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

Council Conference Room 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Redmond, Washington

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

## **Council:**

David Carson
Tom Flynn, Chair
John Stilin

Hank Margeson (Attending Council Member)

### Staff:

Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning/Cultural Arts Mgr
B. Sanders, Senior Planner, Parks
Jill Smith, Program Administrator, Planning
Josh Heim, Recreation Program Administrator
Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks Director, Parks
Lisa Rhodes, Recreation Program Administrator
Colleen Kelly, Assistant Director of Community
Planning
Craig Largen, Parks Director, Parks

Craig Larsen, Parks Director, Parks Michelle M. Hart, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m. Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.

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

#### **R-Trip Promotion**

Ms. Jill Smith, Program Administrator, gave a recap of the R-Trip Challenge that was introduced at Derby Days on July 13, 2013, and ended yesterday, September 30, 2013. Residents were challenged to reduce car trips, log their miles, and select a program to support. The supported programs received a share of the \$50,000 prize. So far approximately 2,600 participants have logged trips and signed up for the incentive. Forty percent of the participants dedicated their prize to plant trees in Redmond, forty-five percent to housing, and fifteen percent to arts. The challenge reduced 89,000 driving trips.

#### **Pooled Funding Contract Extension**

Ms. Colleen Kelly, Assistant Director of Community Planning, provided a quick update on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that governs the Human Services pooled contracting. Several cities contract with the same agencies for similar services. To increase efficiency, the cities have pooled their money together and signed a single contract for those services. The funds are administered out of Bellevue. The joint application process has recently been expanded to include south King County cities. The MOU expires at the end of this year; however, there are a number of complicated issues that need more time to delve into and

understand. The request is to extend the existing MOU one more year. In 2014, the new MOU would incorporate the new updates and elements.

#### **Winter Shelter**

Ms. Colleen Kelly, Assistant Director of Community Planning, provided an update on collaboration with Bellevue and Kirkland in identifying winter shelters. Staff has reached out to churches which resulted in finding the women's shelter, but not one for men. There is interest in using public buildings, but the primary problem is the constraints by land use and city code. Staff is reconsidering the use of city facilities such as the Sammamish Business Park.

General discussion ensued regarding the main problem with using city facilities being the lack of sprinklers, and in what way the issue can be mitigated.

#### 2013 Derby Days Recap

Ms. Lisa Rhodes, Recreation Program Administrator, provided a recap of Derby Days. The attendance was on track from previous years. New sponsors this year include: First Tech Credit Union for the Friday night events and Ben Franklin Crafts for the kid's parade. The 5K was moved to Saturday and had an eight percent increase in participants. Carnival revenue was up fifteen percent, criterium ridership was up thirteen percent, and the fireworks attendance continued to grow and was maxed out by 9:45 pm. Proposed changes for 2014:

- Parks and Trails want to add a family bike event;
- Bring an additional \$5,000 purse for the criterium to increase the ridership;
- Have a road closure hotline in different languages;
- Create a criterium viewing area;
- Work out a partnership with the Redmond Town Center management;
- Have a parade announcer; and
- Bring some children's activities to the front of City Hall.

#### **Recreation Buildings Master Plan Update**

Ms. Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks Director, provided a preview of the Recreation Buildings Master Plan presentation that the NAC Architecture Team will be presenting on Thursday evening, October 3, 2013. The purpose of the master plan is to provide a roadmap for the next 20-30 years, so that quality recreation facilities and services are provided for Redmond residents of all ages. Five concepts will be presented for community feedback on October 3, 2013, from 6:30pm-8pm. On November 12, 2013, the Council will be presented with the preferred option, and on November 13, 2013, that preferred option will be presented to the public.

#### **Downtown Park Consultant Selection Update**

Ms. B. Sanders, Senior Planner, stated there was a public meeting on September 29, 2013, where the five firms competing to be the Downtown Park consultant would be narrowed down. The meeting also served to increase the public's awareness of the project. The meeting had a good turn-out and good engagement from citizens. The Steering Committee of 22 people will follow the project through to completion. The firms are being ranked by the Steering Committee and

staff on six criteria. Ms. Sanders plans to bring a contract to the City Council in November 2013.

#### Supplemental Consultant Agreement for Design Services, Perrigo Park Phase II

Ms. B. Sanders, Senior Planner, stated that during the first part of this phase, work will be done on the parking lot, storm water system, utilities, pathways, and landscape irrigation. Permitting has to be completed in both Redmond and King County, which has required more negotiation between the two agencies and increased the engineering costs for this project.

## **Contract with Lucia Neare for Events, Public Programs, and Artistic Services**

Mr. Josh Heim, Recreation Program Administrator, would like to place a contract with Lucia Neare on the Consent Agenda at the October 15, 2013, Council meeting. The contract is for a year-long community program of events, performances, workshops, and a studio for the performing arts. While Ms. Neare was in Redmond for the summer of 2012 her company of 35 artists drew an audience of 1,300 people. The Arts Commission is interested in the opportunity to bring Ms. Neare back for a year of residency. She will coordinate a spring event, develop a workshop series, headline in a theater festival, and have a dedicated space in the Community Center for public viewing of her art. The long-term goal is to shift Redmond from a touring culture into an arts culture. The funding is already available, but the money needs to be shifted into this plan.

## **Redmond Central Connector Grand Opening**

Ms. Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts Manager, informed the Committee that the grand opening for the Redmond Central Connector will occur on the night of Redmond Lights, December 7, 2013. There will be a special recognition for the Mayor, Council, State Legislators, and others who worked hard to provide funding for the project.

## **Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Advisory Committee**

Mr. Craig Larsen, Parks Director, stated that since the beginning of summer 2013, all the finance partners for the Eastside Rail Corridor have been meeting to talk about collaborative planning. A non-binding agreement was created that states how the regions relate and plan together. It sets up the scope of the next phase of more precise planning, focused on the King County corridor. The City of Redmond has gained support from other jurisdictions for the connection northward from Redmond's city limit at Willows Road and NE 124<sup>th</sup> Street through King County into Kirkland's trail, resulting in a trail directly from Redmond into Kirkland. The committee also showed support for the connection along 520 to the Eastlake Sammamish Trail. The Council will have to authorize the Mayor to have a signing ceremony in October 2013. Mr. Larsen would like to circulate the Executive Summary and a link to the report.