

**Plymouth Housing-Redmond Community Advisory Group
Meeting #5 Summary Notes**

Meeting Details:

Thursday September 25, 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Location: Together Center, 16305 NE 87th St., Redmond

Attendees:

CAG Members	Plymouth Staff	Redmond Staff / other guests
David Springer-Trybus Rachel Roland Kyra Stewart Axton Burton Absent: <i>Austin Ashenbrenner</i> <i>Parker Nicholson</i> <i>Pat Vaché</i> <i>Chezeré Braley</i> <i>Susannah Flood</i> <i>Dan Wingard</i>	<i>Ciara Madden, External Affairs</i>	<i>Seraphie Allen, Deputy Planning Director</i> <i>Patty Neorr, Community Engagement Sargent, RPD</i>

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Welcome & Introduction

Ciara Madden started as the External Engagement Coordinator in July and introduced herself to the members of the group she had not met yet.

Community Relations Plan

Plymouth staff provided the final draft of the Community Relations Plan to members of the Community Advisory Group a week in advance to allow members to review the plan prior to the meeting. Plymouth staff asked if there was any final feedback from CAG members and Redmond staff, to which there were no comments. Plymouth staff asked if the plan met the expectations of the Community Advisory Group; all Community Advisory Group members and Redmond Staff members present at the meeting agreed it was satisfactory.

Community Feedback Recap

Community Advisory Group members advertised the Redmond Lights event in December and informed us that they have not heard of any notable community feedback in the time between the July and September meetings.

Community Advisory Group Feedback Opportunity

Recognizing that this was the fifth and final Community Advisory Group meeting, Plymouth staff wanted to take the opportunity to gather feedback and evaluate the process and conduct of the CAG meetings. Below are the questions for feedback and the summarized CAG member and Redmond Staff responses.

Was your role well-defined and did the project feel organized?

"I felt that the CAG role was somewhat well defined, and I felt that the meetings and progress through each meeting was very well organized. I understood my role to be a part of helping to develop a community resource guide and to help be an advocate for Plymouth's work in Redmond."

What are your biggest takeaways from this group and project?

"My biggest takeaway from this project was a sense of encouragement that so many different voices in the Redmond community are supportive of this permanent supportive housing work. It was impressive to see the way the Plymouth team built such a broad coalition of people invested in helping this project succeed. This taught me that it is essential to have this kind of community support or else this project could run the risk of getting off on the wrong foot with the local community."

"Plymouth is willing to listen and learn."

"Very collaborative process and got better understanding."

"Got a deep dive about Plymouth and so felt better prepared to answer questions."

"Impressed at how available Plymouth has been, coming out to meetings, holding office hours, running the CAG, many opportunities to connect."

"Appreciate Plymouth entering the community by coming to Pride, Derby Days and showing that we want to be a part of it."

What should other permanent supportive housing providers know about Redmond?

"I think other permanent supportive housing providers should know that Redmond is supportive of this work when it is done well and thoughtfully in this community. The voices of opposition are loud, but they are in the minority, and they quickly disappear when all of the thorough and thoughtful work of groups like Plymouth is brought into the light."

What would success look like to you one-year after opening?

"I think success would look like the new building being full with residents and community partners continuing to invest in supporting the staff and residents as they integrate into the Redmond community."

"Being kept in the loop."

"Getting all the plans out to all Redmond residents. Build awareness of what happens when something happens."

"For police, continuing to have a relationship once it opens."

"To have introductions with Plymouth Redmond Site Staff, Police, and CAG members."

What were your goals for the process and were they met?

"My hope in participating in this process was to learn about ways that I could continue to support the new residents and staff of this property after it opened. Through my work with my congregation and in the community I believe that I learned all that I needed in order to continue this work well into the future. Yes, my goals were met!"

"I came in with enthusiasm and I feel like it was worth the time and energy."

"I came in with my apprehensions, and now I feel comfortable, confident, and excited about this building opening."

What would you want the City of Redmond to know about your experience?

"I would want the City to know that I appreciate the way they supported this work by including participation from city employees, Fire Safety and Law enforcement personnel, and more. I think the City has done a great job in making sure this project has a smooth pathway. I would also want the City of Redmond to know just how excited groups like my church are to have this new Plymouth community in our neighborhood!"

"We are here because Redmond requires it and think it is great to have ambassadors to the City."

"Not sure we need to have such structure, but believe there should be a focus on relationships."

One person thinks "that each provider should go through this process but may not need to do it for each development."

"What is important is finding community champions in the city."

Community Engagement Opportunities

Lastly, Plymouth staff reminded the group of the Eastside Office Hours hosted at the Together Center on the second Wednesday of each month from 11-1 pm and the Redmond Groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday, October 1st from 2:30-4 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn. Plymouth staff then thanked the group for their participation in the Redmond Community Advisory group.