and notes taken at the meeting. The three digits after the motion title shows the number of Commissioners voting in favor/against/abstaining.)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Porter opened the meeting at 6:42 p.m. with a quorum present.

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS (None)

III. PUBLIC HEARING

Redmond Transportation System Plan Amendment – Chapter 7, Bicycle Master Plan (PA 12-01)
Chair Porter read the legislative hearing procedures into the record. No Commissioner disclosed pre-hearing contacts, ex parte observations, or a conflict of interest. No one challenged the Planning Commission on the basis of bias or personal interest. Chair Porter opened the hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Ms. Richards presented her April 17, 2012, staff report, Bicycle Master Plan, and “Reinventing the Wheel” Bicycle Refinement Plan. She summarized the intent of the proposed amendment and the review process to date. The refinement plan was developed last year to enhance the Bicycle Master Plan through strategic network development, educational programs, signage, and promotion. Adopting the refinement plan as a reference document to the City’s TSP will enable the City to apply for grants to help fund the Bicycle Action Plan. Comments received during the comprehensive public process in 2011 (including stakeholder and technical advisory committees) indicated community support for increasing ridership by focusing on educational programming and safety. No adverse comments were received from agencies or citizens prior to this hearing.

Chair Porter invited testimony at 7:02 p.m., then closed the hearing as no citizens were present.

Commissioner concerns included *adequacy of bike lanes on Helmholtz Way, City policy on legal counsel review of ordinance amendments, staff workload, and conflict with other adopted plans.*

Motion 1 (6/0/0): Commissioner McDonald moved that Planning Commission recommend that City Council adopt the proposed Redmond Bicycle Refinement Plan as a reference document to

the Redmond Transportation System Plan, Chapter 7, Bicycle Master Plan (PA 12-01), subject to elevating the priority from “low” to “high” for bike lanes on SW Elkhorn Avenue between Helmholtz Way and the new high school opening in fall 2012. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

IV. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Sidewalk Improvement Agreements

Ms. Richards said that this issue was initiated by Gary Strucker’s complaint about public safety due to disconnected sidewalks. She summarized (via PowerPoint) the impact of the current economic recession on subdivision developments, City policy on completing sidewalk segments, historical policy practice, and the status of improvement agreements per Redmond Code 8.2225. Staff are working through multiple legal issues. Calling in bonds will significantly impact staff workload. City Council has directed staff to work within the existing agreements to install sidewalks in neighborhoods that are mostly built out. Councilors are concerned about how to balance development concerns with citizen needs in future subdivisions. Staff will be researching other communities to determine how they are coping with this issue.

Commissioner discussion covered *security, enforcing sidewalk agreements in stagnant subdivisions, prioritizing sidewalk completion by street classification, staff recommendations on how to resolve agreements in default, mobility and connectivity for current residents, funding, timing of sidewalk installation, and what triggers sidewalk installation with infill developments.*

By consensus, Commissioners recommended review of fence standards during the subdivision code update.

B. Fencing Standards

Ms. Richards said that staff have received multiple complaints from citizens and fence companies that the existing fence code is hard to understand and apply. This situation is causing a lot of noncompliance and making it difficult for staff to enforce the code. Examples of clarifications needed included intent vs. application, definitions (“front yard” vs. “fronting”), and fence heights.

Commissioner concerns included the *need for a clearer definition of a “front yard,” legality of requiring property owners to maintain landscape and street trees within the public right-of-way, and stronger subdivision CC&Rs that address yard and fence maintenance.*

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 2 (3/0/3): Commissioner Allman moved to approve the March 20, 2012, minutes as written. Commissioner McDonald seconded the motion which passed with Commissioners Allman, McDonald, and Porter voting in favor and Commissioners Bleile, Clark, and Van Vactor abstaining.

VI. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS (None)

VII. STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Richards provided refreshments to honor Commissioners during National Volunteer Week.

VIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (None)

IX. ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Porter adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission and SIGNED by me this 15th day of May, 2012.

ATTEST:

/s/ Eric Porter
Eric Porter, Chair