

SAMMAMISH SENIORS COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

March 29, 2023

Guest Speaker: Matt Samwick, Operating Manager of Innovation Realty Partners (IRP)

- Hopes to have future meetings at the Sammamish Town Center (STC), a complicated real estate project. Took four years to acquire land, now has 90 acres, purchased from 2014-2019
- **BUILDINGS:** PPT for current progress for STC – <https://sammamish-towncenter.com/>
- **Groundbreaking** May 2023 first phase, groundbreaking Spring 2024 for second phase
- **Blocks 5&6** – 25% affordable housing 80% AMI
1st floor of buildings will have 41,000 sf of social and retail
- Key will be central **gathering courtyard** – 6 stories (5 will be homes), **covered and seating areas, walking paths** to main street and lower Sammamish park
- **Tree canopy** plans are in development.
- **Retail:** different types, public/private partnership
- Votes find their way to land use choices. Be sure to vote to participate in Sammamish future!
- **Sammamish needs a vibrant main street.** Currently we have only destination retail.
- **Senior housing:** Merrill Gardens will provide independent/assisted living. Aegis will provide higher level of care (memory, skilled) in their facility.
- Housing will have no pet restrictions.
- **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP):** STC has been part of CAP since its inception. IRP is working with city. No representative on the plan. Have frequent meetings with the city. **Matt wants to speak to citizen groups and hear from residents.**
- **Transit Center:** want to get transit assets into 1) community 2/ town center. Need efficient way to move from Plateau to Redmond Transit Center.
- **Music/Arts Center:** Small amphitheater. Design of green spine should be close to lower commons. Covered area desirable. Hired East Hub to create arch across open spaces/town center.
- **Sammamish Friends:** Mud Run for young people. Town Center May 2004? Christine will connect to discuss.
- **Healthy plants/natural environment:** natural plants will be implemented in town center. First step: get boundaries sorted out. Second: we will all be neighbors. IRP will be a great neighbor.
- **Will buildings be gas/electric or all electric?** Electric is in the lead. Renewables from solar will also be researched. Good choices for future generations will be most important.
- **Housing stock:** ADU available, but not utilized. Needs to be addressed by Planning Commission. Many components in decision making. Some in the Town Center. Housing shortage will address.
- **Trail connections:** Has city council support, STC will connect them to development. Looking at city-wide plans.