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**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**

**August 21, 2019**

Redmond City Hall, 411 SW 9<sup>th</sup> Street – Room 210, Redmond, Oregon

**Members Present:** Chair Geoff Wall, Vice-Chair Whitney Swander, Diana Barker, Heather DeWolf, Michelina Huffman, Rebecca Parker, Clair Sagiv, Theresa Thorson, Marion Tripp

**Youth Ex Officio:** **Vacant**

**City Staff:** Jim Long, *Community Development Block Grant Coordinator*; Joshua Hoff, *Associate Planner*; John Roberts, *City Manager*; Tarin Denney, *Community Development Program Assistant*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

**Visitors:** Don Paumier, *Paumier Strategic Solutions*

**Media:** None

*(Agenda items appear in discussion order. The 3 digits after a motion title show the number of committee members voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)*

**CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Wall called the regular meeting of the Housing and Community Development Committee (HCDC) to order at 4 p.m., Wednesday, August 21, 2019, with a quorum present (8 of 9 members). Ms. Barker arrived at 4:35 p.m. after approval of the minutes, increasing the quorum to 9 of 9 members.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. April 17, 2019
2. May 15, 2019
3. July 17, 2019

Mr. Long requested correction of the signature block in the May 15 and July 17, 2019, minutes by replacing “Deborah McMahon, Planning Manager” with “Jim Long, Community Development Block Grant Coordinator.”

**Motion 1** (8/0/0): Ms. Thorson moved to approve the April 17, 2019, minutes as presented and the May 15 and July 17, 2019, minutes as amended. Ms. DeWolf seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Housing Coordinator Position: Functions and Funding

Mr. Roberts discussed efforts to fund a full-time Housing Coordinator, outlined the duties of this position, and stated housing was critical to Redmond community.

Committee concerns included how Bend funded its 3.5 FTE (full-time equivalent) positions, if City Council supported adding a new full-time position, and how that position would be funded.

2. Homelessness: Upcoming Planning Efforts

Mr. Roberts reported a lot more pressure from the Central Oregon community to address homelessness in the tri-county (Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson) area. Staff is working on strategic initiatives to present to Council.

HCDC concerns covered how the City addressed homeless issues in the past, past HCDC-led workshops with Council, the City's role, need for more than one solution to a problem with more than one cause, and effectiveness of a regional effort in addition to individual community programs.

3. Community Conversation – Redmond Comprehensive Plan Update 2040

Mr. Roberts outlined the City's comprehensive plan review process and presented a handout – "Redmond 2040: A Community Snapshot."

Committee members provided feedback on five questions:

**1. What makes Redmond unique? What is important to protect?**

- Access to transit
- Affordable commercial and industrial spaces
- Bike paths, encouragement of biking and walking, parks, dog park
- City Council listens to individual citizens, is proactive in reaching out to community
- City tries hard to "get it right" and "stay ahead of the curve"
- Downtown business association collaboration
- Good roads – protect and expand
- How development is being planned
- Impact of House Bill 2001
- Less expensive to live in than mountain/resort communities (e.g., Aspen, St. George)
- Outdoor art sculptures
- Public safety – expansion of Police Department
- Room to grow
- Transportation access to other parts of the country: commercial airport

**2. What, if anything, causes you concern about the future of Redmond?**

- Affordability of housing, housing prices
- Continued growth of the homeless population
- Global climate change, natural or man-caused (Redmond as a climate refuge)
- Infrastructure needed to support growth
- Not helping the "have nots"
- Number of housing units fewer than needed
- Trash piling up at the homeless camp at the east end of Antler Avenue

**3. How has Redmond changed in the last 5-10-20 years?**

- Better-quality food supply (restaurants, supermarkets, small stores)
- Expansion of small businesses, boom town for small businesses
- Has a majority of the industrial land available in Central Oregon
- Less boring, more beautiful (flags, downtown revamped, Centennial Park expansion)
- More food trucks
- Repurposing of iconic/historic buildings (city hall, public library)
- Unique character, branding more consistent across the City (tri-county area "hub")
- Walkable downtown community

4. **What should Redmond look like in 2040? What do you want to be able to say about Redmond when someone calls you about moving here?**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> large park downtown
  - Feel safe walking alone as well as in a group
  - Great improvement in public transportation
  - Kids playing outside, get them off computers and cell phones
  - Less crowded ice rink
  - Library branches
  - More education centers (Oregon State University, Central Oregon Community College)
  - More family-wage jobs
  - More neighborhood grocery stores, gas stations, coffee shops
  - More walkable neighborhoods
  - Multi-cultural and inclusive community
  - Redmond is charming, affordable
5. **What else should Redmond consider during its comprehensive plan update process?**
- Better traffic management
  - Diversity of housing options for affordability
  - Funding options for renters (e.g., Consolidated Community Credit Union “security deposit loan” program to remove financial barriers to workforce housing)
  - Human gas station attendants (jobs, service to senior population demographic)
  - Landfill diversion programs (recycling) to dispose of trash/waste
  - More commercial nodes in residential neighborhoods
  - More cultural options (art, youth symphony)
  - More mixed-housing types including accessory dwelling units

Mr. Roberts thanked committee members for their input and service to the Redmond community.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

None.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

Next HCDC meeting: September 18, 2019, 4 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

Redmond 2040 Vision Summit #1: Thursday, October 3, 2019, 6-8 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, Chair Wall adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Housing and Community Development Committee and SIGNED by me this 20th day of November, 2019.

ATTEST:

/s/ Geoff Wall  
 Geoff Wall  
 Chair

/s/ Jim Long  
 Jim Long  
 Community Development Block Grant Coordinator