

# > REDMOND 2050

## Community Involvement Summary

### Second Quarter 2023

City staff engaged the community on several topics in the second quarter of 2023 including: complete neighborhoods, planning for Downtown, Marymoor Village, and Southeast Redmond; Overlake regulations; Middle Housing; and policy updates for many different elements.

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## ENGAGEMENT METHODS

Redmond Planning staff connected with community members regarding the Redmond 2050 project through a variety of methods, including:

- Southeast Redmond and Marymoor Village Open House
- Southeast Redmond Business Breakfast (co-hosted with OneRedmond)
- Southeast Redmond door-to-door business engagement (with OneRedmond staff) and business questionnaire

- Marymoor Village Technical Workshop
- Lake Washington School District Students of Color Conference
- LetsConnect Idea boards, questionnaires, and map
- United Festival
- Cinco de Mayo Festival
- Redmond Middle School Classroom Engagement
- Redmond High School Classroom Engagement
- Complete Neighborhoods Community Workshops, Online Questionnaire and Map
- Overlake Code Virtual Office Hours
- Pint with a Planner (monthly)
- Library Pop-Up (monthly)
- Redmond staff Lunch & Learn (monthly)
- Redmond 2050 Community Advisory Committee meetings (monthly)
- Redmond 2050 Technical Advisory Committee meetings (monthly)
- Planning Commission meetings and public hearings (twice monthly)

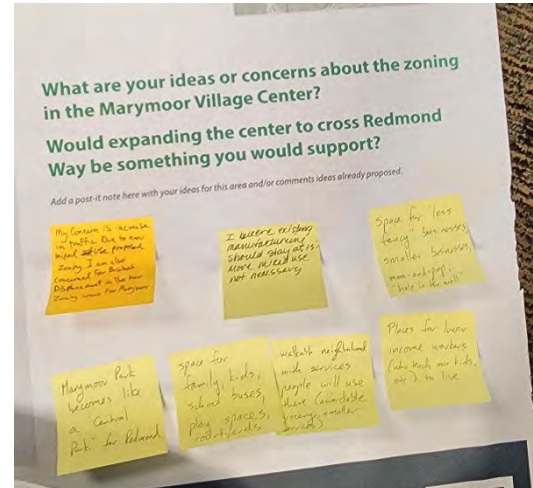
## WHAT WE HEARD

### MARYMOOR VILLAGE

#### Open House

##### Boundaries and Zoning Feedback

- My concern is increase in traffic due to new mixed use proposed zoning.
- I am also concerned for business displacement in the new zoning areas for Marymoor
- I believe existing manufacturing should stay as is, more mixed-use is not necessary
- Marymoor Park becomes like a "Central Park" for Redmond
- Space for family, kids, school buses, play spaces, courtyards
- Walkable neighborhood with services people will use there
- Affordable grocery, smaller services
- spaces for less "fancy" businesses, smaller businesses, mom-and-pop "hole in the wall"
- places for lower income workers (who teach our kids, etc.) to live



##### Inclusive Design Feedback

- Quiet spaces for ASD / families with children
- Beauty is important for mental health, especially when the area is crowded

- Streets that don't allow cars, people only
- Graffiti could be controlled by allowing it as an expression of self in workshops for kids/teens
- Zen garden with meditation pond/pool

## Let's Connect

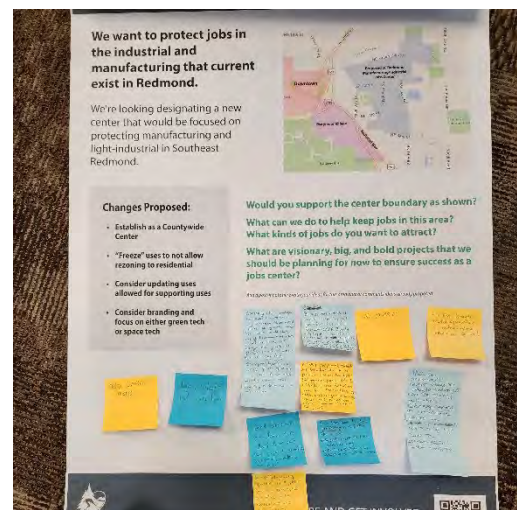
Staff solicited input on features that should be considered for Marymoor Village. Responses included:

- Public signs of inclusivity
- Design for Children
- Greening
- Interior community gathering
- This adds to the "greening" of downtown Redmond.
- Consider incorporating neighborhood heating/cooling/distributed energy systems and adding trees/coverings to avoid heat.
- Minimize car access, and maximize multi-modal transportation, especially with light rail nearby!
- When adding lamp posts and charging infrastructure for EVs, make sure they are on the street side of the sidewalk so cords don't cut across.
- Consider closing some areas of Marymoor Village to car traffic like in Redmond Town Center.

## SOUTHEAST REDMOND INDUSTRIAL GROWTH CENTER

### Open House

- Add CARA map
- Keep industrial / light manufacturing
- Don't become San Francisco – don't drive out industrial workers we need
- Keep boundary as it (on map)
- Provide connectors to Marymoor Village vs limiting to connections within the box - multimodal
- Encourage a variety of light industrial spaces for start-up businesses - xs, s, m, lg, xlg
- Allow for breweries, food trucks, and other uses
- Carefully review potential businesses to screen out any business that might pollute the aquifer and/or air. Look at the current list of businesses that have created toxic areas that endanger the aquifer, so you get an idea of where harm could come from.



- A cannabis-growing operation is a green business that would not threaten to contaminate ground water
- Some uses should be prohibited in the CARA
  - Auto repair
  - Hazardous water treatment and storage
  - Mining and extraction
  - Solid waste transfer and recycling facilities
- A CARA needs pervious, permeable soil that allows rainwater to percolate down into the aquifer. If impermeable parking lots, roads, and buildings cover most of the land, the aquifer can't recharge. CARAs need rain gardens, bioswales, and green roofs that promote natural infiltration of water into the ground.
- Car repair shops have a history of leaving behind toxic land. Car painting facilities create a toxic breathing environment for miles around.
- Is the Cadman gravel operation included in the industrial area?
- Because the industrial center boundaries put the industrial center on Redmond's CARA, I would only support the industrial center if non-polluting industries were allowed. Auto repair, vehicle maintenance, and auto body repair shops are known to contaminate soil

## Let's Connect

Staff solicited input on features that should be considered for the SE Redmond Industrial Growth Center. Responses included:

- Invest in infrastructure, provide tax incentives, offer training to upskill workers. Attract high-paying, skilled jobs. Build resilience.
- Provide incentives to stay/expand, attract tech companies, attract high-paying, skilled manufacturing jobs, create a sustainable ecosystem.
- Hanging lights
- Murals
- Land acknowledgements
- Greenery: we need more plants and natural elements—true natural elements, especially native plants that built habitat—in our surroundings.
- A vision for the future of the Redmond Way corridor
- Another vision for the future of the Redmond Way corridor.
- A place for light industrial
- Uses that should and should not be allowed in the proposed industrial growth center in SE Redmond on the Critical Aquifer Recharge Area.
- In SE Redmond, carefully consider what land uses are allowed and prohibited on the CARA to protect the shallow drinking water aquifer below.
- It's essential to protect Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas in SE Redmond from activities that could contaminate the groundwater and ecosystem
- Business diversity; businesses that support reuse; businesses along the socio-economic spectrum
- Places to move

- Uses that should be prohibited in the proposed SE Redmond Manufacturing/Industrial Center
- A place for everyone
- What kinds of industrial/manufacturing activities should be allowed in Redmond's CARAs? Allow environmentally friendly and sustainable ones.
- Flexible Spaces via policy & zoning
- Amenity uses walkable/bikeable from businesses
- Construct a facility in SE Redmond for producing hydrogen by electrolysis of water, and begin a hydrogen fueling infrastructure in Redmond.
- Activities that are prohibited by Redmond Zoning Code in CARA I should also be prohibited in CARA II.
- Consider multi-model transportation access to nearby LWSD property.
- Avoid increasing pollution from vehicle traffic or industrial activities since there are school children nearby!
- Consider adding (solar-powered) Zero-Emission Vehicle refueling stations to this area so large trucks and UPS vans can more easily go green.

## Other

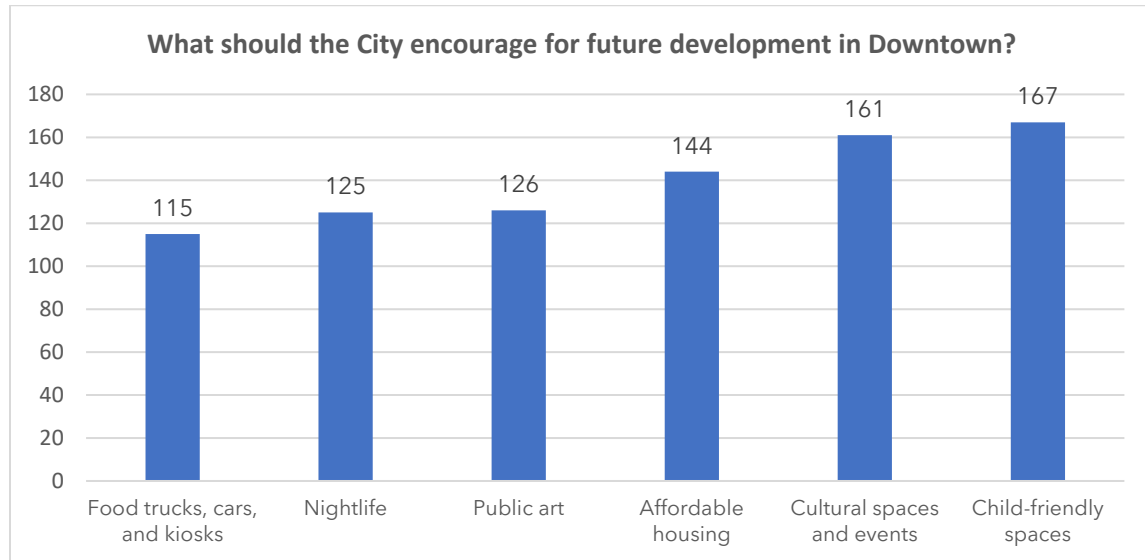
- Do not rezone existing industrial properties. If businesses are displaced, they will just move out of Redmond. Our neighbors and local business owner friends share the same sentiment. Moving businesses take a lot of planning, effort, and money. Not to mention the downtime involved in the process. I understand that multifamily generates more tax revenue for the city, but the plan to rezone SE Redmond's existing industrial/manufacturing district is irresponsible and inconsiderate to existing businesses. Please take this into consideration.

## DOWNTOWN

Staff engaged with the community at the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta para la Familia event and at the Redmond Library pop up events, using a dot survey board in English and Spanish to explore what should the city encourage for future development in Downtown.

## Cinco de Mayo



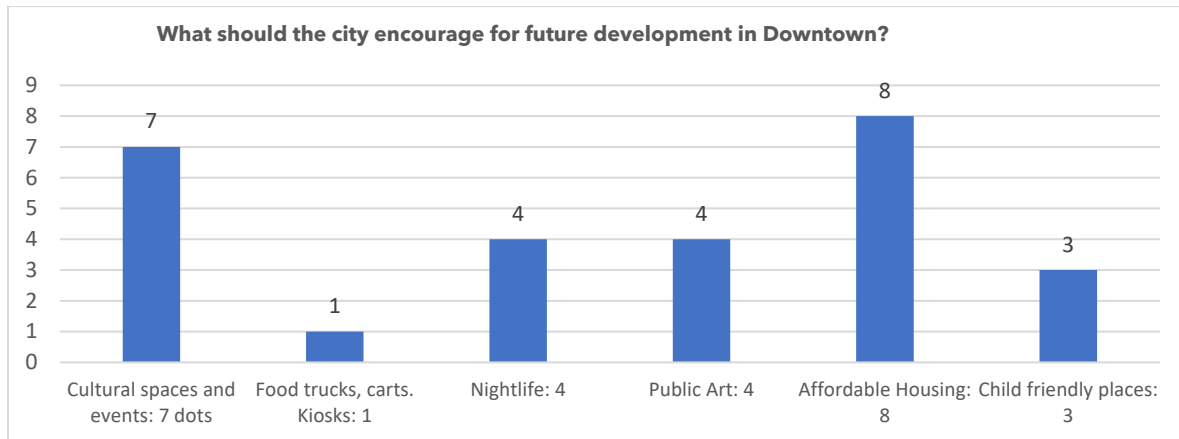


### Other ideas:

- Senior affordable housing
- Senior spaces
- More bus routes (with more frequency); ex Redmond to Woodinville
- Low income quiet 600 sq ft apartments; 1<sup>st</sup> floor for seniors and persons with disabilities
- Emergency public phones
- Less construction
- Public art
- Eastside branch of UW Medicine
- Therapy pool like Bellevue Aquatic Center for seniors and people with disabilities but larger
- Quiet. More trees. Let Gary, Indiana & West Virginia get the growth. Low-income housing with trees and parks.
- Pickleball courts
- More greenspace
- More infrastructure for app single user transportation like Lime bikes
- A dog park for dogs and kids
- More dog parks
- A fountain where some sides of the fountain represent different cultures or countries
- Close Cleveland St to host farmers market/ art fair weekly
- More housing to but (condos) not rent
- More green spaces and people/walking- friendly options
- A cat petting zoo and a dog petting zoo too!
- Horse riding school
- Parks
- No high-rise buildings
- Swimming pool
- More small child play areas with water and splash
- Don't keep putting apartments everywhere and destroying all the nice things. Put some art or other engaging/inviting things
- Some tall buildings
- Pleasant walking - shade & trees
- Indoor recreation! Rock climbing, bowling, arcade, boxing



## Library Pop-Up



### Other ideas:

- More parks and fun next to dense housing
- Focus open space and parks on active amenities
- Explore "car free" areas during certain times (example: no cars near downtown park on Sundays)
- In new developments, plant more trees not only remove the existing ones. More shade in sidewalks, Redmond should be a leader in sustainability
- Traffic around 85th and 166th should be pedestrian only. Encourage walkability by closing certain streets
- More housing choices (Townhomes)
- Green spaces
- Cultural spaces, there are some like Redmond Town Center, but its private and not public. Have that "third place"
- Incentivize murals on big buildings
- Encourage to not use car. Better bus route system planning.
- Free transit or cheaper (we talked about the German new transit program where you pay 55 euros/month and can ride any public transportation in the country)
- More walkability, (example Saarbrücken). Complete trail system around downtown, river trail is nice but does not connect. Pedestrian-only streets.

## COMPLETE NEIGHBORHOODS

Engagement on this topic included preparing materials specifically designed to be engaging and easy to understand for all ages and in multiple languages, as well as development of the *Redmondscapes* game. Engagement on Complete Neighborhoods will continue into Q3 2023.



### Complete Community

A complete community is a place where you can meet all your basic needs by walking or rolling close to home. Basic needs are shops, services, schools, parks, grocery stores, and places that support everyday life.

- [Complete Community Handout](#)
- What are some things you want to see in your neighborhood?

### Comunidades Autosuficientes

Una comunidad autosuficiente es un lugar donde uno tiene acceso a todas las necesidades esenciales por medio de una pequeña caminata o viaje en bicicleta. Las necesidades básicas incluyen comercio y servicios, escuelas, parques, supermercados y lugares que uno utiliza diariamente.

- [Comunidades Autosuficientes folleto](#)
- ¿Qué cosas le gustaría ver en su vecindario para que se convirtiera en una comunidad autosuficiente?





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**REDMOND 2050**  
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Ayude a decidir dónde puede usted ir a comprar, jugar, trabajar o vivir.

**CADA 10 AÑOS**  
se discute la visión que la comunidad quiere para la ciudad y todas las voces cuentan.

**RESILIENCIA  
EQUIDAD E INCLUSIÓN  
SUSTENTABILIDAD**

Estamos explorando cómo podemos diseñar nuestra comunidad para que personas de todas las edades y habilidades puedan moverse por la ciudad, tengan acceso a una vivienda que satisfaga sus necesidades y tengan opciones de recreación y entretenimiento.

PARA OBTENER MAYOR INFORMACIÓN Y PARA PARTICIPAR CONSULTE:  
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**Xinyue**  
Cultural food fair and festival  
Where people can enjoy  
celebrating their culture

**Marcus**  
A new sports complex  
that will be a place for  
youth and adults to play  
and exercise

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Design a complete neighborhood, where you can live, play, work, and shop.

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PLACE YOUR PROMPT CARDS HERE

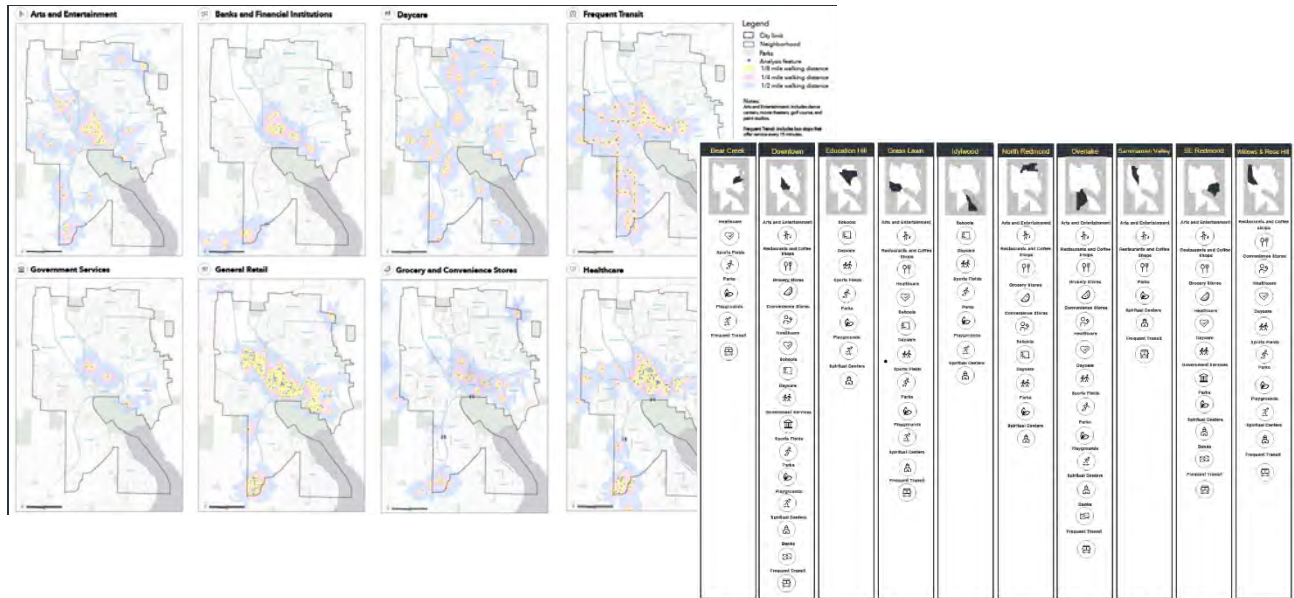
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**RESILIENCY  
EQUITY AND INCLUSIÓN  
SUSTAINABILITY**

We're looking at how we can build our community in ways that allow people of all ages and abilities to get around town, find housing that meets their needs, and have recreation opportunities.

**YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:** \_\_\_\_\_

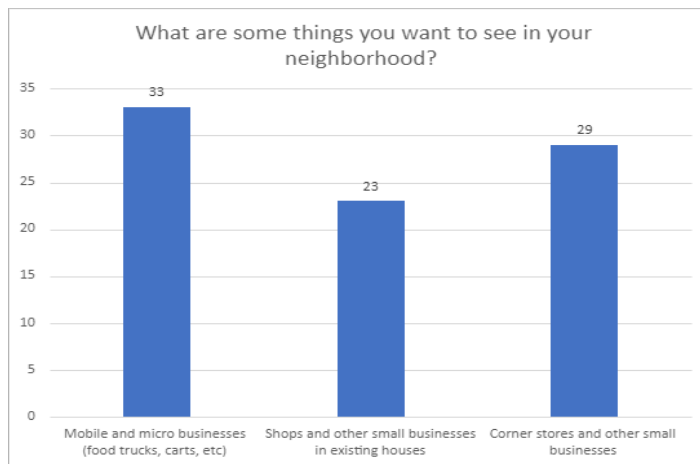
Maps were also prepared to show community members the differences between Redmond neighborhoods.



## Festivals

Staff engaged with the community at the Cinco de Mayo, United Festival, and the LWSD Students of Color Conference to share information and explore options to introduce commercial services into single family neighborhoods.

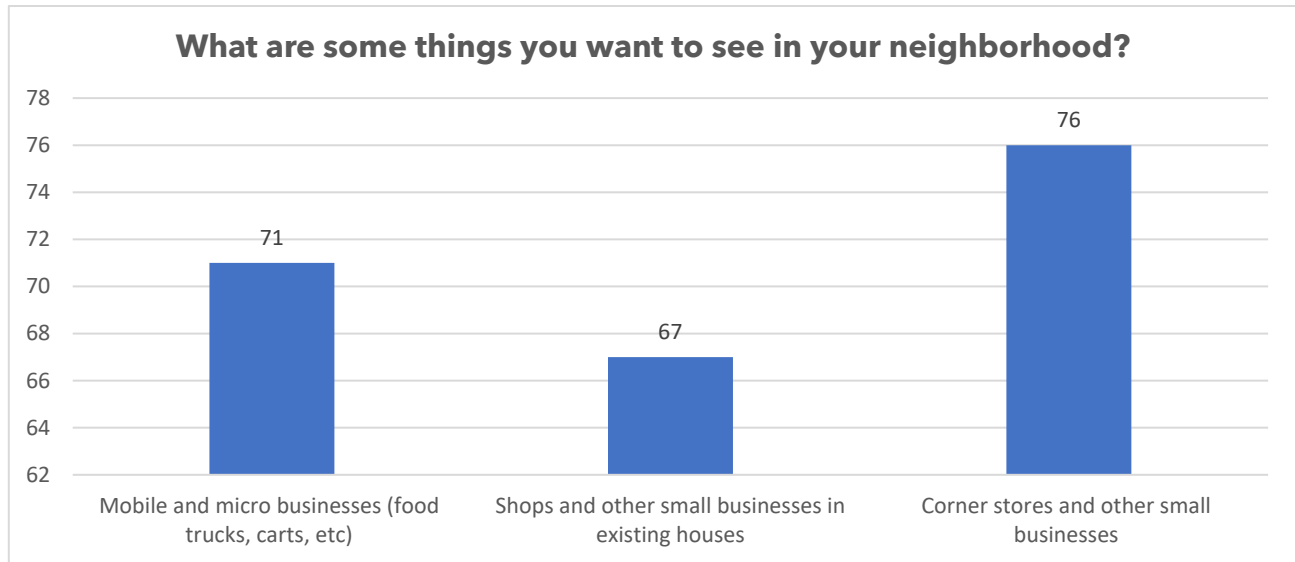
## LWSD Students of Color Conference Results



Other ideas:

- Gas stations
- More bus stations and public transit

## United Festival results



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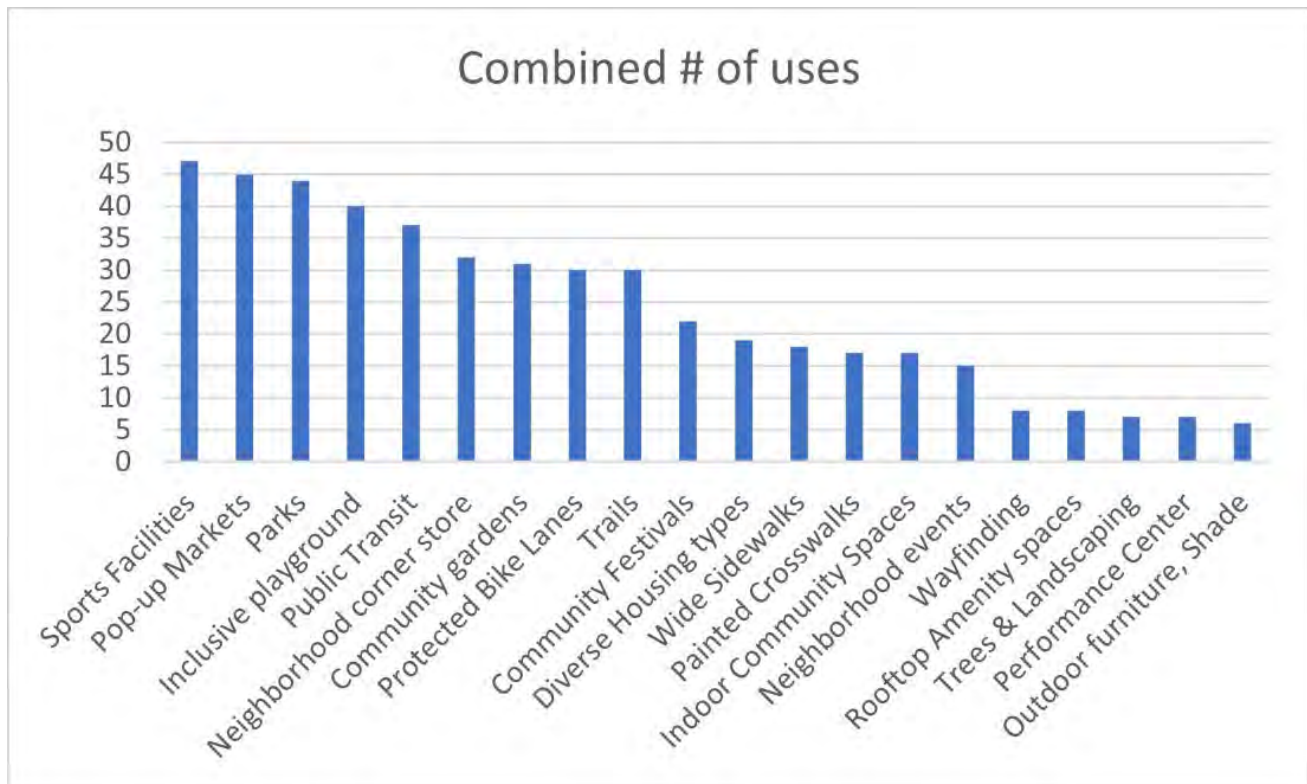
- More affordable housing
- Local trolley
- More bike trails
- Expand trails
- Put 5 over 1s everywhere
- More missing middle around existing business areas
- Preserve local business
- More safe crosswalks near schools and downtown
- Pedestrian zone only around Downtown Park
- Dog park in Idylwood
- Mixed use is great for apartments
- More small businesses
- Farmers market in Downtown Park
- Protected bike lanes
- Longer crosswalk times
- Food stalls (Indian)
- Shopping with large parking lot
- Pizza shop
- Shuttle to light rail
- Cheap food trucks once a week downtown
- Daycares
- Place for seniors

## Schools

Staff visited culinary arts, English language arts, and social studies classrooms at Redmond Middle School in May, and AP environmental science at Redmond High School in June. Staff received input from 95 unique groups of students using the *Redmondscapes* game. The bar chart below shows a composite of all responses.



## Complete Neighborhoods "Tools" Selected by RMS and RHS Students



## Community Workshops

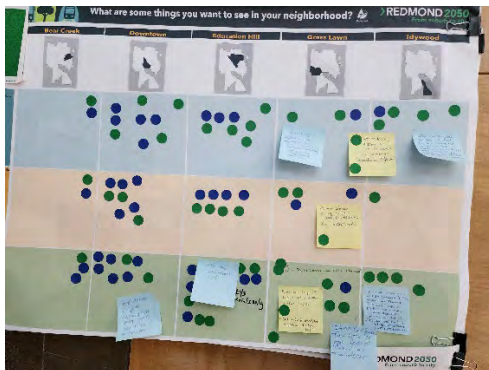




Stakeholder engagement revealed a theme of support for complete neighborhoods, including allowing some non-residential uses into predominantly residential areas. Stakeholders expressed a desire to reduce car dependency and increase pedestrian safety and supported complete neighborhood approaches which would produce those outcomes. Several stakeholders identified a desire for small local clinics in neighborhoods. Stakeholders also expressed support for flexibility rather than codifying their specific preferred supplementary uses in complete neighborhoods – wanted to avoid a one-size fits all approach. Stakeholders suggested that the idea of complete neighborhoods could be tested with mobile businesses but there is also strong support for permanent change.

Stakeholders noted that additional housing density would be especially important for amenities that are difficult to produce more of – like schools and parks. As such, stakeholders felt that placing growth around parks, schools, and healthcare amenities would increase the amount of people who could make use of those amenities. There was also an interest in having a variety of housing and increased density to get enough customer base for neighborhood stores.

Other suggestions included having places such as churches host temporary commercial uses (food trucks, festivals, etc.), place a mini city hall in Overlake or city information kiosks, having green spaces such as the Bellevue Botanical Garden, and preserve mom and pop stores that are being displaced right now. Residents also commented on a lack of coordination with school districts, because of redistricting some people cannot walk to school anymore.



Support by Type of Change by Neighborhood	Bear Creek	Downtown	Education Hill	Grass Lawn	Idylwood	North Redmond	Overlake	Sammamish Valley	SE Redmond	Willows Road / Rose Hill
Temp – food truck, etc.	2	9	8	5	8	5	5	3	4	2
Semi-permanent – Business in existing house	2	8	8	5		1	3	2	3	2
Permanent – Allow commercial buildings	3	8	11	10	6	3	9	5	5	4
Thru 6/21	7	25	27	20	15	8	17	10	12	8

### Notes on Dot Poster

- Idylwood had great success with food trucks during the height of the pandemic, until they were drive out by Archstone apartments out-of-state management
- Idylwood: The small house on W Lake Sammamish Pkwy across from Idylwood Park would make a perfect corner store, ice cream shop, etc. Parking is available at the Idylwood Park overflow lot. I believe that house was a store many years ago. (permanent)
- Grasslawn / Idylwood: Improve cell service, fiber optic cable and home and business internet access, create a business area, community center (permanent)
- Grasslawn / Idylwood: Food trucks, snacks, or ice cream in summer
- Grasslawn: food trucks, especially BIPOC food trucks at Grasslawn Park, especially during the summer camps held at Grasslawn
- Grasslawn: Some places near 148<sup>th</sup> near grasslawn for coffee shops (semi-permanent)
- Grasslawn: Wifi towers – Grasslawn Park is a dead zone (permanent)
- Mini bus loop to go to Senior Center and/or other places ✓✓✓
  - But make it wheelchair accessible, the old bus wasn't
- Education Hill: Coffee near pools/baseball field (permanent)
- Downtown: More diverse shops and Redmond Town Center. More indie shops like the bookstore (permanent)

Staff also took extensive notes at the workshop of comments made that were off-topic, to be shared with other staff teams and incorporated into other Redmond 2050 updates.

### Let's Connect

*June 12 thru June 20 (will continue)*

Please tell us what neighborhood you live in:

Education Hill	4
Grass Lawn	3
Not Sure or Outside of Redmond	1
Willows & Rose Hill	1



















## Q5 Where would you like to see these uses?

- PLEASE do away with the plague of parking lots. They are almost entirely useless (cars are idle 90% of the time and lots are >50% empty most of the time). Please convert these to something more usable -- dedicated space for food trucks would be an excellent way to make the sprawling parking lot of Bella Bottega more useful
- Along some of the bigger streets (116, 104, 166...) it would be great to have a few small shops, coffee shops or eateries. I have a potentially disabling disease-- having options closer to the top of the hill might let me stay in my home longer. I think it would be good for the sense of community too to have gathering places like a coffee shop or an ice cream shop that the kids could easily walk or ride their bikes to.
- Near Grasslawn park to cluster the public space with commerce options. Or near the 51st exit from 520.
- Grass Lawn Park food trucks and farmers market, since fast-casual food and fresh produce are missing in my neighborhood, and there is plenty of people traffic there to make viable business. I'd want rules to limit pollution of idling food trucks next to playgrounds, and limit noise to neighborhood (such as ice cream truck music that travels). Regarding businesses in neighborhoods, I have a neighbor who sounds like they run an illegal metal-working shop from their house and the sound is annoying (sawing through metal to make

window frames I think). If there are neighborhood businesses, sound is a concern from me, especially now that I work from home some days.

- Along 116th or 104th, Redmond/Woodinville Rd.
- With the way land is valued here I would expect the economics of a permanent business would be challenging with the lower density of neighborhoods that are largely single family homes. I am not opposed to the principal of these sorts of businesses in our neighborhood although traffic/parking on a consistent basis I think needs to be thought through. There are already home day cares and other services like hair salons or piano lessons that I think work fine in neighborhood settings.
- Clusters sprinkled throughout the city.
- Food trucks could convene in places like Meadow Park or school parking lots on weekend days. Set aside lots at intersections like 116th and 162nd or 172nd for corner stores and coffee shops so people could walk there. (Avondale Plaza is 1hr+ round trip by foot, not doable on a weekday without driving and too long in bad weather. Use RMS grounds on weekends for food trucks occasionally?
- Food Truck night! All parked around downtown Redmond park!!!

## LetsConnect Map

CATEGORY	COMMENT	IMAGE	DATE	ADDRESS
	Please make this massive, ugly, unused parking lot a dedicated space for food trucks. It's a great location across the street from the new community center and would be a good use of this currently ugly and underutilized area. <b>Eric</b>		12 Jun 23	16119 Northeast 90th Street, Redmond, Washington 98052, United States
	Farmers market and food trucks <b>boazgurdin</b>		14 Jun 23	14819 Old Redmond Road, Redmond, Washington 98052, United States
	All of the drive through lanes are decommissioned. Could easily have a food truck with covered space here. <b>jubruening</b>		20 Jun 23	7450 170th Avenue Northeast, Redmond, Washington 98052, United States
	The amazon buildings here seem to be very busy during standard working hours. A lunch food truck would probably do well here. <b>jubruening</b>		20 Jun 23	7710 185th Avenue Northeast, Redmond, Washington 98052, United States
	I would love to see restaurants and coffee shops around Grasslawn <b>ljminas</b>		13 Jun 23	Grass Lawn Soccer Field #1, Redmond, Washington 98052, United States
	I know Microsoft is starting to develop here. Could this land be purchased to provide shops instead like a grocery store? <b>ljminas</b>		13 Jun 23	14848 Northeast 51st Street, Redmond, Washington 98052, United States
	This corner of the lot could also be developed into a small set of live/work units, or a set of stores. Try and keep the trees please. <b>jubruening</b>		20 Jun 23	8935 160th Avenue Northeast, Redmond, Washington 98052, United States

## Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

The Community Advisory Committee completed a public space evaluation exercise in March. The spaces that were evaluated were Hartman Park, Idylwood Park, Meadow Park, Downtown Park, Grasslawn Park, Luke McRedmond Park, Dudley Carter Park, Redmond Rotary Picnic Area, Avignon Townhomes Area and the open space at 180<sup>th</sup> Ave and Avondale Rd. Some of the comments on these spaces included:

- Improve walkability in most of the surrounding areas to these public spaces
- Create comfortable and welcoming streets for pedestrians
- Increasing paths behind Redmond High School and Education Hill that can connect to Hartmann Park
- Amenities that would enhance public spaces: bike and scooter racks, picnic tables, public restrooms, organized cultural or recreational activities, more shade and places to sit, concessions, native art, places like plazas to gather, comfortable seating areas, and infrastructure to support food trucks on a semi-permanent basis.

## Planning Commission

Planning Commissioners completed and shared public space evaluations at their annual retreat in April. The public spaces that Commissioners chose to evaluate were Hartman Park, Idylwood Park, the parking area east of the Municipal Campus parking structure, the Redmond Center QFC parking lot, and Farrell McWhirter Park. Among the observations made by Commissioners were:

- Public spaces could be improved by giving people more reasons to visit them, for example there could periodically be food trucks at parks.
- Popular public spaces sometimes need more ways to access them so more people can enjoy them.
- Areas for performance should be considered for public spaces.
- Urban areas need “oases”
- Shopping areas would be improved if they were surrounded by homes instead of parking
- Public spaces sometimes lack infrastructure to support access without a car

The Planning Commission also played the board game *Redmondscapes*, where they designed the Rose Hill- Willows Neighborhood based on the Complete Communities approach.

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## MIDDLE HOUSING

### Stakeholder Interviews

Middle housing as a topic has been discussed across several projects, most notably through the City’s grant-funded Middle Housing work. Stakeholders included developers, individual community members, and community-based organizations.

Themes from these interviews:

- Overall, support for middle housing.
- Desire for more types of housing than currently occurs in Redmond.

- Households reported that they would be satisfied living in middle housing (some respondents noted that they would prefer a detached single-family home).
- Stakeholders felt that the high cost of housing is a barrier to quality of life – even for middle housing. Costs greatly limit the housing options for many people.
- Concern that middle housing is not be affordable, but rather “less expensive” housing.
- Development stakeholders believe there is a market demand for middle housing, but current regulations hinder middle housing production.

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## PARCC ELEMENT AND PARCC PLAN

### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission held a public hearing and study session on June 14, 2023.

Public comments included:

- More and safer connections to trails, such as Redmond Central Connector, from the road network including separated bike lanes and raised sidewalks.
- Need for more and permanent dog parks. Dudley Carter Park (on Leary Way) was suggested as a location.
- Support for increased tree canopy, including street trees to provide shade.
- Dust from gravel parking lots at park facilities is unpleasant and unhealthy. Concerns about pedestrian safety on roads by parks, such as Esterra Park, as well as pollution from vehicles.

The Planning Commission did not have any comments on the PARCC Element. Comments on the PARCC Functional Plan related to information about the parks inventory, some parks operations issues, and editorial suggestions. Operations-related comments included allowing more food trucks at parks and utilizing volunteers on park construction projects.

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## ECONOMIC VITALITY ELEMENT

### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission held a public hearing and study session on June 14, 2023.

Public comments included:

- Requesting that economic development strategies be focused on Downtown center.
- Support for more density away from Downtown, including allowing commercial areas to provide walkable neighborhoods.
- Support for incentives to encourage live-work units.

Planning Commission comments related to data safety and privacy in the use of technology, as well as comments on terminology and clarity of policy language.

## HUMAN SERVICES ELEMENT

### Community Advisory Committee

The CAC reviewed the first draft of this element. Comments and questions included:

- Observation that City is usually a human services funder and less often a direct provider of human services.
- Observation that these policies will help guide decision-makers about how human services funds should be invested in the community.
- Where is “human services” defined? What is the scope of it? What are the range of services?
- Is there a human service that the city provides directly? If not, what is the scope of the city and what is the desired scope?
- The intent of policy about direct provision of human services sounds like it could apply outside of just homeless outreach.
- Policy about federal funds should be more general (not just CDBG).
- Observation that there is invisible need for human services in Redmond, such as food insecurity and mental health needs, and desire for that not to get lost with a focus on more visible needs, like addressing homelessness.
- Desire to call-out involvement from youth in the policies.
- Observation that middle housing is one tool to providing affordable housing and more housing stability.
- Question about role of Together Center in coordinating human services.
- Question about what will happen with failure of public safety levy in November 2022.
- Request to edit HS-13 to call for “appropriate” responses to people in crisis.
- Question about where community solar and other energy policies would fit best.
- Observation that other cities have mobile human services, and that they benefit people who cannot travel to access services.

### Planning Commission

Staff presented the first draft of the Human Services policy updates to the Planning Commission on April 12, 2023 and April 26, 2023. Planning commission questions and comments included:

- Support for the aspirational framing of the policies.
- Desire to avoid prescriptive outcomes which would be unobtainable.
- Support for the actionable pursuit of equity outcomes.
- Opportunities to locate service providers effectively and efficiently – including clustering services, locating services near transit, and flexibility in use of space.
- Generalizing language related to funding, to ensure the City has internal policy support for pursuing a wider variety of external finances.
- Framing the policies pragmatically while preserving aspirational intent.

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## ANNEXATION AND REGIONAL PLANNING ELEMENT

### Community Advisory Committee

The CAC was interested in “orphan roads” – whether there are any on Redmond’s city limit and if there are any maintenance issues with them.

### Planning Commission

Staff introduced the first draft policies to the Planning Commission in April. The Planning Commission had the following comments and questions:

- Comments on the Potential Annexation Area (PAA) of English Hill and how it could help meet growth targets if it were annexed.
- Questions on what kind of cost analysis is made to provide services into the PAAs when they are annexed
- Questions on what the advantages of being annexed into the city are
- Discussion on Redmond Ridge and how it is not part of the areas that the city can annex.

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## CAPITAL FACILITIES ELEMENT

### Community Advisory Committee

Staff shared the major update themes with the CAC. There were no comments.

### Planning Commission

Staff introduced the first draft of Capital Facilities policy updates. Comments and questions included:

- Comments on functional plan requirements, such as stronger language on seismic issues, design, and resiliency.
- Capital financing of co-owned/co-located facilities.
- Level-of-service standards for police and fire
- Use of impact fee waivers/exemptions as an incentive tool for development.

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## UTILITIES ELEMENT

### Community Advisory Committee

Staff shared the major update themes with the CAC. Comments and questions included:

- Resiliency should be addressed through consideration of alternative energy sources.
- Questions about how distributed solar or district energy would be addressed.
- Questions about City composting programs.
- Question about compliance with utilities-related provisions of HB 1181 (climate change and resiliency).



- Request to include a policy for equitable utility service provision.
- Question about how schools are represented in these policies.
- Question about what City is doing to meet new organics management law.
- Request to include specific GHG reduction targets in the climate element rather than referring to another document.

## **Planning Commission**

Staff introduced the first draft of Utilities policy updates. Comments and questions included:

- Clarity on telecommunications and what these policies encompass, such as internet service, and the placement/aesthetics of towers.
- Use of regional stormwater facilities.
- Clarity on the technical/legal/industry terminology used in policies.
- Allowing other energy providers in the city, including district energy and microgrid options.

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## **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ELEMENT**

### **Community Advisory Committee**

Staff shared the major update themes with the CAC. There were no comments.

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## **LAND USE: RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL POLICIES**

### **Community Advisory Committee**

The CAC reviewed the first draft of residential and non-residential policies in the Land Use Element. Comments and questions included:

- Generally, feels like it's moving in the right direction
- Some things got lost in simplification, which reduced clarity of guidance to decision makers - but overall support for consolidation and simplification
- Support for middle housing, housing choices, and "complete neighborhoods"
- Neighborhood language is in alignment with city values and Redmond 2050 themes
- Policies do a good job with resiliency, sustainability; would like to see more in equity and inclusion.
- Manufacturing Park use compatibility policies are well covered.
- Need some definition of terms so that it is clear what is meant (e.g., "cottage," "sustainability")
- Metrics for the themes - how to define metrics and where should they go? Especially for content like
- Concern about impacts to critical aquifer recharge area

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## PARTICIPATION, IMPLEMENTATION, AND EVALUATION ELEMENT

### Community Advisory Committee

The Redmond 2050 CAC reviewed the first draft of this element. Comments and questions included:

- How legislative mandates will be incorporated into Redmond 2050.
- Suggestion to add “seniors” in policy PI-2 as a group that has been historically excluded from government decision-making.
- Suggestion to re-think how policy PI-24 about equity impact review tools is structured. Some groups of community members are listed while others are not. Consider adding a catch-all at the end.
- Observation that resiliency was the least-emphasized Redmond 2050 theme in this element.
- Observation that the “how,” i.e., the mechanics of how a policy would be implemented, are not in the policies.
- Question about how plan amendments occur.

### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission held one study session on this element in Q2 2023. Comments included retaining policy language related to open government and ensuring applicants use appropriate methods for community input in development projects.

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## OVERLAKE REGULATIONS

Staff scheduled monthly virtual office hours on the Overlake code revisions from March – May to share updates on the drafting and how staff is responding to comments received during the testing period ([share link](#)). The attendees spent the time deep diving into how different portions of the code would impact their plans, providing feedback on the changes being made (supporting changes proposed by staff), and asking general questions about the timing or other items not related to Overlake.