

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PARKS AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

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

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Council:

Byron Shutz, Chair
David Carson, Member
Hank Myers, Member
Hank Margeson (*Attending Council Member*)
John Stilin (*Attending Council Member*)
Kim Allen (*Attending Council Member*)
Angela Birney (*Attending Council Member*)

Staff:

Mike Paul, Assistant Director of Public Works
Alaric Bien, Senior Planner
B. Sanders, Senior Planner
Katie Anderson, Acting Parks and Recreation
Director
Mark Hickok, Recreation Division Manager
Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts
Manager
Cheryl Xanthos, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:26 p.m.

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

Draft 2016 Work Plan

Mr. Alaric Bien, Senior Planner, provided the draft work plan for Human Services including: regional partnerships; permanent winter shelter; and stated that items will be added throughout the year.

General discussion ensued regarding arts programs throughout the year; food drive; updates on Senior Housing projects; and recommendations from the Human Services Commission.

Winter Shelter Expansion Update

Mr. Alaric Bien, Senior Planner, provided an update on the winter shelters:

- in November, the family shelter was over capacity and families had to be turned away;
- when the City was notified, hotel vouchers were provided for those families;
- King County was asked to provide matching funds; and
- First Congregational Church shelter will be opening on January 15, 2016, to provide extra capacity for the additional families.

General discussion ensued regarding capacity; sufficient funding; other solutions; Cities providing funding; and City of Redmond funding sources.

Hartman Pool

Mr. Mark Hickok, Recreation Division Manager, stated that Hartman Pool is in rapid decline and additional resources are needed to maintain the facility. It is the only public pool in the area and provides swimming instruction. The pool's other uses include High School swim teams and public swim.

General discussion ensued regarding comparing with ice rinks; pool rental fees; cost of operating the facility; demand for public swim; pool programming; and limited rental availability.

Economic Impacts of Arts and Culture on the Eastside

Ms. Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts Manager, stated that:

- the report is created every few years and helps to develop an understanding of how arts and culture affects the economy on the Eastside;
- Eastside arts organizations and patrons were surveyed;
- attendance is growing;
- season ticket sales are increasing;
- people are willing to travel and go to different facilities;
- revenues and expenditures are growing;
- arts organizations are relying heavily on volunteers to run the programs; and
- impact on the economy is increasing at 11 percent per year.

General discussion ensued throughout regarding the region; data points; trends; and report release date.

Downtown Park Update

Ms. Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts Manager, provided a Downtown Park update:

- The schedule is to build the park by 2018.
- This year peat will be removed from the park.
- The project will go out to bid at the end of 2016, with construction starting in 2017 and completion in 2018.
- The total cost is \$38.2 million.
- Changes due to budgetary and design issues include: reducing the size of the Great Lawn, Pavilion and water feature; the sound feature and tree lighting was removed; and a reduction in the gardens and trees.
- Staff is exploring alternatives to keep to the budget.
- Maintenance costs vary depending on if the water feature is kept in the park.
- Options for paying for the cost overruns was provided.

General discussion ensued throughout regarding percentage of trees that were reduced; reasons for the feature changes; ease of adding features back in; Pavilion uses; grants; electrical access throughout the park; quantifying the features that were removed; alternative funding sources; options for peat removal; decision timeline; and phasing park elements.

4Culture Sustained Support Grant

Ms. Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts Manager, stated that a contract for sustained support from 4Culture will be brought to the full Council for approval. The funding is in the amount of \$34,000 for the biennium.

Organ Donation

Ms. Katie Anderson, Acting Parks and Recreation Director, stated that the Council will be asked to approve a musical organ donated to the Senior Center. The value is approximately \$25,000.

General discussion ensued regarding costs involved with setting up the instrument.