

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PARKS AND HUMAN SERVICES (PKHS) COMMITTEE/
SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY**

Council Conference Room
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

Council:

David Carson
Tom Flynn, Chair
John Stilin
Hank Margeson, *attending Councilmember*
Hank Myers, *attending Councilmember*
Pat Vache, *attending Councilmember*

Staff:

Craig Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director
Colleen Kelly, Human Services Manager
David Tuchek, Parks Maintenance/Operations Manager
Joshua Heim, Recreation Program Administrator
Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner
Elizabeth Adkisson, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:40 p.m.

Committee Chair, Tom Flynn, opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

Brief Update on Experience Redmond Website Performance (*added at time of meeting*)

Mr. Joshua Heim, Recreation Program Administrator, gave a brief update to the Committee pertaining to the Experience Redmond Website performance; including total number of page views for 01/01-03/30/2012 (511 pages were viewed a total of 3,329 times); top visited pages (including Artificial Light Installation page and Rocky Horror Picture Show production page); and noted a high increase in the last two weeks of March.

Themes for 2013 Arts Season

Mr. Heim opened discussion with the Committee on possible themes for the upcoming 2013 Arts Season; perhaps focusing on what the community may be talking about in the coming year, such as the Redmond Central Connector, Redmond Centennial, presidential elections, City Connections, and Redmond Culture. Committee members discussed potential theme ideas (future/next 100 years of Redmond, arts and the environment, connections, Downtown Park/Redmond Central Connector, community involvement in the arts); the dates of the 2013 Arts Season (roughly October 2012 through April/May 2013); and the possibility of a centennial community art project.

Housing Strategy Plan

Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, provided a report on the Housing Strategy Plan:

- this is the City's first Housing Strategy Plan;

- the plan is to be presented to the full Council via a staff report at the regular meeting on April 17, 2012, via a study session on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, and proposed for adoption at the regular meeting on May 15, 2012;
- the plan implements new Housing Element Policy HO-8 adopted December 2011, as part of Redmond's Comprehensive Plan update;
- HO-8 directs the City to adopt and update a Housing Strategy Plan every three to five years to identify specific implementation strategies that address the City's housing needs, goals, and policies;
- the Technical Committee has reviewed the plan and provided recommendations;
- the goal of the plan is to identify housing implementation strategies consistent with policy, and to document the City's implementation of housing strategies;
- the plan itself consists of a matrix of activities, which are ranked by priority and status, include classification as to which groups the policy/action facilitates housing for, and are broken up into the following categories:
 - 1) Land Use Regulations and Incentives;
 - A. Housing Choice;
 - B. Affordable Housing;
 - C. Foster Special Needs and Senior Housing; and
 - D. Creating and Preserving Neighborhood Quality;
 - 2) Direct and Indirect Forms of Assistance;
 - A. Housing Choice;
 - B. Affordable Housing;
 - C. Preserve Existing Housing Stock;
 - D. Reduce Housing Costs;
 - E. Participate in Regional and Sub-Regional Forums; and
 - F. Implementation/Monitoring.

General discussion ensued regarding the use of the plan (as an advisory document), how this document plays with King County Policies, and possible consideration of economic classification of job options available compared to housing options available in Redmond – do they align?.

Funding Process Update re: Human Services

Ms. Colleen Kelly, Human Services Manager, provided the Committee with an update on the Human Services Funding Process:

- regarding the Invitation for Submission of Letters of Interest – eleven letters were received, three submissions have been selected for further inquiry and additional information from these selections has been requested – to be presented to the Human Services Commission at their April 24, 2012, meeting; all submissions were encouraged to also submit a request through the regular Human Services Funding Allocation process; and
- the Human Services Funding Allocation process is currently accepting submissions through April 26, 2012, (online tool) for the Two-Year Cycle for 2013-14; eighteen cities currently use this online tool for submissions, each City has a page containing city-specific directions for applicants.

General discussion ensued regarding cooperation between cities regarding funded applications/projects and opportunities for residents to advocate for preferred services.

Park Operations Update

Mr. David Tucheck, Parks Maintenance and Operations Manager, provided an update on Parks Operations:

Accomplishments 2011-2012:

- Anderson Park - shelter plaza, landscape renovations;
- Farrel-McWhirter Park - barn renovations; new structures for rabbits and chickens;
- Teen Center fence project;
- Grass Lawn Park restroom renovation;
- Bear Creek Trail – upgrades/repaved;
- Dudley Carter Park – kiosk renovated;
- Senior Center – resurfaced pickleball court; added exercise equipment; landscape renovations;
- Redmond West Wetlands – boardwalk renovations;
- Idylwood Park – new garbage depot area;
- Cascade view Park – new benches
- regular projects - sign repair, urban forestry, turf renovations, irrigation maintenance, horticulture;
- events – Arbor Day, involvement with Green Redmond Partnership; and
- Juel Park Community Gardens – new compost bin, shed and kiosk;

Future challenges:

- Farrel-McWhirter restroom, tire swing;
- Idylwood Park - parking lot;
- Grass Lawn – parking lot, picnic dome, pathways;
- Hartman Park – baseball field, batting cage, basketball court; and
- Cascade View Park – hard surface;

Looking ahead:

- Downtown Park;
- Redmond Central Connector; and
- Hartman Park - infield replacement.

General discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding the possibility of electronic kiosks at parks/on trails, additional exercise equipment at the Senior Center (one piece planned for addition), location of Redmond West Park, community involvement with clean-up/renovations when possible, and temporary plans for the Downtown Park this spring/summer.