

Plymouth Housing-Redmond Community Advisory Group Meeting #1 Summary Notes

Meeting Details:

Monday November 25, 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Location: Together Center, 16305 NE 87th St., Redmond

Attendees:

CAG Members	Plymouth Staff	Redmond Staff / other guests
Austin Ashenbrenner Axton Burton Dan Wingard David Springer-Trybus Parker Nicholson Pat Vaché Rachel Roland Absent: <i>Chezeré Braley</i> <i>Susannah Flood</i> <i>Kyra Stewart</i>	Evan Sexton, External Affairs Sarah Dickmeyer, External Affairs Elizabeth Murphy, Real Estate	Seraphie Allen, Deputy Planning Director Patty Neorr, Community Engagement Seargent David Tuchek, Deputy Parks Director Zach Houvener, Deputy Parks Director

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Introductions and Goal Sharing

Group members introduced themselves and shared their goals for participating in the Community Advisory Group (CAG). Goals discussed included ensuring that feedback is taken seriously, city requirements are met, ongoing neighborly collaboration is fostered, and community can engage and support after opening; additionally, that the CAG can contribute to positive and inclusive community conversations and help set the building up for overall success for future residents and neighbors.

Community Advisory Group Scope

Seraphie Allen (City of Redmond) briefed the group on the agreements that permanent supportive housing buildings in Redmond are required to submit before opening. The intent of the CAG process is to hear community voices and forge relationships, build on the previous experience of Health Through Housing and the Salvation Army, develop and finalize the Community Relations Plan, and provide space for feedback on other agreements.

Work Plan Discussion

Plymouth proposed a draft Work Plan detailing future meetings and agenda items to ensure shared expectations between staff and CAG members and invited suggestions on additional content or changes. The group reviewed planned topics including topical briefings and review of other agreements and suggested small additions including specific items for guest presenters to cover. Plymouth will bring a revised work plan to the next CAG meeting, incorporating suggested topics.

Questions raised:

- What experience is Plymouth using to inform its agreements with the City of Redmond?
- What does Redmond Zoning Code require for these agreements?
- How can neighbors engage with Plymouth, both before and after opening?
- How can Plymouth work with organizations like OneRedmond, Redmond Kiwanis and the Redmond Rotary Club in this process and going forward?
- How will parking be addressed at and around the site?
- How will the new light rail station impact neighborhood safety?
- What city services support the growing downtown and Redmond community overall, including medical, public safety, and place-based needs?

Community Relations Plan Discussion

The CAG's primary responsibility is assisting Plymouth in the development of the Community Relations Plan. Before the meeting, Plymouth shared a starting draft of the Community Relations Plan to be continually reviewed and revised over the course of the CAG's five planned meetings. The group discussed the first draft and suggested changes ranging from small edits to opportunities for more clarity or detail. Plymouth will bring a revised draft to the next CAG meeting, incorporating group feedback.

Questions raised:

- What is the purpose of the Community Relations Plan jurisdictional area, and what if something occurs right outside of the boundaries?
- What resources are in place to keep Anderson Park enjoyable for all?
- After opening, how will feedback from the Neighborhood Liaison's ongoing community engagement activities be shared with other Plymouth staff/residents?
- Will members of the public have an opportunity to meet residents and provide direct support?
- How does Plymouth promote and maintain the wellbeing of its residents?
- How does Plymouth maintain resident units? Are there regular inspections?
- How are property owners expected to do building upkeep?

Engagement Resources Discussion

Plymouth wants CAG members to feel equipped for conversations and questions with other community members. The group brainstormed questions and topics they receive, expect to receive, or otherwise need resources to confidently speak to. Plymouth and Redmond staff will bring responsive resources to the next meeting.

Questions raised:

- If the Community Relations Plan isn't legally binding, what is its purpose?
- What laws or legal safeguards already exist to ensure neighborhood safety?
- How can Plymouth help foster positive relationships between residents and surrounding businesses?
- How are Plymouth building staff trained?
- What will the rules or expectations be regarding substance use?
- What external partners will Plymouth Housing work with after the building opens?
- What information will be available on the local referral process, and when? What does it mean to be a 'referral partner'?
- What is Plymouth's approach to protecting vulnerable residents?
- How do neighbors know which municipal department to call if an issue arises?
- How can neighbors reach out to Plymouth as opening approaches?
- What is Plymouth's approach to enforcing building rules with tenants?
- What is the city doing to support the overall downtown community?
- What opportunities exist for community members to provide public input to the City?

Upcoming Opportunities

Plymouth shared upcoming community engagement opportunities:

- Redmond Lights on December 7, 4pm-8pm: CAG members invited to join Plymouth booth and greet community members.
- Plymouth Eastside Office Hours on 2nd Wednesdays 11am-1pm at Together Center starting December 11: opportunity for members of the public to meet with Plymouth staff.

Wrap Up

The group discussed scheduling future meetings, decided on no standing time and future meetings will be scheduled individually via Doodle Polls. Next meeting to take place in February 2025, exact date TBD, likely hosted again at the Together Center.