

City of Redmond  
Parks and Trails Commission  
Meeting

Grass Park Pavilion  
Thursday, August 4, 2016

6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Park Tour  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting

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**Parks & Trails Chair and Vice Chair Present**

Chair Aaron Knopf  
Vice Chair Joel Cherkis

**Commissioners Present**

Tom Sanko  
Heather Sheffer  
Gregg Gottgetreu  
Tanika Kumar Padhye  
Gary Smith

**Commissioners Absent**

Shailee Jain

**Staff Present**

Maxine Whattam, Parks & Recreation Director  
Teresa Kluver, Park Operations Supervisor  
Betty Sander, Sr. Park Planner  
David Shaw, Sr. Park Planner  
Tom Hardy, Sr. Natural Resources Planner  
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 6:34 p.m. welcoming fellow commissioners and staff members.

**Approval of Minutes – June 2016**

Motion by Commissioner Cherkis to approve the June minutes

Second by Commissioner Sanko  
Motion carried: 7-0

**Approval of the August 2016 Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Sheffer to accept the August agenda  
Second by Commissioner Smith  
Motion carried: 7-0

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**II. Items from the Audience**  
None

Watershed Preserve – Allowing Dogs at the Preserve

Chair Knopf noted that the email inquiry from Ms. Jacques (handed out at the June meeting) inquiring about the “no pet” policy at the Watershed Preserve had been addressed. Chair Knopf advised Ms. Jaques that the commission will be revisit and reassess park rules sometime in early 2017.

**III. Commission Committee Updates**

Projects – Commissioners Sanko, Gottgetreu, and Jain

Commissioner Sanko reported that the committee had met and discussed goals. Adopted project were based on commissioner interest.

Goals

- Advocacy of park projects
- Aims and Objectives
- Assigned/Adopted Projects

Key point:

- Representation in meetings regarding smaller issues outside of parks that affect park projects
  - Possible meeting attendance overlap with other commission subcommittees

Budget/Policy – Chair Knopf and Commissioner Sheffer

- Schedule of upcoming Tuesday meetings – subcommittees (4), council meetings, and council study sessions
- Goal to represent and bring back information that affect park projects

Outreach – Vice Chair Cherkis and Commissioner Smith

Discussion Points

- What type of outreach should we participate in

- Keep in touch with what is important – calendar
  - Put all events on calendar
  - Send out to all commissioners – who can attend events
  - Staff will fill out calendared events and send out to commissioners
- Commissioner attendance at city events – So Bazaar, Redmond Lights, Derby Days, Rocking on the River
- Use city assigned email address
- How to address social media concerns – parks related issues - safety, maintenance, etc..

**IV. PARCC Plan Update (Council SS – August 30)**

Ms. Sanders and Mr. Shaw gave a brief update and highlights of the PARCC Plan as they are developed into chapters.

Currently

- Finishing up 1<sup>st</sup> rounds of draft chapters
- Internal review of drafts

Purpose

- Prepare commissioners for draft chapter review
  - Highlights of chapters
- Commissioners to review – late August
- September – recommendation from Commission

Highlights - Draft Chapters

- Community Engagement – surveys, meetings, online
- Strategies and Policies – Six key strategies: great customer service, walkability – trail accessibility, geographic coverage of facilities, grow community events and arts, active living, preserve green space and habitat (trees)

New Sections

- 1) Conservation – increase tree canopy: air, land – currently 37%/goal 45%, habitat, water, soil
- 2) Cultural Arts - DT Cultural Corridor MP, Cultural Feasibility Study, Redmond Public Art Plan, programming: new public art, artist in residence, So Bazaar
- 3) Park Maintenance & Operations – prioritize small capital projects, LOS approach – none, reactive, managed, proactive, comprehensive

Level of Service

- Children’s play features, outdoor sports & fitness, urban parks

### Community Values Related to Conservation

- Preserve natural areas, access to shorelines, increase in number of trees, working together

### Recreation

- pool, senior center, teen center, community center (ORSCC)
- Programs: demand, trends, space availability, population growth

### CIP

- 6 yr. to 20 yr. projects lists

### Next Steps

- Tonight – update to P&T Commission in preparation for review
- September – finalize report
- Fall/Winter: Planning Commission Recommendation
- Early 2017 – Council review and action (approval)

### Discussion

- Policy groups
- Strategies – new policies
- Canopy cover – measurement, target, coverage, new development, goal
- Engaging Nature – Urban Wildlife Refuge – no recognition in the PARCC Plan
- Informational videos – active campaign

## **V. Project Updates**

### Redmond Central Connector- Phase II – David Shaw

- Working on trestle
- Detour in place around site
- Bridge – working on wood underneath span
- Project on schedule – no major unexpected issues
- Traffic control at Willows Road and 90<sup>th</sup> – curbs, gutter, sidewalks
- Completed one page project information sheet on project – web page
- Press release this month referencing low impact development strategies – fish passable culvert, permeable pavement
- Focus Magazine article

### Tosh Creek/159<sup>th</sup> Street Vault – David Shaw

- Public Outreach meeting at site – information and update
- Natural Resources looking for alternatives for location of vault
- Cost analysis

- Education – functions of the vault
- Construction on hold – working with neighborhood

#### Downtown Park – Betty Sanders

- In progress
- 90% design completion
- 100% drawings – Fall 2016
- Design Review Board comments - doors too open – need screening
- Peat removal – August – informational signage will be posted
- Pavilion - Reflections
  - Three mock ups – Seattle built
  - Reflective ceiling
  - 12 feet tall
  - Raised stage
  - Water rods – textured to hold water to rod
  - Digital artwork capabilities
  - Terrazzo flooring

Ms. Sanders added that the Planning Department is currently working on the Cultural Resources Management Plan and inquired if commissioners would be interested in sitting in on the meetings. State mandated plan required Redmond have a plan to handle sensitive issues (artifacts found during construction or renovation projects). City staff will be working closely with federal and state agencies, city staff, and tribal officials.

Chair Knopf indicated his interest.

#### Mackey Creek Rehabilitation Project at Farrell McWhirter Park Update – Tom Hardy

Mr. Hardy gave an overview of the creek issues and proposed future plans.

##### Issues

- Flows east/west – middle of park
- Forest conditions
- Stream problems - bank erosion, channel scour, poor fish habitat
- Reed canary grass
- Fish barriers – culverts
- Lack of defined channel
- No pools, no logs

##### Proposed

- Remove fish barriers
- Install logs in creek to create pools - improve fish habitat and trap sediment
- Create a define stream channel
- Remove Canary Grass
- Add Native grasses

### Project Schedule

- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting held in June @ FM – stakeholders, neighbors, park users
- Currently @ 60% design – point of project where environmental permits are submitted (6 - 9 month work stoppage until permits come back)
- Project will be phased – I & II
- Construction – summer 2017 or 2018

Further questions should be directed to Mr. Hardy at [twhardy@redmond.gov](mailto:twhardy@redmond.gov).

### Community & Aquatics Center – Maxine Whattam

- Ms. Whattam thanked Commissioners Sanko and Padhye for their participation to select a third party facilitator for the aquatic center and community needs
- Third party facilitator selected - EnviroIssues
- Meeting with consultant to define scope of work
- Steering group review
- Consultant contract to go to City Council in mid-August for approval
- Staff report – status of how staff will move forward with consultant
- Staff has been proactively working to do research within other jurisdictions and agencies to find out what type of facilities and partnership exist

## **VI. Commission Talk Time**

- a. Green Redmond Partnership Update – Commissioner Smith
  - Currently 3 applicants for forest stewards – replacing current vacancies
  - Informal training
  - Forterra and COR partnership
  - Interested parties contact Norah Cates
  - Need new steward at Meadow Park
  - Green Redmond Day – October (way to promote program)
- b. Derby Days – Vice Chair Cherkis/ Commissioner Sanko
  - No P&T Commission booth
  - Survey team on the parade route – 10 questions, good feedback, good attendance
  - Questions about “around town” shuttle
  - Big event in Redmond
  - Residents
    - Like - trees and parks
    - Dislike construction, cutting down trees
  - New Residents
    - Like events
  - Best part of parade – Genie Industries

c. Teen Feed

- Great
- Talented kids
- Important space to teens
- Ken is great!

d. You Count

- Ask Mr. Shaw for update on program – September meeting
- Numbers would help sell new community center

**VII. Adjourn**

Motion by Commissioner Padhye

Second by Commissioner Sanko

Motion carried: 7-0

8:40 p.m.

**Next Regular Meeting**

Thursday, September 1, 2016

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Adair House

Anderson Park