

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

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

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Council:

Angela Birney, Chair
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:

Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner
Colleen Kelly, Assistant Director of Community
Planning
Maxine Whattam, Parks and Recreation Director
Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner
David Shaw, Senior Planner
Jessica Rubenacker, Cultural Arts Administrator
Steve Hitch, Senior Engineer
Cheryl Xanthos, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:44 p.m.

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

Recap of Winter Shelter Season

Ms. Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner, provided a recap of the winter shelters:

- 571 men, 86 women and 207 families used the shelters;
- 27 nights had at least 90 men at the shelter
- Congregations for the Homeless opened an interim shelter; and
- Eastside cities provided funding.

General discussion ensued regarding the area the shelters serve and the North Bend shelter.

Community Awareness Campaign – Task Force on Homelessness

Ms. Colleen Kelly, Assistant Director of Community Planning, provided an update on the community awareness campaign regarding homelessness:

- the campaign will launch soon and is called “All Home”;
- the City wants to leverage what King County has already done, and to encourage other Eastside cities to do the same;
- everyone has a role to play in solving the homelessness issue in the City;
- there will be a comprehensive look at homelessness and ways to be involved;
- the website will launch on July 8, 2016;
- a booth at Derby Days will promote the campaign; and
- the Communications Department is working to help get the message out.

General discussion ensued regarding encouraging other cities in using the same look and feel as Redmond; adding a fundraising aspect to Redmond Lights; driving people to the website; getting other cities on board; feedback mechanisms for residents to share their problem definitions and solutions; capacity to manage the input; and sharing with other campaigns in the community.

Dixie Price Property Briefing - End Contract for Transitional Housing

Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, stated that Dixie Price property is two four-plexes that were built by HUD in 1962, and were originally used as low-income housing. Hopelink acquired the property, and in 1992, the City of Redmond loaned Hopelink money for renovations. The properties were used for transitional housing until 2009. The maintenance of the property has become too expensive. Hopelink is requesting to pay off the loan with the City and end the contract. This item will be on the June 21, 2016, Consent Agenda.

General discussion ensued regarding property ownership; where the funds will go; and providing low-income housing.

Community Center Update and Follow-Up from the Sammamish Community Center Visit

Ms. Maxine Whattam, Parks and Recreation Director, provided a follow-up on the Community Center:

- in development since 2009;
- original concept was one large facility;
- other options are being reviewed;
- community conversation and external stakeholders;
- determining cost and location;
- partnership and funding options;
- messaging out to the community;
- Request for Qualifications for a facilitator to engage the community; and
- provision of a recommendation to the Council.

General discussion ensued regarding partnerships; a Master Plan; tailoring to the community's needs; potential investors; incorporating community meeting spaces; and working with King County Parks.

Redmond Central Connector Phase II Detour and Interpretation

Mr. David Shaw, Senior Planner, provided an update on the Redmond Central Connector:

- Phase II is under construction;
- construction on the trestle will not be completed until the end of the project;
- most of the wood from the trestle will be kept;
- detours will be provided during intermittent closures of the Sammamish River Trail;
- bridge work will cause some lane closures; and
- interpretive graphics will be integrated in the project.

General discussion ensued regarding chickens being transported by rail and the use of porous asphalt.

Public Art Focus Article Preview - Collection and Erratic

Ms. Jessica Rubenacker, Cultural Arts Administrator, stated that Focus magazine will feature an article about Redmond's public art. The Erratic, Signals, and Sky Painting will be featured. The City has over 100 pieces of public art. The Erratic is experiencing vandalism. A QR code, through an app, provides more information on the art. The app has averaged 4,000 views annually.

General discussion ensued regarding highlighting the vandalism problem in the article.

159th Street Vault and Park Project Overview

Mr. Shaw and Mr. Steve Hitch, Senior Engineer, provided an overview of the 159th Street Vault and Park Project:

- this is part of the Tosh Creek Watershed Project and is at 30 percent design;
- the vault can be placed mostly underground on city-owned property instead of in the street to save money;
- park amenities can be added to the flat part of the property; and
- it will be a public park that is city-maintained.

General discussion ensued regarding the project budget.