Attachment C: Council Questions and Input for Land Use & Community Design

Council Question or Interest	Initial Staff Response
1. What happens if there is a conflict between an existing neighborhood plan and new policy in the Community Design element? (Anderson)	The Growth Management Act requires that Comprehensive Plans be internally consistent. As we draft community design policies, we will check neighborhood plans for conflicts. If we find conflicts, we will propose striking the conflicting policy in the neighborhood plan. This is the same approach we used when drafting the Housing Element.
2. Interested in hearing more about commercial clusters and how information will be presented to community. (Kritzer) Interested in zoning that would create access to more local shops in more places. (Forsythe)	As part of the Complete Neighborhoods / 10-minute Neighborhoods analysis, staff has started community outreach to explore how to improve access to daily goods and services in mainly residential areas. Staff has engaged with the Community Advisory Committee to identify uses that are essential to complete neighborhoods. The CAC completed a questionnaire to provide input on where a spectrum of commercial land use forms (home businesses, commercial clusters, and mixed-use hubs, e.g.) would be appropriate in Redmond. The questionnaire also explores the location, form, and intensity of these commercial land uses. This questionnaire will also be online for public input. We are also developing a Storymap (see draft example maps) and multilanguage brochure for engagement.
3. Urban centers are also neighborhoods. How do we make them great places to visit for everyone and maintain a high quality of life for those who live there? (Fields)	We are updating: • the uses allowed to ensure we have full-service centers and spaces that are activated day and evening; • how we design our community (public realm); and • the incentive program for uses/services we need, etc.

	The PARCC element is also being updated, bringing updates to parks and cultural spaces to fill current gaps in services.
4. Interested in connecting Marymoor Village to the rest of Southeast Redmond. How will people travel between the two safely and without a car? (Khan)	Redmond 2050 and the Transportation Planning & Engineering Division will be exploring the future of the Redmond Way Corridor and Light Rail accessibility. There are outreach initiatives currently underway including: • The 2023 Routes to Rails campaign is collecting initial feedback through **March 15th**. • There is an open house on **March 16th** for the extension of NE 70th Street from Redmond Way east to 180th Avenue NE that will improve pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and vehicle connectivity from 180th Avenue NE to the future Marymoor Light Rail Station (opening 2024) and provide an alternative to the busy Redmond Way/East Lake Sammamish Parkway intersection. • There is also an **April 6 workshop** focused on Marymoor, SE Redmond, and the future of the Redmond Way Corridor.
5. What do sustainability and equity mean in the context of community design? (Khan)	The three themes guiding Redmond 2050 are: equity and inclusion, sustainability, and resiliency. In 2021, after community engagement, we finalized definitions of those themes, developed intent statements, and developed toolkits for evaluating policies. Those materials are online at redmond.gov/1598/. The Redmond 2050 definition of equity speaks to all people being able to achieve their full potential and thrive. In the context of community design, we expect this would be implemented through policies on inclusive or universal design.

	We will also be working with community-based organizations to understand community priorities on this topic. The Redmond 2050 definition of sustainability speaks to environmental conservation, economic prosperity, and a high quality of life. In the context of community design, sustainability could be woven into policies related to the public realm and materials, for example. As with equity, we will seek to understand community priorities for this topic.
6. Excited to get started on design policies and interested in the role of the DRB in development of the policies. (Forsythe)	Staff is periodically consulting with the Design Review Board and will continue to do so as community design policies are drafted.