

City of Redmond
Parks and Trails Commission
Meeting

Redmond City Hall
Council Conference Room
Thursday, November 03, 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
Gary Smith
Shailee Jain
Tanika Kumar Padhye
Heather Sheffer

Commissioners Excused Absent

Gregg Gottgetreu

Staff Present

Carolyn Hope, Administration, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts, Division Manager
Betty Sanders, Sr. Park Planner
David Shaw, Sr. Park Planner
Megan Worzella, Interim Events and Marketing Administrator
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 6:35 p.m. welcoming guest, commissioners and staff members.

Approval of Minutes – November 2016 Agenda and October 2016 Minutes

Chair Knopf noted that there was information missing in the section labeled “Items from the Audience”. Commissioner Sanko noted it should include “.....connection from the trail to Redmond Way”. Motion by Commissioner Padhye to accept the November agenda and October minutes as amended.

Second by Commissioner Sheffer

Motion carried: 7-0

Acknowledgement and introduction of Kyle Simmons, candidate for Youth Advocate.

II. Items from the Audience

None

III. Redmond Lights – Role for Parks & Trails Commissioners -Worzella

Megan Worzella, Interim Events and Marketing Administrator, gave a brief overview of highlights, scheduled events and offered possible volunteer opportunities for the Commission.

Highlights

- Art installations
- Art project – participatory activity
- DigiPen Jazz Ensemble
- Increased sponsorships and partnerships – (In-kind and dollars)
- Focus on Downtown – *Leary After Light*

Ms. Worzella asked commissioners to contact Carolyn Hope within the next two weeks if interested in volunteering. cjhope@redmond.gov

Suggested volunteer opportunities:

- EnviroIssues information table – Community Center Outreach surveying
- Luminary Walk
- Information booth
- Lights and décor installation

IV. Community Center Update - Hope

Ms. Hope handed out project fact sheets and talking points that provided core information when engaging in conversations with friends, family, neighbors and community members. She asked commissioners to help spread the word about the community center website; where the public can go to obtain information about the project’s progress and updates. Staff is hoping that interested parties will go to the website to learn more about the project before they take the survey.

Commissioners Padhye and Sanko attended the first stakeholders meeting held at the Old Firehouse Teen Center on October 24th.

Commissioner Sanko reported that there were approximately 25-30 citizens; group representatives (fitness, sports, citizens) and interested citizen. He stated that facts on sign-ups for classes, gym usage, and other information are important in getting the message out which will help the community understand the importance and value a community center would bring to Redmond and outlining areas.

Next stakeholder meetings are scheduled for December 2016 and March 2017; project presentation to City Council in April 2017.

Commissioner Padhye added that the city's website has in-depth and up-to-date information and is an excellent resource.

V. Review Potential Rules & Requests for Recommending the Plan to the Planning Commission

Feedback:

- Not necessary to state four (4) people need to be interested in trails – every member of the commission should be interested in trails
- Change “Blue Stream” to “Blue Trail”
- Rules – add Youth Advocates
- No procedure how to identify and nominate new commissioner
- Parks Recreation and Open Space Plan – should read PARCC
- Meeting rules – meetings are held in the Council Conference Room and other park locations with notification
- Terms – more specific
- Chair/Vice Chair – one year or re-elected to second year (discussion) – can re-elect someone that was previously chair (add) – regular rotation of commissioners to positions

Chair Knopf will work on minor revisions and discuss at December meeting.

VI. PARCCC Plan Review & Request for Recommend the Plan to the Planning Commission – Knopf – Shaw/Sanders/Hope

Mr. Shaw gave an overview of the process the PARCC Plan will go through before official adoption. Staff is looking for a recommendation from the Commission to for the Plan to go forward to the Planning Commission.

Process to Adoption:

1. P&T Commission recommendation to
2. Planning Commission Review
3. SEPA Determination & Technical Committee recommendation
4. Planning Commission recommendation to

5. City Council
6. Parks & Human Services (update)
7. City Council Action/Adoption
8. RCO – eligible for grants (April)

Timeline:

- November 2016 to early April 2016

Topic and Chapter Discussion:

- Tree Canopy Policy (Updated) B6
 - Develop a cross-departmental strategic plan to increase tree canopy across the city that will include a canopy coverage goal, proposed timeline and methods for achieving that goal.
- Chapter 4 – Parks
 - Level of Service – SE Redmond (children’s play feature, outdoor sports and fitness facilities – methodology – gaps – projects)
 - Outdoor sports and fitness project
 - Demand as LOS – add sport to Perrigo/LWSD multi-use fields
- Chapter 5 – Conservation
 - Natural resources in parks, historic and cultural resources in parks – ID projects to make impacts on resource conservation
- Chapter 6 - Trails
 - LOS – methodology, gaps, projects
- Chapter 7 - Operations & Maintenance
 - Small projects prioritization – safety and liability – asset preservation – increased efficiencies – customer service
- Chapter 8 - Recreation – LOS – Demand for programs & facilities, recreation trends, availability of space for programs, populations growth and change (based on number of registrations per year – actual 2009, projected 2015, actual average 2010-2015, projected 2022) (Based on current facilities)
- Chapter 10 – CIP Projects
 - Rating criteria – preserve/replace asset, geographic equity, walkability, community demand, improve service delivery, unique benefits (economic for businesses, art, historic, partnerships, regulatory requirements)
- CIP Ranking, Funding, and Scoring Projects discussion per chapter – parks, trails, projects
- Commission meeting discussion on chapters
 - Chapter 1 – Introduction: flow missing
 - Chapter 2 – Community Engagement: No comments
 - Chapter 3 – Goals and Policies: No comments
 - Chapter 4 – Parks: places that definitions are not consistent, (Exhibit 4.4) inventory of other parks providers needs same designation as Redmond parks, photo next to “how parks are great for your health” is inconsistent with text
 - Chapter 5 – Conservation: No comments

- Chapter 6 –Trails; No comments
- Chapter 7 – Maintenance & Operations: No comments
- Chapter 8 – Recreation: No comments
- Chapter 9 – Arts & Culture: No comments
- Chapter 10 – CIP: No comments

Questions or comments regarding the document should be directed to dashaw@redmond.gov. Comments due by Wednesday, November 9th.

Commissioner Sanko motioned to recommend the Draft 2016 PARCC Plan, with changes based on comments by the Parks & Trails Commission, go to the Planning Commission for review, public hearing, and ultimately recommend the plan to the City Council for adoption.

Second by Vice Chair Cherkis

Motion Carried: 7-0

VII. Commission Committee Updates/Commission Talk Time

✓ Projects

- Outreach – Commissioner Smith proposed thinking about structuring the feedback mechanism for “Chat Café” and offered outside expertise. Commissioner Padhye will meet with Ms. Hope next week regarding this issue. Commissioners with insight are welcome to join the conversation scheduled for the week of November 7.
- Parks Foundation – Chair Knopf will meet with Mayor Marchione on November 4th to discuss creating a foundation. He will report back to the commission at the next meeting.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Commissioner Padhye

Motion carried: 7-0

8:31 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

Thursday, December

6:00 p.m. - 6:30 - p.m. - Potluck

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Regular meeting

Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center

16600 NE 80th Street

Room 104