

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

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

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

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**Council:**

Byron Shutz, Chair  
David Carson  
Hank Myers  
Tom Flynn (*Attending councilmember*)  
Hank Margeson (*Attending councilmember*)  
John Stilin (*Attending councilmember*)

**Staff:**

Craig Larsen, Parks Director  
Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks Director  
Alaric Bien, Senior Planner  
Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner  
Lisa Rhodes, Recreation Program Administrator  
B. Sanders, Senior Planner  
Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts  
Manager  
Michelle M. Hart, MMC, City Clerk

**Parks and Trails Commission:**

Tom Sanko, Chair  
Nicolas Lee, Vice Chair

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:28 p.m.

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Committee Chair Byron Shutz called the meeting to order, reviewed attendance, and overviewed the agenda.

**One Night Count of the Homeless Update**

Mr. Alaric Bien, Senior Planner, thanked the Councilmembers who participated in the One Night Count, that was held on the morning of January 24, 2014, between 2-5 a.m. The homeless count in the Eastside is approximately:

- 91 unsheltered homeless, which includes people on the streets or in tents;
- 90 people living in the tent cities in Woodinville and Sammamish;
- 117 men living in shelters;
- 44 women and children living in shelters; and
- 65 people car-camping.

**American Winter Debrief**

Mr. Alaric Bien, Senior Planner, stated that the homeless numbers were shared with the 30 attendees at the screening of American Winter, hosted by Meadowbrook Church. After the screening, Mr. Jason Dick, Human Services Commission Chair, talked about the City's approach to homelessness. Mr. Dick stated "the City of Redmond believes that everyone deserves a roof over head, we offer support and services to help individuals and families access shelter and stable housing, and we work diligently to ensure the safety of everyone in our community". Neighborhood Resource Officer David Sowers explained how the Public Safety Department worked with Human Services to help resolve the homeless encampment at the library, which

ended with no arrests. Each participant at the screening was asked to fill out a comment card about what they will personally do to help the homeless.

General discussion ensued regarding other planned screenings.

### **2013 Human Services Performance Data**

Ms. Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner, stated that agencies who contract with Human Services used a new online tool to log the services they provide. In 2013, over 16,000 Redmond residents were helped by programs supported through the City of Redmond's Human Services funding. Ms. Buckingham presented a summary of results by category:

- Food to Eat and Roof Overhead: over 4,000 residents served
  - 2,000 residents were served by Hopelink
- Job and Education Support: 466 residents served
- Healthcare: over 7,000 residents served
  - Over 2200 calls were made to the Crisis Line (more than twice that of the contract goal)
- Safe Haven: 519 residents served
- Family Support: over 3,800 residents served

Human Services contracts with 48 programs that provide services for Redmond residents. Forty-six of those programs achieved their contract goals. A majority of the programs exceeded their goals.

General discussion ensued regarding determining the leverage of the funds spent.

### **Redmond Lights Re-cap**

Ms. Lisa Rhodes, Recreation Program Administrator, provided a brief overview of the highlights from Redmond Lights and the planning for next year:

- attendance was slightly down from last year due to the cold and to not being a Centennial year;
- 10,000 blinkers were handed out;
- bonfire and burn barrels were popular;
- businesses on Leary Street were included in 2013;
- tree at City Hall was a focal point;
- volunteer hours were up;
- next year will have improvements to the bike ride; and
- carousel at Redmond Town Center was a popular addition.

General discussion ensued regarding food pricing and locations during the event.

## **Downtown Park**

Ms. B. Sanders, Senior Planner, stated that the first public meeting for the Downtown Park is on February 19, 2014, at 6 p.m. at the City Hall. It will be a workshop where residents can fill out a card with their ideas for the design of the park. The cards will then be placed on wooden stakes at the park.

## **Parks and Trails Commission Capital Funding Strategy**

Mr. Tom Sanko, Chair of the Parks and Trails Commission, and Mr. Nicholas Lee, Vice Chair of the Parks and Trails Commission, spoke about the priorities for the Parks and Trails Commission for 2014. They envision Redmond as being a leader in providing community and parks services. The project criteria list included geographic equity, trail connections, projects currently underway and community park enhancements. A major challenge is accommodating growth. They have been working on the recommended projects list for a year. They whittled down a list of 50 projects to 11. A new recreation center and pool for Redmond is an important project. Possible levies would cost the typical home owner \$272 a year.

General discussion ensued regarding the prioritization and categorization of the park projects; Overlake projects are not included; Juel Park and competing sports usage; impact fees increases; and providing the Committee with a priority ranking of the projects.

## **2013 Parks and Recreation Volunteer Hours Summary**

Ms. Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks Director, reported that every year the volunteer hours are compiled. This year there was over 30,000 volunteer hours, and the estimated value is over \$500,000. The volunteer hours are equal to about 14 full-time employees.

## **2014-2015 Committee Work Plan**

Members of the Committee discussed modifications to their work plan adopted at the beginning of 2013. Items that have been completed were removed and the Committee discussed items that they would like to see on this year's plan. Mr. Craig Larsen, Parks Director, stated that the Bike Park construction update will be provided soon. Also a grant was recently received from 4-Culture for \$34,000 that will be brought to the full Council on February 18, 2014.