REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

January 26, 2010

Mayor

John Marchione

Members of the Council

Richard Cole, Council President
Pat Vache, Council Vice-president
Kim Allen
David Carson
Hank Margeson
Hank Myers
John Stilin

Staff

Craig Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director Carolyn Hope, Parks Senior Planner B. Sanders, Parks Senior Planner Chip Cornwell, A/V Program Coordinator Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

MEETING SUMMARY

Convened: 7:30 p.m. Adjourned: 10:00 p.m.

Councilmember Cole opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda items. He noted that Councilmember Myers would be leading the discussion this evening with staff regarding park issues.

Sammamish Valley Master Plan

Senior Parks Planner, Ms. Carolyn Hope:

- noted that the purpose of the plan is to develop area along Willows Road in the North end of town as a park; this is the final step in defining the master plan;
- introduced a representative from the MacLeod-Reckord group, the consultants who worked on the Master Plan;
- stated that the area in question is a 32-acre parcel, with 28 acres being designated as wetland/wetland buffer;
- reported that two public meetings have been held with residents in the area in order to receive their feedback on the proposal; and
- noted that if Council is in agreement with staff's recommendations, then the next steps would be to move forward with the SEPA process, and then come back to Council in approximately one month for Council consideration of adoption.

MacLeod-Reckord consultant reported regarding:

- the vicinity around the park;
- site analysis;
- wetland areas on the site;
- developing the park as a resource park; and

• the recommendation to install a community garden with a plaza concept offering classes in connection with the neighboring farm.

Members of the Council commented regarding the 'pea patch' feature of the master plan, and offered their support of the more natural farm concept of the proposed park.

Park Facility Plan

Ms. B. Sanders, Senior Parks Planner, provided a report in conjunction with a consultant from the SHKS Architects group, to the Mayor and Members of the Council. The presentation addressed:

- four City facilities: the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center (ORSCC); the Old Firehouse Teen Center; the Redmond Senior Center (RSC); and the Redmond Pool at Hartman Park:
- more work that needed to be done in order to finalize the study, including identifying repair work that must be done right away;
- combined facility uses;
- repair work and the status of the facilities at this time;
- partnering with other entities regarding the Hartman Park pool facility; and
- the current lease of the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center with the Lake Washington School District.

(The regular meeting recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:04 p.m.)

PARCC Plan Draft

Councilmember Myers relayed that the parks comprehensive plan (the Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture & Conservation/PARCC Plan) is required to be updated every six years.

Mr. Craig Larson, Parks and Recreation Director, spoke regarding the public involvement process on the update, noting that nine future meetings will be held prior to bringing the matter back to the Council for consideration of adoption in approximately one month with recommendations.

Ms. Carolyn Hope spoke regarding:

- the goal of the plan to preserve the quality of life in Redmond;
- the purpose of the plan;
- changes proposed since the 2004 plan review;
- levels of service policies being added in an effort to balance future growth in the City;
- PARCC Plan components;
- the priorities of the public;
- Capital Improvement Program prioritizing of projects;
- the development of a rating scale; and
- costs being broken down into three phases and funding options.

Councilmember Vache requested that the plan specifically identify a goal of partnering with user groups.

Councilmember Cole:

- stated with regard to equity distribution, that emphasis be placed on park lands in the south and west areas of the City;
- requested the Sammamish Waterfront Park be added to the plan for credit;
- noted the references in the document to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad will need updating based on the current status of that project; and
- opined there is a need for further discussion of funding in the future, perhaps, at the conclusion of the budget discussions.

Council Talk Time

Councilmember Cole noted that the draft Council retreat report has been distributed and that comments are due back by Sunday evening to the facilitator.

Councilmember Myers spoke regarding the City of Bellevue's discussions of rerouting the preferred alignment of light rail through Bellevue, which may have impacts on Redmond.

Councilmember Allen stated that the Code Rewrite Commission will be bringing its first round of work to the Council for consideration, and asked that any questions from Council be formulated and sent to staff prior to that discussion.