

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

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

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Council:

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

Staff:

B. Sanders, Senior Planner
Colleen Kelly, Assistant Director of Community
Planning
Maxine Whattam, Parks and Recreation Director
Teresa Kluver, Parks Operations Supervisor
Tom Hardy, Senior Planner
Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks and Recreation
Director
Dave Tuchek, Parks Maintenance and Operations
Manager
Cheryl Xanthos, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:33 p.m.

Acting Chair Kim Allen called the meeting to order, reviewed attendance, and overviewed the agenda.

Community and Aquatics Center Stakeholder Committee Recruitment

Ms. Maxine Whattam, Parks and Recreation Director, provided a status on the project:

- staff reviewed the Master Plan and directives to determine how to proceed;
- a work plan and stakeholder list are being developed;
- community feedback is being sought;
- engagement plan; and
- bringing in a third-party facilitator.

Special Event Permit Ordinance

Ms. Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, stated that the City Attorney requested that a section regarding expressive activity be added to the new code for the special event permit. A fee reduction would be allowed if prohibitive.

General discussion ensued regarding expressive events and the item will be placed on the April 19, 2016, regular business meeting under New Business.

Green Redmond Update

Ms. Teresa Kluver, Parks Operations Supervisor, provided highlights from the Green Redmond Program for 2015:

- two times the number of trees planted in 2014 were planted in 2015;
- acreage is ahead of overall goal for the 20 year plan;
- 1,500 more volunteer hours than 2014;
- training for Forest Stewards; and
- leveraging funding through grants and corporations.

General discussion ensued regarding accolades for the number of volunteers; youth hours; providing a staff report; and a Forterra contract.

Mackey Creek Restoration--Farrel-McWhirter Park

Ms. B. Sanders, Senior Planner, and Mr. Tom Hardy, Senior Planner, provided an update on Mackey Creek:

- runs through the middle of Farrel-McWhirter Park and has caused flooding and erosion;
- part of the channel has disappeared, creating a fish barrier;
- the proposed project will make improvements to the stream and barrier areas;
- is a priority watershed;
- wood will be used in the stream to trap sediment and support the stream bank;
- the project is currently at 30 percent design;
- a community meeting will be held in April or May;
- permits will be submitted in June, with construction to begin in 2017 or 2018; and
- will be packaged with a Bear Creek project.

General discussion ensued throughout regarding a natural process; a high bug index score; connections to Bear Creek; and interference with horse trails.

Smith Woods Pond Update

Ms. Sanders and Mr. Dave Tucheck, Parks Maintenance and Operations Manager, provided an update on Smith Woods Pond:

- the pond was created by the original owners of the property to reduce flooding;
- through an assessment of the pond, it was discovered that the water wasn't high enough to go in the standpipe due to sinkholes and the berm;
- emergency repairs were completed by creating a temporary spillway;
- an interim fix will be installed this summer; and
- an analysis of the pond will determine whether if it is kept, or returned to a stream.

General discussion ensued regarding wetland status; ecological benefits of keeping it as a pond or restoring to a stream; and salmon.

Marymoor Park Summer Concert Noise Mitigation Update

Ms. Anderson stated that in August 2015 there was significant noise experienced in Redmond due to the Sublime concert in Marymoor Park. King County briefed the Redmond City Council in October 2015 on alternatives to mitigate the issues. King County has requested that AEG hire a sound expert, have clarified 911 protocols with the King County Sheriff, and a meeting will be held with staff to discuss the proposed mitigations. Sublime will not be returning this year as a result of last year's event. AEG will distribute a sound policy to all of the acts.

General discussion ensued regarding having King County return to provide the Council with an update; having an onsite sound technician; attend a Friends of Marymoor Park meeting; review by a local sound scientist; and traffic mitigation.

Commute for a Cause Partnership *(this item was reordered during the meeting)*

Ms. Colleen Kelly, Assistant Director of Community Planning, stated that one of the homelessness task force recommendations was to provide more bus passes for agencies helping the homeless. The Commute for a Cause program will focus this year on providing those bus passes through the Go Redmond program.

Homeless Outreach Pilot Project

Ms. Kelly provided an update on the Homeless Outreach Pilot Project:

- Chief Gibson stated he was interested in putting in a budget offer for outreach funding;
- the current contract provides for part-time homeless outreach;
- dedicated access to an outreach team provides effective intervention;
- the Police Department currently has savings in the budget and is able to put it towards an outreach pilot project; and
- the goal is to have a staff person provide proactive outreach during the times there is the most need.

General discussion ensued regarding awareness of shelter bed availability; relationship building and follow-up; and transportation to shelters.

Homelessness Task Force Update—Community Awareness Campaign

Ms. Kelly stated that one of the significant recommendations from the Homelessness Task Force is to create community awareness around the issue of homelessness. The Implementation Committee is coordinating with All Home King County to leverage their branding and marketing materials, and utilizes their resources. A community event will occur in May to launch the campaign. The key message is that homelessness is a complex issue and everyone can be a part of the solution.

General discussion ensued regarding the necessity of a regional effort and handling differences in approaches.

Summer Meeting Schedule

General discussion ensued regarding the meeting schedule for July and August. The July 5, 2016, meeting remains and the August 2, 2016, meeting is moved to Monday, August 1, 2016.