

City of Redmond
Parks and Trails Commission
Meeting

Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center
Room 105
Thursday, October 19, 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
Gregg Gottgetreu
Gary Smith
Shailee Jain

Commissioners Absent

Tanika Kumar Padhye and Heather Sheffer

Staff Present

Maxine Whattam, Director of Parks & Recreation
Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks & Recreation Director
Dave Tuchek, Park Operations Manager
David Shaw, Sr. Park Planner
Jeff Hagen, Sports & Fitness
Marty Boggs, Senior Center
Jeff Churchill, Transportation Planning
Alaric Bien, Planning & Community Development – Human Services
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 6:31 p.m. welcoming guest, commissioners and staff members.

Chair Knopf introduced Kerry Monterey, potential candidate for the vacant commission vacancy. Mr. Monterey introduced himself, gave his background and his interest in the Parks & Trails Commission.

Approval of Minutes – October 2016

Correction – Page 4 – under sub-committees – should read, “Events and Outreach”

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve minutes

Second by Vice Chair Cherkis

Motion carried: 6-0

Approval of the Agenda - October 2016

Motion by Commissioner Smith

Second by Vice Chair Cherkis

Motion carried: 6-0

Audience self-introductions.

II. Items from the Audience

Stuart Hargraves, Redmond resident, addressed the commission in regards to Rotary Park. He recommended installing a staircase from Rotary Park to Redmond Way for walking, running and biking accessibility. He felt a staircase would allow not only accessibility on the steep slope but create a loop from Redmond Way to the trail, offering new recreational opportunities. Staff suggested this might be a good future Eagle Scout project. Commissioners agreed that a trail would create consistency in connecting the trail to Redmond Way and to the other side of the Sammamish River Trail.

III. All Home Initiative Briefing - Bien

Alaric Bien, Human Services, introduced the city’s All Home Initiative specifically addressing homeless. His presentation called Homeless 101 is a brief overview of why there is homelessness in Redmond, what the city is doing, what others in the community are doing and what you can do.

Statistics:

- 357 homeless kids in the Lake Washington School District
- 245 homeless sleeping outside (Annual one night count – 80% increase from 2015)
- \$34.27 per hour – you need to make in order to afford a 1-bedroom apartment in Redmond
- 165 hr. work week @ minimum wage to afford a 1-bedroom apartment in Redmond (168 hours in a work week)
- 6 months waitlist to get into housing in King County
- 80% of homeless women are victims of domestic violence

- Domestic Violence Month – October 18 – 6 p.m. – Intersection between homelessness and domestic violence
- 1 in 4 youths that come out of foster care end up homeless within one year
- 48th in nation – accessibility to mental services
- 28% are family with kids

What causes Homelessness?

- Housing prices (affordability)
- Lack of mental health and substance abuse services
- Lack of supports for youth
- Domestic Violence

What's the City Doing?

- Work with non-profits
- Eastside cities and counties – create regional approach
- Promote affordable housing
- Engage community – citizens
- Services first – Enforcement second

What Can I Do?

- Educate yourself – educate other people – watch movies about homelessness
- Landlord Liaison Program – Host Home Project (YMCA)
- Homeowners – spare room to rent
- Employers – hire a homeless person
- Faith communities – sponsor safe car camping (Overlake Christian Church)
- Parents – talk to your kids
- Volunteer – Social services agencies
- Donate – food, cash, clothing, time, talent
- Advocate – more affordable housing, for policies at state and federal levels
- The City of Woodinville used public space to host a homeless encampment
- Habitat for Humanity no longer on the eastside
- City works with ARCH to build housing
- Low income senior housing
- Regional efforts to create affordable housing

IV. Sound Transit Briefing – Impacts on Parks & Trails - Churchill

Mr. Churchill, Transportation Planning, gave update on the extension of light rail from Overlake to Downtown Redmond and how it might impact parks and trails.

Mr. Churchill will discuss the section of light rail extension from Overlake to Downtown Redmond (3.7 miles):

- Where the project is:
 - Sound Transit (ST) is in final design and will start construction soon for extension to Overlake at 40th Street
 - Preliminary Design Scope (per RFQ) – Major tasks to complete
 - Project refinement
 - Updated conceptual engineering

- Preliminary engineering – 30% design, updated cost estimate, identify issues
- Project Schedule
 - Start late 2016 – 18 to 24 month process
 - Preliminary Design/Engineering – 2017
 - Final Design
 - Testing
 - Overlake stations opens - 2023
 - Service Begins – 2024 service to downtown
 - Some tasks dependent on Prop 1
- Parks and Trails Issues
 - Connection to East Lake Sammamish Trail to RCC
 - Changes to RCC
 - Infrastructure Alignment Plan shows how different elements share RCC space – how everything fits in the RCC
 - Easement agreement establishes DT Transit Corridor

V. Project Updates

Senior Center Programming Update - Boggs

Mr. Boggs presented a video of the Sr. Center. The video is a promotional piece that will be used to promote the senior center on the city's website.

Summer Programs Update – Boggs and Hagen

Mr. Hagen and Mr. Boggs gave the results of the Recreation Division's summer programming for 2016. Those included summer activities, day camps, rentals statistics, sports leagues, and Sr. Center programmed events (Rockin' on the River - sponsored by Emerald Heights, Motor Madness) held at the Sr. Center. In addition, he shared information on the summer lunch program – held at Sunset Gardens Park, Teen Center Summer movies series – held on the Great Lawn @ City Hall, teen programming (Camp Korey – bands), and Big Truck Day held at Farrel McWhirter Park. Mr. Hagen noted that numbers for programming reports are generated through Recreation software.

Mr. Boggs added that he foresees more partnership opportunities in the future between the Sr. Center and other organizations.

Mr. Hagen noted upcoming recreation events:

- Youth Basketball
- Poultry Predictor

Park Operations Update – Tuchek

Mr. Tuchek, Parks Operations Manager, gave a brief update on three park projects:

- Hartman Large Batting Cage Renovation
 - 15 years old
 - Original artificial turf from high school
 - Safety issues
 - Complete renovation – rock wall, sand infield, new turf, new fencing\$90k
 - Currently in progress
- Grass Lawn Soft Surfacing Replacement
 - Merry-go-round, swing set and boulder area
 - Attempted to bind – binder causes hard spots on surfacing
 - Considering - pour and place rubber – 4” to 5” thick or artificial turf
 - Current research – next six months
- Hartman Park 5 & 6 and Pathway Replacement
 - Due to location a lot of vandalism
 - Gaps in gate
 - Vandalism to artificial turn (fireworks damage)
 - Raise fence to 6’between fields – 8’ high back from 4’ high
 - Add gates
 - Next 6 months

VI. Budget Overview – Budgeting 101 - Whattam

Parks Director Whattam gave a brief overview of the budgeting kick-off to the budgeting review process at the October City Council meeting. The city’s budget updates are available online at the city’s website and will be adopted in December.

She gave the commission a brief introduction to the city’s budget by priorities process.

- Parks, Arts and Recreation Operating Budget – 5 offers
 - Two offers in Clean and Green
 - Three offers in Community Building
- P&R Encompasses
 - Land stewardship & maintenance
 - Quality of life for the community through recreation services
 - Community engagement through special events and arts
- Budget

○ Operating budget	\$25M
○ Public ART CIP Projects (2017 – 2022)	\$1.7M
○ CIP Budget (2017/2022)	\$26M
○ Total	\$52.7M
- Capital Program Development
 - Evaluate
 - Commission recommends – project rating
 - Adoption by City Council
 - Develop city-wide capital project ranking criteria
 - Directors and Mayor evaluate proposed CIP

- Present to City Council - vote
- Key Operational Strategies – 2017-2018
 - Develop Strategic Work Plan 2017-2018
 - Develop collaborative environmental internally/externally
 - Cross training staff
 - Standardization – consistency and predictability

VII. Commission Committee Updates

- Projects – (Commissioner Gottgetreu)- Tosh Creek (Overlake)
 - Neighborhood objections of park on stormwater vault
 - Commissioner Gottgetreu brought photos examples of existing rain vaults with parks on top
- Budget/Policy (Chair Knopf)- potential ways to increase the funding availability (Kirkland & Bellevue Parks Foundations – volunteer efforts) through new or existing methods (Go Fund Me – Redmond Foundation)
- Outreach

VIII. Commission Talk Time

- Rules of Procedure Revision
 - Review for possible discussion at next meeting
- Update on Commissioner Interviews
 - Kerry Monterey – possible new commission member
- Update on Tosh Creek Public Meeting
 - Neighbors – no active park in area
 - 9 alternatives offered
- Katie Anderson, Deputy Director
 - Retiring on November 2, 2016
 - Farewell Party – November 1, 2016 – 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Community Centers Project
 - Slogan and branding – Redmond’s Community Centers – Let’s Create the Future Now
 - Series of meetings – 1st meeting stakeholders group – Wednesday, November 21st
 - Meeting Place - Aquatics, Sports, and Music
- Youth Advocates
 - Still looking for applications
 - Interview process within the next month

IX. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn

Motion carried: 7-0
8:35 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2016
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Redmond City Hall
Council Conference Room
15670 NE 85th Street