

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

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

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Council:

David Carson (*not in attendance*)
Tom Flynn, Chair
John Stilin
Hank Margeson (*attending Councilmember*)
Hank Myers (*attending Councilmember*)
Pat Vache (*attending Councilmember*)

Staff:

Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks Director
Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts
Manager
Alaric Bien, Senior Planner, Planning
B Sanders, Senior Planner, Parks
Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:10 p.m.

Committee Chair Tom Flynn, opened the meeting, announced the Council members in attendance, and overviewed the agenda.

Redmond Central Connector Update

Ms. Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts Manager, provided an update on the Redmond Central Connector: Phase I construction is underway and moving quickly; there are 88 design ‘ties’; the erratic is in development and will be toured during a Joint Parks and Trails/Arts Commission meeting on July 18, 2013; current project timeline: Phase I completion ~ September 2013, Phase II Design – underway and 60 percent plans by the end of 2013, and Phase III – staff is currently looking into funding/grants; and the Phase I grand opening date is to be determined.

Discussion ensued regarding the 116th Ave NE trail crossing and Connector signage.

Sammamish Valley Park

Ms. Hope provided an update on Sammamish Valley Park: a contract will be before the full Council on June 18, 2013, for approval; regarding hydrological monitoring, restoration site preliminary design, restoration of wetlands, streams and trees; and staff is currently negotiating the scope of this contract.

Discussion ensued regarding tree plantings and utilization of the site for restoration mitigation.

Redmond Bike Park Schedule

Ms. Hope provided an update on the Redmond Bike Park Schedule including an update to the contract with Hillride, the project schedule, and on-going maintenance of jump building by trail stewards. Discussion ensued regarding public notice on project to include land use action board on-site, fliers, mailings to residents within 500 feet, plans on the website, email distribution, and notification to local reporters.

Poet Laureate Contract

Ms. Hope provided an update on the poet laureate contract including an overview of the Poet Laureate's annual report. Staff is currently negotiating a contract extension for six months (through December 2013); and the scope of work expansion will include events from summer through Redmond Lights and assisting with the recruitment, selection, and transition of the next poet laureate. Discussion ensued regarding the contract extension fee, extension term for future contracts, consistency in transition from one poet laureate to the next, and marketing of poet laureate accomplishments/deliverables.

Downtown Park Update

Ms. B Sanders, Senior Parks Planner, provided an update on the Downtown Park:

- schedule: advertise for bids – June 5th; bid opening: June 20th; contract to Council for approval – July; and demolition/construction – August through September; and
- master plan process: marketing to Consultant Community – June; RFQ preparation/issuance and short list of firms selected – end of July; competitive process for shortlisted firms – August; interviews/firm selection – September; launch public involvement process – October; and master plan completion – end of 2014.

Discussion ensued regarding recoverable materials/reuse; demolition/construction schedule and street/pedestrian access; art opportunities around construction site; and length of master plan process.

Recreation Buildings Master Plan Consultant Agreement

Ms. Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks Director, provided an update on the Recreation Buildings Master Plan:

- the project is the second phase of the 2010 Redmond Recreation Buildings Design Study;
- purpose – to provide clear direction for the future of the four existing recreation buildings;
- recommended actions for June 18, 2013, City Council business meeting include:
 - approval of consultant agreement for professional service to complete the master plan;
 - approval of master plan funding; \$75,000 from Parks CIP, and \$26,700 from contract savings and 2012 REET revenues; and
 - approval of project name change in the 2013-14 Parks CIP from “COR/:WSD Park Plan” to “Recreation Buildings Master Plan”, to provide for expanded scope of the project.

Discussion ensued regarding funding, development of the master plan, project scope expansion, and project name change.

Winter Shelter Update

Mr. Alaric Bien, Senior Planner, provided an update on the Winter Shelter:

- staff is currently working with Issaquah, Bellevue, Kirkland and shelter providers on a long-term solution; looking into sites/zoning/transportation options/etc/;
- ARCH (A Regional Coalition for housing) staff has created a map with ideal locations for a long-term location;
- a long-term location may not be identified by this October/November, therefore staff and collaborators are also looking for a short-term option for this coming winter; and
- this week's Eastside Human Services Forum will focus on homelessness, and the meeting will be held at the North Bellevue Community Center.

Discussion ensued regarding options for long-term and short-term shelter locations, support services for shelter residents, and the upcoming Eastside Human Services Forum.