



Planning Commission Report

To: City Council

From: Planning Commission

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File Numbers: LAND-2016-01990, SEPA-2016-01991

Title: Amendments to Comprehensive Plan for Emergency Preparedness

Planning Commission

Recommendation: Approval

Recommended Action: Adopt amendments to the Redmond Comprehensive Plan as shown in Attachment A.

Summary: The proposal would amend the Capital Facilities Element to revise policy CF-1 to more clearly highlight emergency preparedness and add a new policy CF-2.5 to directly address emergency preparedness when considering functional or strategic plan amendments or updates.

Reasons the Proposal should be Adopted:

The recommended amendments to the Redmond Comprehensive Plan should be adopted because:

- The proposal is consistent with the Redmond Comprehensive Plan, because it will provide for consideration of emergency preparedness needs when updating functional and strategic plans; and
- The proposal will ensure emergency preparedness needs are reflected in the Comprehensive Plan including appropriate terminology.

Recommended Findings of Fact

1. Public Hearing and Notice

a. Public Hearing Date

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on December 14, 2016.

b. Notice

The public hearing was published in the Seattle Times on November 23, 2016. Public notices were posted in City Hall and at the Redmond Library. Notice was also provided by including the hearing in Planning Commission agendas and extended agendas that are distributed to various members of the public and various agencies, and posted on the City’s web site.

2. Public Comments

There was no public testimony regarding the proposed amendment.

Recommended Conclusions

1. Key Issues Discussed by the Planning Commission

The Planning Commission discussed whether the proposed amendments would affect City emergency management and/or fire operations, and how the proposed amendment might be implemented. Key issues discussed by the Planning Commission are summarized below.

City Emergency Management Operations

Planning Commissioners discussed how the proposed amendments may affect the City’s emergency management and/or fire operations. Commissioners noted that the proposed amendments address functional and strategic planning and do not appear to affect operations. Staff clarified that the proposed amendments are intended to address emergency preparedness, including planning to respond to an emergency

situation, and would not affect the City's operations in an emergency situation. The Commission was satisfied that this issue has been adequately addressed.

Implementation

Planning Commissioners discussed the implementation of the proposed amendment. One Commissioner inquired as to how the City would ensure that the consideration called for by the proposed amendment would occur and who would be responsible. Staff noted that functional area managers would work the Office of Emergency Management to ensure that emergency preparedness considerations are incorporated into functional and strategic plans as applicable. The Commission was satisfied that this issue has been adequately addressed.

2. *Recommended Conclusions of the Technical Committee*

The recommended conclusions in the Technical Committee Report (Attachment C) should be adopted as conclusions.

3. *Planning Commission Recommendation*

The Planning Commission voted 5-0 at its December 14, 2016, meeting to recommend approval of the Amendment to Comprehensive Plan for Emergency Preparedness as shown in Attachment A.

List of Attachments

Attachment A: Recommended Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan

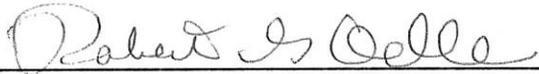
Attachment B: Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2016

Attachment C: Technical Committee Report with Exhibits

Exhibit A: Recommended Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Exhibit B: Key Related Comprehensive Plan Policies

Exhibit C: SEPA Threshold Determination



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Date

Scott Biethan, Planning Commission Chairperson

Date

Approved for Council Agenda _____

John Marchione, Mayor

Date