

City of Redmond
Parks and Trails Commission
&
Senior Advisory Committee
Potluck & Joint Meeting

Redmond Sr. Center
Thursday, June 16, 2016

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Parks & Trails Chair and Vice Chair Present

Chair Aaron Knopf
Vice Chair Joel Cherkis

Commissioners Present

Tom Sanko
Heather Sheffer
Shailee Jain
Gregg Gottgetreu
Tanika Kumar Padhye
Gary Smith

Senior Advisory Committee Members

Patti Trepanier
Barbara Lester
Ron Scopinich
Glen Gearhart
Louann Ballew
Eileen Englehart
Joan Schnebele

Staff Present

Maxine Whattam, Parks & Recreation Director
Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks & Recreation Director
Carolyn Hope, Parks & Cultural Services Division Manager
Dave Tucheck, Park Operations Division Manager
Marty Boggs, Sr. Center Administrator
David Shaw, Sr. Park Planner
Morgan Brennan, Sr. Center Intern
Sharon Sato, Parks Planning & Cultural Arts Office Coordinator

Guests

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I. Call to order/Welcome

Chair Knopf called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. welcoming fellow commissioners, Committee members, guests and staff members.

Approval of the June 2016 Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Sanko to accept the June agenda

Second by Commissioner Padhye

Motion carried: 8-0

Approval of Minutes – May 2016

Motion by Commissioner Sanko to approve the May minutes

Second by Commissioner Padhye

Motion carried: 8-0

II. Parks & Trails Commissioners and Sr. Advisory

Introductions:

Parks & Trails Commission and Sr. Advisory Committee members.

Sr. Advisory Discussion Topics:

- Opportunities to collaborate between commission and committee – important issues about how the Advisory committee can participate within the parks (suggestions, comments, ideas)
- Senior projects – special events, new comer orientations, volunteer program, history, fundraisers, health and wellness, senior lunches (special lunches), transportation for seniors (van services to city services), summer concerts, committee members duties
- Sr. Advisory Committee Yearly Retreat
- Sr. Center Park Tour – July 21st

Parks & Trails Discussion Topics:

- Vice Chair Cherkis – Introduction - overview of the membership and duties of the Commission
- Overview of parks and parks services, PARCC Plan – multi-year park plan, Canopy cover – natural growth tree canopy, partnerships with other commissions, prioritize projects, roles of commissioners, service areas, community center project
- Community Center - What would seniors like to see in a new community center? Seniors and teens want dedicated building for their own activities

(large participation, volunteerism (13,000 hr. year) , accessible handicapped parking, lap pool great for young people, need a gathering and safe place for seniors

- Community Center/Aquatics Center – pool in questionable condition, LWSD terminating lease of the ORSCC, accessibility – bus, walk, carpool, amenities - lap pool, recreational pool
- Improvement at Current Sr. Center – intergenerational programming after 5 p.m., keep the current name “Sr. Center”, renovate greenhouse, more classrooms – high use during the day,
- Trips – 2 to 3 days a week - hiking, museum, shopping, walking group – once weekly RCC Ph. I, history walk
- Ideas and Thoughts– Sr. Advisory work with City to hold walks engaging different components of the city (parks, arts, trails...), safety concern on the trail during walks

Invitation

Parks & Trails Commission meetings – first Thursday of each month – 6:30 p.m.

Sr. Advisory Committee meetings - third Thursday of each month – 10:00 a.m.

III. Items from the Audience

Katie Jacques Email

Ms. Hope handed out Ms. Jacques email regarding the No Pet Policy at the Watershed Preserve in addition she handed out the master plan and ordinance pertaining to that policy. Ms. Jacques asked staff and the Commission to revisit the issue of dogs at the Watershed.

Mr. Shaw reported that the restriction of dog in the Watershed is to protect the wildlife and flora and fauna.

Chair Knopf will address the issue and draft a letter to Ms. Jacques.

IV. Community and Aquatics Center (CAC) Update – Whattam, Anderson, and Hope

Director Whattam presented the Commission with an overview of discussion topics and highlighted the importance of the CAC project (Aging Hartman Pool, Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center Building back to LWSD) to the community:

- Introduction/City-wide Perspective
- Current Status
- Stakeholders – internal/external
- Collaboration and Funding
- Engagement Process
- Third Party Facilitation

Timeline

Date	Task
2009	Recreation Buildings Study
2010	Hartman Pool Report
2011	Recreation Buildings Design Study
2013	Pool Condition Report (2 nd)
2014	Recreation Buildings Master Plan – site, costs, building footprint
2014	Recreation Buildings Master Plan Supplemental Report
2014	P&T Commission – Recommendation #1
2014	P&T Commission – Recommendation #2
2016	LWSD Bond Passes
2016	Pool - Boiler Controls, Water Pump, Dampers Repairs
2016	Stakeholder Outreach Begins

Concept

- One building – different amenities, shared use (running track, gym, pool, exercise facilities, classroom spaces, etc..)

Cost

- \$45M to \$65M – including land purchase, land availability, advantages and opportunities (comparative to other cities Lynnwood, Sammamish, etc.)

Locations

- DT
- Marymoor Park – King County property
- West Park Campus – 159th street
- LWSD – joint use
- Shared Use – LWSD, YMCA, Hospital (Ex. Tacoma Metro – multiple partners)
- Improvements – Sr. Center and Teen Center

Deputy Director Anderson stated that the condition/maintenance of the pool and the passage of the LWSD bond produce a sense of urgency. She noted that an article in the City’s Focus Magazine solicited a response from a number of community members to participate in a series of community conversations about how the City will be able to continue to provide high quality indoor recreation programming for residents.

Stakeholders

- Build list of stakeholders
- Conduct focus groups

- Address concerns, hopes and dreams
- Current community climate

Operations and Partnerships

- Sustainable – able to pay off debt
- Partnership Options – economics of costs

Funding Opportunities

- Metropolitan Parks District (MPD) – through property taxes, county, unincorporated King County (MRSC.com)
- Special Facilities Districts
- Collaboration – city owned/run by partnerships
- Grants
- Property Sale – Teen Center

Messaging

- Establish an Identity
- Messaging Strategies
- Slogan – ID a slogan

Community Engagement

- Outreach and Engagement

Third Party Facilitation

- Consulting firm to facilitate process – neutral voice, public strategy, focus groups

Next Steps

- Assign staff to support project
- Secure third party facilitator
- Define messaging
- Engage the community – neighborhoods, schools, organizations - 250 currently on list
- Develop partnerships – community partners
- Recommendations to Mayor and City Council

Commission Representatives - Commissioners Padhye and Sanko will be reporting back to the commission as the project moves forward.

V. Derby Days – Carolyn Hope

Ms. Hope asked commissioners if they would like to volunteer for the upcoming Derby Days event. Commissioners would be assigned to various duties by Ms. Van Winkle, Events Administrator.

Ms. Hope asked commissioners to contact she or Ms. Van Winkle if they are interested.

VI. Proposal for New Special Events & Recreation Fees - Anderson

Deputy Anderson reported that periodically Recreation Staff reviews the existing fee structure. Comparative research is done with other jurisdictions and competitive

markets to evaluate fee increases based on affordability, competitive market and to stay within a mid-point range. She noted that prior review was done in 2013.

She reported that a new Special Events Fee Structure had recently been added. In the past the Special Events Permit (SEP) process had been managed by the Public Works Department. As part of the City’s goal to provide its citizens with excellent customer service SEP will now be managed through Recreation (ORSCC).

Staff is proposing, a new fee structure to City Council in addition to the ordinance that was adopted in 2013.

Proposed Changes (October 2016)

Increase	Amount
Athletic Fields	\$35 per hour
Adult Non-Resident field Rates	\$45 per hour
Premium Field – artificial turf	\$15.00 per hour
Field Lighting	\$20 per hour
Staff Surcharge for rentals during building closure	\$15.00 per hour
Permit fee for Park Use Permit	\$45.00
Park Operations support of Park Use Permit	\$50.00 per hour

Purpose

- Simplify the field rental rate structure
- Generate an increase in field replacement revenue
- Maintain competitive pricing in the regional market
- Align fees with cost of delivering the service
- Smooth and quick delivery of permit(s)

Chair Knopf read the motion for consideration to approve the proposed changes to the Parks and Recreation User Fee Schedule and to approve the Proposed Special Events Permit Fees.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the motion for consideration as proposed.

Second by Commissioner Padhye

Motion Carried: 7-0

VII. Project Updates

1) RCC Phase II

Mr. Shaw reported that the general schedule for the project:

- Bridge repairs April – July
- River to 90th (prep) April – July
- Driveways & Intersections June – July
- Culvert Replacement July – August

- 90th to 9900 Block Prep July – August
- Paving & Landscaping Fall
- Substantially Complete December

Intermittent closures of the Sammamish River Trail due to construction on the railroad trestle:

- Intermittent detours – day or week at a time
- Detours 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – evening hours detours removed
- May – October trail closures (until project is completed)
- Trail Closures announcements – press releases, city website, signage, social media (website will announce re-route dates)

PSE Trail

Mr. Shaw reported that the asphalt has been removed at the end of the RCC Ph. II project near Overlake Christian Church. Detours will allow pedestrians to cross safely at the traffic light at 100th.

Lighting

The original bid for the project was over the budgeted amount. Lower second bids enabled lighting from 80th to 100th to be re-introduced into the project.

Interpretive Graphics

Mr. Shaw shared photos of the interpretive panels that will be located on the Trestle Bridge.

VIII. Commission Talk Time

Committee Updates – Projects, Budget/Policy, Outreach

Commissioner Sanko - suggests that during selection of a consultant for the community center project, consider strong social media background and communications strategies are their primary focus. He also asked to consider the type of groups and needs for the community.

Commissioner Smith – asked the Commission as Park Ambassadors to consider partnering with the Green Redmond Partnership; especially during the summer months.

IX. Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Padhye to adjourn
 Second by Commissioner Jain
 Motion carried: 7-0

Next Regular Meeting

Joint P&T and Senior Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 4, 2016
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Grass Lawn Park Pavilion