

## Plymouth Housing-Redmond Community Advisory Group Meeting #2 Summary Notes

### Meeting Details:

Wednesday February 12, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Location: Together Center, 16305 NE 87<sup>th</sup> 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>Parker Nicholson</i> <i>Dan Wingard</i>	Evan Sexton, External Affairs Sarah Dickmeyer, External Affairs Mary Glennon, Permanent Supportive Housing	Brooke Buckingham, Human Services Manager Patty Neorr, Community Engagement Sergeant David Tuchek, Deputy Parks Director Zach Houvener, Deputy Parks Director Adrian Sheppard, Fire Chief Ameé Quiriconi, Deputy Fire Chief of Support Services and Administration

### Notes:

#### Welcome + Updates

Plymouth shared two engagement opportunities for CAG members – inviting members to submit name ideas for the future Redmond building, and to join Plymouth and other advocates from across the state at Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day in Olympia on March 14th.

#### Plymouth and Emergency Services

As requested by community members, Redmond Fire Chief Adrian Sheppard and Deputy Fire Chief Ameé Quiriconi joined this CAG meeting to share their expectations and perspective as first responders about the future Plymouth building in Redmond. Generally, Redmond Fire does not expect the future Plymouth building to significantly affect overall demand for emergency services in downtown Redmond.

Like any housing with seniors and people likely to possess health challenges, Redmond Fire expects to form a close working relationship with the Plymouth building, including proactive community-based support. Redmond Fire expects the City's [Mobile Integrated Health \(MIH\) unit](#) to offer rides for individuals with mobility issues, support resource navigation, and generally look out for community welfare. Redmond Fire works collaboratively with existing service providers and expects to form a similar relationship with Plymouth.

### **Answers to Questions**

Plymouth staff shared a five-page 'Community Q&A' document with CAG members in response to questions raised at the first CAG meeting. The group reviewed and discussed additional questions they still had or expected to receive from others, including:

- Is Plymouth's mission really to "eliminate" homelessness? Is that achievable?
- Will the inside of the building be entirely nonsmoking?
- What is Plymouth's process for responding to lease violations?
- Will this 'Community Q&A' document be posted online?

Plymouth staff will continue to add questions and answers as they arise over the course of remaining CAG meetings to the 'Community Q&A' document.

### **Community Conversations Toolkit**

Plymouth staff prepared a Community Conversations Toolkit to provide CAG members with resources to discuss or share with community members interested in Plymouth or permanent supportive housing in general. This toolkit included the City of Redmond's Frequently Asked Questions ([www.redmond.gov/PH](http://www.redmond.gov/PH)), Plymouth handouts related to Plymouth's mission, permanent supportive housing fundamentals, Plymouth resident demographics and supportive services, and key community engagement contacts. The group reviewed the material and discussed possible additions and changes.

Questions and comments included:

- How can we productively respond to people who want there to be stricter rules or requirements on things like alcohol or substance use?
- Downtown Redmond has recently grown by 3,000 new units. The Plymouth building is just 100 units – it isn't a particularly big addition to Downtown.
- What accessibility accommodations will be included in this building?

- The level of Plymouth staff supports and services is compelling and worth highlighting more

### **Standing Items**

At each meeting, the CAG's standing items include edits and updates to the draft Community Relations Plan, upcoming engagement opportunities, and sharing of community feedback.

Plymouth staff shared an updated draft of the Community Relations Plan, which incorporated suggestions including clarification of the jurisdictional area and purpose statement, and the addition of a designated liaison from the City of Redmond. CAG members reviewed and discussed.

Questions, suggestions, and comments included:

- What's the "Purpose" section about in the Community Relations Plan?
- When will the City Liaison be identified?
- Should there be a single point of contact for all potential questions or concerns?
- This plan seems focused on potential problems – can we include more information about positive engagement opportunities such as volunteering or other forms of support?
- What's the process for item donations?
- Can language be added to dispel myths or misconceptions?
- The edits have been good, we see and appreciate Plymouth listening to feedback.

As an upcoming engagement opportunity, CAG members suggested Plymouth try to coordinate its groundbreaking with the opening of the Downtown Redmond light rail station in May 2025.

### **Wrap-up**

To close the meeting, Plymouth staff opened the floor for any remaining questions or comments. One specific building name suggestion was offered (Casa de la Esperanza) and Plymouth staff suggested CAG members submit additional name suggestions via email.

The next meeting of the CAG will take place in April 2025, with the exact date TBD.