City of Redmond Human Services Commission Meeting Summary Monday, February 13, 2012 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Members Present: Valerie Bays, Steve Daschle, Jason Dick, John Enslein, Lynn Fleshman

Members Absent: Miles Mitchell, Kerry Smith, Connie Stansberry

Staff Present: Brooke Buckingham, Colleen Kelly

Guest: Roger (Student working toward an Eagle Scout Communications Badge)

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

It was moved by Lynn Fleshman and seconded by Steve Daschle to approve the summaries of the January 9 and January 24, 2012, meetings, with two small corrections to page 2 of the January 24 meeting summary.

<u>Public Comment</u>: There were no members of the public present at this meeting.

<u>Updates from Commissioners</u>: Steve Daschle commented on the exciting City Council meeting that was held on February 7, and the Public Hearing regarding the proposed "Ordinance Prohibiting Refusal to Rent Based on Section 8 Payment." Nineteen individuals testified (18 in favor of, one opposed to) this ordinance. The ordinance received a unanimous vote of approval by the Council, which was somewhat of a surprise, as going into the hearing there were two Councilmembers opposed. Steve thought it would be interesting to learn what was compelling to make these two votes switch to approval, and Colleen thought that a combination of due diligence research with area landlords, the overwhelming number of statements in favor of the ordinance, and the fact that landlord paperwork regarding Section 8 is very minimal, were all factors in these decisions. Additionally, the Cities of Seattle and Bellevue, as well as King County, already have this ordinance in place.

Lynn Fleshman spoke about the upcoming "Family Fun Night" to be held on March 6. This program is sponsored by the Neighborhood Schoolhouse Program which is supported in large part by City money. The March 6 meeting is scheduled to be hosted by the Human Services Commission, and Lynn is looking for volunteers to provide food, set up and clean up, and serve the food that evening. The dinner, which is held at Redmond Elementary School, begins at 6 p.m. and is typically over by 8 p.m. Lynn circulated a sign-up sheet to those in attendance at this

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evening's meeting, and she will also contact those Commissioners who were absent from this meeting to solicit their assistance. Lynn will send out a reminder closer to the date of the event.

Colleen commented that Valerie Bays was approved as a new Human Services Commissioner at the Council meeting on February 7, and Valerie was welcomed to her first official meeting this evening.

Jason Dick commented on his participation in this year's One Night Count. This was his third year participating in this event, and he found it eye-opening to see where these people are located within the community. There were 22 individuals counted that evening, many in cars and some individuals in structures. The winter shelters were filled to capacity on the night of the One Night Count.

Colleen spoke about the Winter Shelter. She has not seen numbers for the past week, but stated that the shelters are consistently at or over capacity. It is a reality check to see the dramatic increase in individuals utilizing the shelters this year. Additional funding has been identified to keep the winter shelters open until March 15. This additional funding comes from United Way and a Kirkland church "The Lighthouse."

Colleen also indicated that it looks like the CDBG allocation will be higher than anticipated. It was budgeted at only \$10,000, but looks like it might be \$20,000.

Colleen attended the February 7 meeting of the Parks and Human Services Committee and briefed the group on human services issues. There was a very small amount of time for this briefing, and she hopes for more time at the next meeting, scheduled for March 6.

Colleen attended last week's Leadership Eastside Luncheon, that included a panel of which Mayor Marchione was a part. There were tables for groups of participants, and each table held a conversation and graded several issues that were discussed. Meeting human services needs was graded at a C minus.

Colleen distributed a new Human Services Commission roster that includes the addition of Valerie Bays to its membership. Miles Mitchell, representing the Redmond Youth Advisory Council, is not an official member of the Human Services Commission and therefore is not included on this roster.

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OLD BUSINESS

Review of the Letter of Interest to Service Providers: Brooke has provided copies of a draft of this letter, which is scheduled to be mailed during the month of February. The idea of creating this letter came about from the Commission's discussions concerning a Human Services Strategic Plan and the fact that, having gathered a great deal of information, no particular situation had been compelling enough for the Commission to pursue. The idea to approach service providers for input has the support of the Director of Planning, as does the concept of the Commission funding a strategic investment.

Each of the Commissioners present at this meeting contributed to the discussion of the draft letter, and many comments/suggestions were noted by staff and will be incorporated into another draft letter to be circulated prior to mailing to service providers. (See Attachment A for a copy of this first draft letter.)

<u>Round Robin Check-in</u>: Valerie Bays and John Enslein had comments regarding the formatting of the above mentioned letter.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Supplemental Language and Review of Application review Criteria: Brooke has circulated a Draft copy of these documents for review and discussion by the Commission. The information will be sent out to service providers during the first week of March, and will be edited by Brooke and Colleen to include input received from Commissioners at this evening's meeting. The edited version will be available for review prior to the next meeting of the Human Services Commission on February 28, with the goal of sending the document out on February 21, 2011, and requesting a submittal date no later than March 26, 2012. (Attachment B is a copy of the document that was reviewed by Commission at this evening's meeting.)

Round Robin Check-in: No further comments on the above Review of Supplemental materials.

Colleen asked those present who would be interested in speaking at the Redmond Citizen Academy session on March 12. Steve Daschle and Jason Dick expressed their desire to address human services issues at this Academy session, and a pre-meeting with Colleen will be scheduled to plan for that presentation.

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There has been discussion about holding a joint meeting with the Bellevue and Kirkland Human Services Commissions, but there are numerous scheduling issues to be resolved in order to accomplish this meeting.

Brooke will set an application review schedule once this year's applications have been received.

Next Regular Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Tuesday, February 28, in the Bytes Café.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.