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

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

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

# **Council:**

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

#### Staff:

Mark Hickok, Acting Recreation Division Manager Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning/Cultural Arts Manager Dave Tuchek, Parks Maintenance/Operations Manager Joshua Heim, Recreation Program Administrator Rulon Brown, Recreation Program Coordinator Eric O'Neal, Parks Operations Program Administrator Lisa Rhodes, Recreation Program Administrator B. Sanders, Senior Planner, Parks Sarah Sandquist, Recreation Program Coordinator Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, Planning Elizabeth Adkisson, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m. Adjourned: 5:40 p.m.

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

## **Summer Art Season**

Mr. Joshua Heim, Recreation Program Administrator, and Mr. Rulon Brown, Recreation Program Coordinator, presented information on the 2012 Summer Arts Season:

- Redmond Town Center Arts Festival and Arts Awards, June 22<sup>nd</sup>;
- Arts in the Parks: Thursdays afternoons, City Hall, July 19<sup>th</sup> –August 23<sup>rd</sup>; and
- Redmond Acts Out: three-day outdoor theatre festival at Anderson Park; August 10th, 11th, and 12<sup>th</sup>; and
- Lucia Neare's Professor Pomme's Summer of Wonder; to be featured multiple dates at Redmond's Downtown Park, and Anderson Park.

In addition, Mr. Heim and Mr. Brown provided information on two additional upcoming Redmond Arts events:

- Centennial Poetry Anthology: Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 8-10pm, Soul Food Books; and
- That's How We Roll A Panel Discussion on Art, Urban Design, and Alternative Transportation: Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 12-1pm, Council Chambers, Redmond City Hall.

# **ARCH Housing Trust Fund**

Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, presented information on the ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) Trust Fund:

Strategic Use of Housing Trust Fund (HTF):

- Overall concept: intentional use of HTF to advance implementation of comprehensive plans; and to develop a long-term plan (six to eight years) for ARCH priorities and use of HTF (near, mid, and outer years of eight-year plan);
- ARCH staff have met with staff from cities to identify candidate locations;
- Redmond locations: both proposed as candidates to begin in near-term portion of eight-year plan:
  - A. City-owned sites in Downtown Redmond "pre-feasibility" stage, staff reviewing opportunities/challenges associated with two identified candidate sites:
    - o site 1: eastside of NE 160<sup>th</sup> Street, across from courthouse parking lot, approximately 35,500 square feet;
    - o site 2: end of NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street, approximately 12,000 square feet, may be unusable due to stormwater vault located on site; and
    - o locations require thorough site analysis to determine feasibility (e.g. determination of possible unit count, parking needs, etc.);
  - B. Overlake Group Health potential to acquire site explicitly for affordable housing;
- anticipated timing:
  - ARCH Executive Board, June 14, 2012: briefing on concept for strategic use of HTF, introduction to candidate locations in the cities; and
  - Developers/funders: ARCH expects to begin preliminary conversations in June 2012.

General discussion ensued regarding the possible sites and any restrictions on City-owned sites.

## Artificial Turf Replacement at Hartman Park

Mr. Eric O'Neal, Parks Operations Program Administrator, and Mr. Dave Tuchek, Parks Maintenance/Operations Manager, presented information on the Artificial Turf Replacement at Hartman Park:

- replacement of synthetic turf on infield scheduled;
- 12 seasons/5000 games played on current surface;
- estimated cost for replacement: \$225,000;
- contract will be brought forward for Council consideration in the near future; currently in design phase of the project; review of conceptual plans;
- time frame:
  - o contract preparations June;
  - o out for bid July;
  - o contract finalization August;
  - o to Council for approval August 21<sup>st</sup>, regular meeting; and
  - o construction planned to begin thereafter.

General discussion ensued regarding conceptual plans, field usage fees and cost recovery, recreation syncing fund, and Redmond community usage.

# **Redmond Central Connector Update**

Ms. Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning/Cultural Arts Manager, provided an update on the Redmond Central Connector:

- Phase I, 100 percent plans were completed June 1;
- out for bid July; and
- moving forward with Phase II; take rails out within City limits to allow for trail use (review of Site Location Map, Rail Removal Project Limits); will be applying for grants to pave trail (Parks and transportation grants).

General discussion ensued regarding trail signage and policy.

Ms. Hope added that a budget adjustment for one-time money for the Redmond Central Connector would be forthcoming to Council in the near future.

# **Downtown Park Update**

Ms. B. Sanders, Senior Parks Planner, provided an update on the Downtown Park: Summer 2012 – Activation of Interim Downtown Park Site:

- Parks and Recreation Staff working together to develop a series of fun and casual events; entertainment and games for neighboring residents and community at-large; and
- proposal of work consists of three components:
  - 1. <u>prepare the site minimal work proposed for this year; designed to maximize visibility of the site:</u> banners on light poles, park name signs on two corners, information signs about the future park, evergreen hedge or row of shrubs along Redmond Way with colorful flowering bulbs and flowers along the sidewalk, park benches placed against evergreen backdrop, red bistro tables and chairs, stormwater division demonstration project pervious concrete used for cluster of seating, temporary stage built on site, and portable toilets to be provided;
  - 2. <u>provide events and activities for 2012</u>: six Sunday in the Park events (starting with "Sunday in the Park with... LeRoy Bell" at Derby Days), focus on low cost or local performers, old-fashioned lawn games like croquet and bocce ball, and three Arts in the Parks events (including *Lucia Neare* performance art); and
  - 3. plan for the interim site development involve neighbors and community in the planning process this summer and fall for development of site in 2013: a consultant specializing in innovative methods for public involvement is proposed for utilization, and may continue through the master plan for the final project; staff will provide design work for this phase and site development.

General discussion ensued regarding signage, portable toilets, and proposed local performers.

## **Fitness Update**

Ms. Sarah Sandquist, Recreation Program Coordinator, provided an update on Fitness programs:

• background: fitness programs limited to 20 classes of jazzercise per week;

- current: have added an array of classes including aerobics, step, strength training, and spin; Room 103 being transformed into a dedicated group fitness studio (with mirrors, new equipment, fan, and sound system);
- enrollment in classes has increased;
- staff looking into creation of a "Fit Pass" monthly or four-month pass for classes;
- program partnerships (ice arena classes/summer camp; Redmond Athletic Club);
- outdoor fitness: development of races/race series, looking to purchase timing system; and
- expansion of online registration software for classes and events.

General discussion ensued regarding cost recovery and inclusion/adaptive programs.

# **Derby Days Update**

Ms. Lisa Rhodes, Recreation Program Administrator, provided an update on Derby Days, including:

## New Event Elements:

- Sunday in the Park with LeRoy Bell, 4-8pm, Downtown Park;
- expansion of northern beer and wine garden;
- penny candy store booth;
- old fashioned fun: pie-eating, cherry spitting, and sack races; and
- time capsule making for kids;

## Criterium:

- new presenting sponsor Swedish Medical Center, \$10,000; and
- new criterium coordinator Joe Holmes, President of WSBA;

## Carnival:

- new on-campus location; park-n-ride;
- carousel, couple of rides, games; and
- bounce houses, climbing wall, and pony rides Senior Center parking lot;

#### Parade:

- centennial themed parade; member of each founding family as Grand Marshals;
- hot air balloon(s);
- past three Mayors in parade;
- four past "Derby Queens" participating; and
- C-17 flyover for start of parade (request pending);

## Volunteers:

- new online volunteer registration software, "Shiftboard"; and
- online sign-up, scheduling for over 200+ volunteers and staff;

## Entertainment:

- new online entertainment scheduler, "Sched.org";
- can view online/mobile phone by day and create your own schedule for the event;
- can print out or post on Facebook; add to your Google, iPhone, or Outlook calendar;
- Hit Explosion performing Friday night; Super Diamond performing Saturday night; and
- interactive crowd element for fireworks (TBD).

General discussion ensued regarding new elements/sponsors, locations, teen event, vintage cars and plane for flyover.	shuttling	and	off-site	parking