

Redmond Citizen Academy – 2011 Series

Meeting 1 of 6: Introduction to Comprehensive Planning

Participant Goals for Citizen Academy

- In addition to building awareness and becoming more involved with the Redmond community, governance, and planning processes, the Citizen Academy members offered the following regarding why they are interested in the Citizen Academy:
 - Become involved in a Downtown neighborhood group
 - Provide input regarding Downtown planning and growth
 - Promote walkability, particularly to Downtown businesses and elsewhere in Redmond
 - Consider Downtown's economy
 - Foster community and neighborhood advocacy and long-term sustainability
 - Continue to support and enhance Redmond's quality of life
 - Support Redmond's parks and transportation services
 - Maintain Redmond's small town feel and neighborhood character
 - Consider and promote Redmond's community values
 - Sustain Redmond's natural beauty including the wealth of trees and vegetation
 - Promote standardized processes along with reduced paperwork
 - Foster a "grassroots" community

Discussion Interest and Annual Citywide Goals

- The following include topics participants identified for additional discussion during the Citizen Academy process as well as items for consideration throughout 2011/2012:
 - Address traffic flow with particular interest in increased neighborhood traffic calming techniques that help mitigate AM & PM peak commute trips
 - Increase access to public restrooms along the Sammamish River Trail
 - Encourage increased use of Downtown businesses such as the "Buy Local" program
 - Promote youth and teen activities that are affordable and accessible; note interest in affordable and suitable movie choices
 - Increase use of roundabouts to help manage traffic flows, address neighborhood cut-through, reduce the community's carbon footprint, promote greater walkable and bikable connections, and increase safety (note difference between roundabout and circle)
 - Consider walkability along the Sammamish River Trail with respect to multiple trail uses including pedestrians, cyclists, skaters/rollerbladers, commuters, and recreationists; particularly address speed limits and aggressive behavior (refer to Green Lake for additional information)
 - Encourage increased activities in Downtown; particularly those for adults/after-hours

- Promote increased bikability throughout the city while addressing road-sharing etiquette for both motorists and cyclists and youth/teen cycling education/promotions
- Consider activities to help promote community spirit such as a “fun run” in partnership with fund raising efforts (for example, fund raising on behalf of Children’s Hospital or special needs)
- Connect with Lake Washington School District concerning construction of schools; particularly address whether there is a need for a new elementary school in the vicinity of the North Redmond neighborhood (news and information regarding LWSD is available at <http://www.lwsd.org/News/Pages/Default.aspx>)
- Continue to focus growth in Redmond’s urban centers and preserve neighborhood character and beauty
- Promote increased art and small parks throughout Redmond’s Downtown; support reserving development fees on behalf of establishing a distribution of small parks and additional art

For the April 28th Citizen Academy session:

- Address the following topics:
 - The City’s emergency plan; particularly consider a liquefaction and a Sammamish River/Lake wave effect related to the Seattle fault
 - Flood remapping effort
 - Permit processing – citywide standards and neighborhood standards

Additional question:

- Consider use of neighborhood matching grant in Windwood (NE 95th Street) to assist with street light replacement