

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PARKS AND HUMAN SERVICES (PKHS) COMMITTEE/
MEETING SUMMARY**

Council Conference Room
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Council:

Tom Flynn, Chair
John Stilin
David Carson
Pat Vache (*Attending councilmember*)
Hank Margeson (*Attending councilmember*)
Byron Shutz (*Councilmember elect*)

Staff:

Josh Heim, Recreation Program Administrator
Colleen Kelly, Assistant Director of Community Planning
Michelle M. Hart, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:25 p.m.

Committee Chair Tom Flynn, opened the meeting, announced the Council members in attendance, and overviewed the agenda.

Friends of Youth (Recommendation to Add Shelter Beds)

Ms. Colleen Kelly, Assistant Director of Community Planning, discussed the homeless encampment in front of the Redmond library. Some of the people were there because they had been turned away from The Landing, a shelter for young adults. If the capacity at The Landing was increased, the homeless wouldn't have to sleep in front of the library. The Mayor has the authority to authorize five additional beds for the month of December 2013, and the Council can authorize the funds for the beds to remain through March 2014. The first night with the additional beds was last night, the beds were full and they didn't have to turn anyone away. The contract is in the amount of \$25,000 for the additional beds.

General discussion ensued regarding if youth shelters in the surrounding areas work together; where the people from the homeless encampment at the library went to; how many total beds are at The Landing and at the shelter in Seattle; and where in the budget the funds for the additional beds come from.

Sophia Way Update

Ms. Colleen Kelly, Assistant Director of Community Planning, stated that the Sophia Way organization found itself in financial problems about six weeks ago. The City of Redmond has notified Sophia Way that the main concern is for maintaining the housing being provided to 100 women. There is no other organization that can readily absorb this program. Sophia Way was successful in getting emergency grant money from King County. United Way is considering providing either flexibility in receiving funds or a one-time donation. The eastside cities that

fund the organization are trying to assess if there is any additional money to donate and if that is a wise choice. That decision will be made collectively by the end of next week. The Mayor has the authority to authorize additional funds up to \$25,000. Ms. Kelly is not sure what the recommendation is going to be.

General discussion ensued regarding if the organization has the ability to be financially sound in the future; what their mission is and how are they executing it; and if the urgency will decline when winter is over.

Tateuchi Center

Mr. Josh Heim, Recreation Program Administrator, provided an update and the development timeline of the Tateuchi Center. The builders of the Tateuchi Center want a public bond of approximately \$60 million for funding. The City Council of Bellevue has advised their staff to find a pathway for public financing, both internally and through King County. Mr. Heim is interested in the Council approving a resolution that supports the idea of the Tateuchi Center in Bellevue becoming a regional facility, and that part of the King County lodging tax should go to help pay for its construction.

The Redmond Arts Commission generally supported the idea of the center because more performing arts on the eastside are needed, the theater will be state of the art, it is important to the overall cultural life of the eastside, Redmond residents would use it, and collaboration is important.

Currently King County has no authority or funds to issue a bond for something like this. The Tateuchi Center is asking for the funds in the future. A portion of the lodging tax will be available in 2020 after Century Link Field is paid off. The Center is hoping to be able to use some of the newly available funds at that time. King County is asking for commitments up front from other eastside cities to consider going ahead with the plan.

General discussion ensued regarding what happens if Redmond wants to build a performing arts center, how long the Tateuchi Center will be using the lodging tax money, and what happens if Redmond takes no position.