

This meeting will be held at the Redmond City Hall (Conference Room 132). Interested members of the public are welcome to join in-person or listen to this meeting by phone at: 206-800-4590; Phone Conference ID: 890 042 728#. All public comments shall be emailed to Jackie Lalor (<u>jlalor@redmond.gov</u>) at least 24 hours before the meeting time. <u>To view the meeting presentation, click here.</u>

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

Wednesday | July 9, 2025 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

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## LTAC Members in Attendance:

- Steve Fields, Council Chair
- George Manojlovic
- Latha Sambamurti
- Kim Saunderson
- Rashed Kanaan

## City of Redmond Staff:

- Jackie Lalor, Philly Marsh, Kris Raftis, Kim Dietz
  - o Economic Development and Tourism Division
- Nick Roach, Michael Hintze
  - o Transportation Planning Division
- Denise Shinoda
  - o Finance Business Licensing
- Ian Lefcourte
  - o Planning Principal

## **Guest Speakers:**

- Althea Conyers Achem, Tessah Curtis
  - o GreenRubino Public Relations
- Peter Klauser, Huso Paco Bullseye Creative
  - o Bullseye Creative is the Experience Redmond Tourism Marketing Consultant



Meeting started: 12:04 p.m. Agenda Topics and Discussion:

- City Transportation Team Update
  - o An LTAC member asked whether the Transportation team would coordinate the bike storage and shuttle programs.
    - Transportation staff confirmed that these efforts will be coordinated to support the movement of people efficiently and effectively throughout Redmond.
  - o An LTAC member inquired about the proposed shuttle service area within Redmond.
    - Transportation staff indicated that the service area would include Downtown Redmond and Education Hill.
    - The shuttle will be an on-demand service and not follow a fixed route.
  - o LTAC members did not raise any concerns with moving these projects forward.
- PR Agency Report Out
  - o An LTAC member requested having future influencers highlight easy access to Marymoor via Light Rail.
- Experience Redmond Marketing Update (<u>Bullseye Creative Presentation</u>)
  - An LTAC member asked where the website and social impressions are originating from.
    - Bullseye explained their advertising parameters and confirmed that lodging tax funds are being used to reach audiences located more than 50 miles away, aligning with program goals.
  - o An LTAC member expressed gratitude for the continued build up and positive promotion of Redmond.
- Economic Development and Tourism Staff Updates:
  - New Staff Introduction Kris Raftis
    - World Cup Programming
  - Short term Rentals Kim Dietz & Denise Shinoda
    - LTAC member expressed interest in addressing challenges with the tight timeline for this project ahead of the 2026 World Cup.
      - Staff acknowledged the compressed timeline and emphasized their focus on legal compliance, education, and relationship-building with the short-term rental industry during this project.
      - Staff also confirmed that the business licensing process is generally quick for existing license holders.
  - o 2026 Tourism Grants: Open July 21 August 11
    - Staff confirmed that a 5:00 p.m. deadline on August 11 has been added to all grant materials, per a 2025 LTAC recommendation and City Council updates.
  - Continued partnership with Woodinville Wine Country (WWC)
    - No concerns were raised by LTAC members about renewing this partnership.

Meeting adjourned: 1:46 p.m.