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6/21/2016 Public Hearing: Housing Consortium	Thank you for supporting affordable housing. Consider increasing the dollars allocated to affordable housing and homelessness solutions.	Complete
10/17/2016 Email: Linda Nguyen	<p>With the rise in population expected to hit the Overlake Development and new construction in Downtown Redmond we are seeing an increase in the number of vehicles and traffic in surrounding neighborhoods. With the influx of residents and businesses, traffic has become a great impediment to residents and workers, creating hostile and aggressive driving behaviors, and dangerous situations for pedestrians and bikers.</p> <p>If Redmond is to be the "Bike Friendly" city there should be a higher emphasizes on redeveloping currently underutilized spots such as West Lake Sammamish. This area is in dire need of general transportation improvements, we have middle school children walking on roads and crossing streets with high flow traffic on perilous roads resulting in poor pedestrian safety. Speed signage that do not deter speeding motorist as they pass by.</p> <p>Overall Redmond has to do more to create better connections for pedestrians and bicyclists. With the Vision Zero initiative being undertaken by neighboring cities in the region, Redmond should look into reallocating more of the next fiscal budget towards pedestrian safety and neighborhood calming.</p>	Complete H. Myers email 10/18/2016

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<p>10/18/2016</p> <p>Public Hearing:</p> <p>Housing Development Consortium of Seattle/King County (HDC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) guidelines for contributions for funding are out of date. • Request that parity goal be tripled to \$1.4 million or, at the least, maintain level of funding at 2017 rates. • Thank you for your significant contribution to eastside housing. 	
<p>Public Hearing:</p> <p>India Association of Western Washington (IAWW)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider application for funding. • Serves the largest growing Indian population in Washington. 	
<p>Public Hearing:</p> <p>Bart Phillips OneRedmond</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in the area of economic development with focus on economic diversification and small businesses. • Developed 5 year work program. • Focus on community vitality. • Thank you for support and hope for support for the new 5 year plan 	
<p>Public Hearing:</p> <p>Eastside Cultural Navigator Program (a part of Eastside Refugee Immigrant Coalition (ERIC))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help people to figure out where to go when services are needed; breaking down cultural and language barriers. • Need funding for managerial programs and finding other sources of funding. Now only 15 hours a week are dedicated to administrative type activities. • Requested an increase up to approximately \$43,000 for 2017. 	

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<p>Public Hearing: Bob Yoder</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequately fund for development of East Redmond Corridor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop the Olsen Farmstead and restore landmark barn ○ Raise crossing over Mackey Creek ○ Salmon prow cantilever over the oxbow in Juel Park ○ Signage to identify Farrell McWhirter connector trail to Juel Park ○ Partner with King County to build wetland spur to Olsen Farmstead ○ Begin to design connector trail between Farrell McWhirter and Olsen Farmstead ○ Bear Creek habitat removal of blackberry bushes in anticipation of the Farmstead development. ○ Thank you for restoration of Mackey Creek and Juel Park 	
<p>Public Hearing: Congregations for the Homeless</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for your support • Asked for an increase; working to have a permanent low barrier winter shelter • Continue to support partnerships • Would like to see an increase for ARCH for housing 	
<p>Public Hearing: Clare Moe Supports Affordable Housing and Congregations for the Homeless</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need increased support for homelessness and housing programs. • ARCH contributions have not changed since 1998 and ask that parity goals be increased by three times. 	
<p>Public Hearing: Shawn Roland</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support affordable housing and homelessness programs 	

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<p>BPquestions@redmond.gov: Bob Yoder</p>	<p>In the future, would it be possible to mail a post card with pie charts and bar graphs (revenue and expenditures) and Hearing dates, like King County does for their budget? What we have now for our "glance" seems complicated and hard to find. I think this lowers Hearing turn-out and commenting.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>	<p>Complete: M. Files responded by email on 10/27/2016</p>
<p>BPquestions@redmond.gov: Bob Yoder</p>	<p>Will the Council accept and consider written budget funding requests when submitted at the time (or before) of a budget Hearing.</p> <p>When is the next Budget Hearing?</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	<p>M. Files responded by email on 10/27/2016</p>
<p>Council Meeting 11/1/2016 Items from the Audience: Bob Yoder</p>	<p>Consider replacing Hartman Pool with a Neighborhood Community Center. Benefits of the Center would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing the drug element that exists behind the Hartman Pool • Would be a gathering place that is unique • Would decrease car trips into downtown • Ample parking would be available • Could serve as café for limited breakfast, an indoor play area, provide life skill classes and/or an organic market • Trail connections could provide nature signage • Would energize Hartman Park and provide greater diversity 	<p>Additional comments are contained in the attached document.</p>

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<p>Email: 11/08/2016 Robert Riley</p>	<p>Please take the opportunity before you now, as you consider the 2017-18 budget, to demonstrate your commitment to addressing our region's housing crisis by increasing Redmond's general fund contribution to the ARCH Eastside Housing Trust Fund.</p> <p>I believe that it should be possible for working people to afford housing and still have enough money for the basics like groceries, gas, and child care. However, as rents and home prices rise, more and more people are being priced out of their eastside communities, including food service workers in our local restaurants, administrative and janitorial staff in our schools and hospitals, and young people who return from college in hopes of making a life in their hometowns, only to find that they can't afford to do so unless they move back into their parents' homes. With the increase in the cost of housing, we also see increases in homelessness. The 2016 One Night Count reported 245 people sleeping outside on the east side, while over 30,000 East King County residents pay more than 50% of their incomes on housing, putting them just one crisis away from losing their homes. In addition, the Lake Washington School District reported 296 homeless students in the 2014-15 school year, and the five school districts that serve most east side students reported a collective total of 828 homeless students.</p> <p>In light of the level of need in our community and the housing crisis our region is experiencing, I urge you to increase Redmond's general fund contribution to the ARCH East side Housing Trust Fund, and I support the recommendations made by the Housing Development Consortium and other east side organizations around this increase.</p>	

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<p>Email: 11/11/2016 Clare Moe</p>	<p>Dear City Leaders,</p> <p>Please take the opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to addressing our region's housing crisis by significantly increasing Redmond's general fund contribution to the ARCH Eastside Housing Trust Fund.</p> <p>Rents and home prices have doubled and more in the past 20 years and more people are being priced out of their Eastside communities. This includes food service workers, administrative and janitorial staff in our schools and hospitals, young people who return from college in hopes of making a life in their hometowns, and seniors hoping to retire in their communities that they have invested in over many years. A housing crisis has been declared.</p> <p>What would our communities look like without a variety of people living here? How will employers recruit if they are asking people to drive over an hour to work? A healthy community includes access to affordable housing. Everyone should have the opportunity to live in a safe, healthy, affordable home. Children deserve a chance to succeed in school and in life, which all begins with their family being able to afford a decent place to live</p> <p>In light of the housing crisis our region is experiencing, I urge you to increase Redmond's general fund contribution to the ARCH Eastside Housing Trust Fund, and I support the recommendations made by the Housing Development Consortium and other east side organizations around this increase.</p> <p>Please make Redmond a great place to WORK AND LIVE!</p>	<p>A. Birney responded by email on 11/13/16</p>

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11/15/2016 Public Hearing: Hopelink	Thankful for Council’s continued support and ask that you approve staff recommendations for human service funding.	
Public Hearing: Hero House	Ask that Council support the requested human service funding of \$15,000.	
Public Hearing: Kindering Center	Grateful for the City’s partnership in serving children with disabilities and educating and coaching childcare providers.	
Public Hearing: NW Cricket League	Organization struggles with the lack of facilities and requests the City look into additional places to accommodate cricket teams.	
Public Hearing: Catholic Community Services	Thankful for Council’s continued support in serving the older adult population by providing services that allows people to stay in their own homes as long as possible.	
Public Hearing: Sophia Way	Thankful that Council continues to be a part of the homelessness solution and asks for continued support to open a shelter on weekends to serve women and children.	
Public Hearing: Housing Justice Project	Asks Council to consider funding for the organization to support low income defense services.	

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Public Hearing: Redmond Arts and Culture Commission	Thankful of Council's continued support of arts and culture in Redmond and looks forward to new events and art installations. Asks that Council continue to look at a dedicated arts and culture center.	
Public Hearing: YWCA	Thankful for Council's partnership in supporting human services and asks for continued funding for housing solutions.	
Public Hearing: Jerry Lawrence	Expressed concerns regarding the Friends of Youth model as their does not seem to be appropriate oversight of the program. Is concerned about homeless youth outside of the library and does not use the Redmond library anymore.	