

Issue	Discussion Notes	Issue Status
Land Use Element		
<p>Support for childcare facilities (Kritzer)</p>	<p>Councilmember Comment Council President Kritzer asked for stronger language in reference to policy support for childcare facilities. Perhaps “support” or “foster” rather than “broadly allow”.</p> <p>Staff Comment If a majority of Councilmembers support, staff will amend the draft policy to provide stronger supporting language for childcare facilities.</p>	<p>Opened 7/2</p>
<p>Town Center open space (Kritzer)</p>	<p>Councilmember Comment Council President Kritzer asked if the Town Center open space would be protected. She also would like to see how the policies address open space in general.</p> <p>Staff Comment Town Center open space will continue to be protected. In the Community Development and Design chapter, policy DT-11 includes the bullet point “Preserve at least 44 contiguous acres for use as public open space”.</p> <p>The Open Space chapter of the Redmond Zoning Code is being amended and is expected to be ready for Council review in September.</p>	<p>Opened 7/2</p>
Community Development and Design Element		
<p>Characterization of centers (Stuart)</p>	<p>Councilmember Comment Councilmember Stuart expressed that Councilmembers should look at the characterization of new centers and understand what they mean and whether they are properly characterized.</p> <p>Staff Comment The community visioning that occurred resulted in a clear interest for different types of centers, each with a unique look and feel. That is captured in a few different ways in the CDD element, including the descriptions for each center and the following policies:</p> <p>CTR-10 Maintain and periodically update design standards that ensure a distinct character for each center. Accommodate a variety of urban building types and forms.</p>	<p>Opened 7/2</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overlake emphasizes contemporary urban design form and features while also drawing on the rich multi-cultural composition of our community.• Downtown emphasizes Pacific Northwest design features with a focus on natural and sustainable materials, textures, forms, and native landscaping that reflect this aesthetic.• Marymoor is eclectic and emphasizes natural materials, inclusive design, and the importance of the area to local tribes.	
OV-5	<p>Establish a character uniquely related to the concentration of diverse ethnic businesses throughout an Overlake Intercultural District area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developments honor and acknowledge the rich multicultural community in Overlake and display this identity through site design, buildings design, and streetscape improvements.• Locally relevant cultural references are integrated through thoughtful consideration in the selection of building materials and details, artwork, signage, and open space and recreation design.	
DT- 1	<p>Maintain and enhance Downtown Redmond by creating visually distinctive and pedestrian-oriented urban areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Downtown Core is the vibrant civic and cultural heart of Redmond. Anchored by Downtown Park and the Municipal Campus, it provides opportunities for living, commerce, entertainment, and recreation for residents, employees, and visitors of all ages. It includes the historic area of Downtown, called Old Town.• Downtown Edge is a transition area between Downtown and surrounding neighborhoods. It offers places to live and a variety of goods and services for people in Downtown and other neighborhoods and is built at a lower intensity than Downtown Core or Town Center.• Town Center is adjacent to light rail and attracts people in Redmond and the region for its vibrant mix of dining, entertainment, shopping, employment, and urban living.	

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	<p>DT-19 Buildings and site design in Downtown reflect modern, context-sensitive Pacific Northwest style, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an eclectic mixture of materials; • blend of creative, innovative design elements; • solar access and management; • integrated weather protection; • plentiful and environmentally-focused landscaping; and • connections between indoor and outdoor spaces. <p>MV-7 Integrate the importance of this area to our local Tribes in placemaking efforts as one of the ways that makes this neighborhood look and feel unique. Consider incentivizing or incorporating design guidelines that feature art and architecture, interpretive areas and signage, and uses and spaces that reflect the importance of this area to local tribes.</p> <p>CD-5 Promote placemaking that results in variety between different developments and different areas in Redmond to preserve and cultivate unique local spaces and identities. <u>Each center shall have a distinct and innovative character.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize placemaking techniques, cultural and creative districts, and other tools that incorporate historical, cultural, and other elements that represent the diversity of our community. • Consider all aspects of space design, including landscaping, gathering spaces, shade structures, seating, and activity areas as opportunities for inclusion and representation. • Utilize context sensitive solutions. <p>Note: to provide the most up to date version of policies and numbering, the policies above reflect the omnibus version of this chapter (Council review anticipated in September), found online at https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/33129/12a---Community-Design-Element.</p>	
<p>Design standards implementation, review (Stuart, Forsythe)</p>	<p>Councilmember Comment Councilmember Stuart asked how design standards would be administered without a design review board. Council Vice President Forsythe asked for discussion of alternatives to eliminating the Design Review Board.</p>	<p>Opened 7/2</p>

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	<p>Staff Comment Administration of design standards and proposed elimination of the Design Review Board are a part of the Redmond Zoning Code Rewrite Legislative Amendments package. A staff report for this package is scheduled for July 16, and a study session is scheduled for September 10.</p>	
<p>Corridor planning and first/last mile transit. (Salahuddin)</p>	<p>Councilmember Comment Councilmember Salahuddin asked about the vision for corridors and corridor planning, and for improving first- and last-mile connections to transit.</p> <p>Staff Comment The Corridor Planning section of the CDD Element is a placeholder for future corridor planning efforts, which will begin after Redmond 2050 is complete. The idea stems from the preferred growth alternative, which directs growth to centers and transit corridors outside of centers. The corridor planning would address planning issues specific to those corridors.</p> <p>First- and last-mile connections to transit have been a strong area of interest in the community. The Transportation Element, which Council reviewed earlier this year, includes a section of transit policies, including the following policy:</p> <p>TR-19 Implement transit to connect people in all Redmond neighborhoods to centers, light rail, and other neighborhoods, considering a full suite of transit options appropriate to the land use context.</p> <p>Another policy in that section calls for a transit plan in the Transportation Master Plan that would flesh-out the City's transit strategy, including first- and last-mile connections.</p>	<p>Opened 7/2</p>
<p>Climate Resilience and Sustainability Element</p>		
<p>Grid's ability to support electrification goals (Stuart)</p>	<p>Councilmember Comment Councilmember Stuart sought assurance from Puget Sound Energy that it is prepared to help the City achieve its clean grid and electrification goals.</p> <p>Staff Comment <i>Staff is preparing response for July 23 study session</i></p>	<p>Opened 7/2</p>

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Policy obstacles to achieving climate goals (Stuart)	Councilmember Comment Councilmember Stuart asked if there were policies elsewhere in the Comprehensive Plan that would be obstacles to achieving the City's climate goals. Staff Comment <i>Staff is preparing response for July 23 study session</i>	Opened 7/2
Green buildings (Fields)	Councilmember Comment Councilmember Fields asked for a discussion of green building incentives vs. requirements, and the likely effectiveness of each in helping the City achieve its climate goals. Staff Comment <i>Staff is preparing response for July 23 study session</i>	Opened 7/2