

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

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

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

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**Council:**

Angela Birney, Chair  
Kim Allen, Member (*not in attendance*)  
Hank Myers, Member  
David Carson (*Attending Council Member*)  
John Stilin (*Attending Council Member*)  
Byron Shutz (*Attending Council Member*)

**Staff:**

Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner  
Alaric Bien, Senior Planner  
Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner  
Rachel Van Winkle, Recreation Program  
Administrator  
Jessica Rubenacker, Cultural Arts Administrator  
Cheryl Xanthos, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:28 p.m.

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Committee Chair Angela Birney called the meeting to order, reviewed attendance, and overviewed the agenda.

**2016 ARCH Work Program and Budget**

Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, stated that each year the ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) work items and budget require approval by member City Councils. Work program highlights include: finding a dedicated funding source; surplus property to be used for affordable housing; winter shelter site; Providence Senior Housing project; monitoring Redmond's affordable housing units; and the affordable housing strategy in the Marymoor subarea. The budget for the administration of ARCH this year is \$652,929, and the City of Redmond's contribution is \$72,587.

General discussion ensued regarding ARCH underfunding.

**ARCH 2015 Fall Housing Trust Fund Allocation**

Ms. Stiteler stated that ARCH is requesting \$104,283 from Community Development Block Grant funds to go towards two affordable housing projects. This item will go to the full Council for approval on March 1, 2016.

**Arts Season Grants**

Ms. Jessica Rubenacker, Cultural Arts Administrator, provided an update on the 2016 Arts Season Grants:

- \$15,000 is available to be awarded;
- more of the funding dollars are to go toward marketing;

- there were 11 applications total;
- five received grant money; and
- three were awarded funding towards social media promotion.

General discussion ensued regarding a for-profit company; proof of spending the money on advertising; and social media promotion.

### **Events Sponsorship Strategy**

Ms. Rachel Van Winkle, Recreation Program Administrator, stated that the events sponsorship strategy increases the community profile and provides social and economic benefits. The role of the City is to produce the City's signature events, provide venues to host events, be a sponsor, and promote all events. The City will customize sponsorships with businesses to fit their needs and budget.

General discussion ensued throughout regarding a calendar of events and opportunities for business sponsorships.

### **Winter Shelter Expansion**

Mr. Alaric Bien and Ms. Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planners, provided a winter shelter update:

- during Thanksgiving week, all of the family shelters in the Puget Sound area were full.
- Shelters were turning away families.
- Hotel vouchers were provided to families during the holiday.
- Four Eastside Cities each provided \$15,000 to open a new shelter to separate single women and families and increase capacity.
- The single women's shelter is located at Bellevue First Congregational.
- The men's shelter has averaged 84 occupants per night.
- The women and family shelters had been averaging 45 occupants and are now at approximately 60 per night.

General discussion ensued throughout regarding the possibility of getting matching funding from King County, which would extend how long the shelter would be open; encouraging King County to provide funding; keeping families together in the shelter; and an increase in homeless individuals over the last year.

### **Child Care Resources Funding**

Ms. Buckingham stated that the City has been providing funding to Child Care Recourses for the last few years. The agency received a large cut in funds of federal dollars through King County. An extra \$15,000 from the City's reserve fund is being provided.

General discussion ensued regarding securing funding in the future and identifying families that need the support.

### **One Night Count**

Ms. Buckingham inquired regarding the Council members comments and observations from the One Night Count.

General discussion ensued regarding adding Issaquah into the count; number of homeless in Redmond; locations; tents moved off the trail; and effects from the no camping ordinance.

### **Committee Work Plan**

Members of the Committee and staff discussed modifications to the work plan; discussed items that they would like added; and meeting at various locations in the City.