

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL/KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL  
JOINT STUDY SESSION**

May 25, 2010

**Mayor**

John Marchione (*Not in Attendance*)

**Mayor**

Joan McBride

**Members of the Redmond City Council**

Richard Cole, Council President  
Pat Vache, Council Vice-president  
Kim Allen  
David Carson  
Hank Margeson  
Hank Myers  
John Stilin

**Members of the Kirkland City Council**

Penny Sweet, Deputy Mayor  
Dave Asher  
Jessica Greenway  
Doreen Marchione (*Not in Attendance*)  
Bob Sternoff  
Amy Walen

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**MEETING SUMMARY**

Convened: 7 p.m.

Adjourned: 8:35 p.m.

Kirkland City Mayor Joan McBride opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Redmond City Council. She noted that both Redmond City Mayor John Marchione and Kirkland City Council Member Doreen Marchione were absent from the meeting due to a family matter.

Redmond City Council President Cole thanked the Kirkland City Council for hosting the meeting and Members of the Councils and staff introduced themselves for the record.

Topics discussed at the meeting included: (1) Metropolitan Parks District (MPD); (2) Human Services and Funding Needs; and (3) Partnership Opportunities.

Regarding Metropolitan Parks District, Members discussed:

- partnering with other municipalities, the School District, and King County with regard to forming a MPD;
- proximity of facility siting is important – somewhere in the middle of the MPD for everyone's convenience;
- composition of a MPD Board of Directors and how partners would interact/be involved with the Board (board can be made up of members of the participating partners);
- economies of scale; and
- MPD Board could be established permanently.

Members of each Council asked their respective staff members to coordinate with each other for the purpose of gathering data on forming a MPD.

Members desired to see/know:

- a scalable MPD model (from project-specific to full functioning combined park services);
- how the existing parks levy in Redmond would be affected if a MPD was formed; and
- how the process of funding parks departments under a MPD would work.

Staff from both the City of Redmond and the City of Kirkland will meet to put together a MPD model that addresses the needs/desires as discussed during the study session, with the project specific focus of a community/aquatics center (indoor recreation facility).

Regarding Human Services and Funding Needs, Members discussed:

- the state of human service funding in King County and in the State of Washington overall;
- factors that are ‘making the situation worsen’;
- how the recession has impacted the 10-year plan to end homelessness;
- joint efforts to pull resources together and maximize efficiencies/funding;
- conducting a joint meeting with all of the regional human service commissions for the respective cities (already being done on some level according to staff); and
- getting more information to agencies so that they are aware of resources available through other agencies/programs.

A member of the Kirkland City Council requested to receive data regarding the change in demographics that is being seen with regard to human services in the region; with a specific request to see data on families vs. individuals.

Regarding Partnership Opportunities, Members discussed:

- public works efficiencies;
- EGov Alliance;
- formation of a NE Suburban Cities caucus; organizing a joint regional meeting with all NE cities;
- animal services – sub-regional model;
- an indoor recreation facility;
- school district partnerships regarding shared facilities;
- economic development on a regional level;
- tourism opportunities;
- creating an Interlocal Agreement to address transit and transportation development with the Cities of Redmond, Bellevue, and Kirkland;
- Metro Transit on a regional basis;
- King County solid waste system long-range planning – replacement of transfer station;
- excursion rail and plans for the BNSF corridor;
- emergency service coverage in areas on the boundaries of districts that are not currently receiving service/great service; and
- the reduction in number of fires that have occurred in Redmond since instituting the residential fire sprinkler requirements.