

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

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

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

Council:

Byron Shutz, Chair
David Carson
Hank Myers
Kim Allen (*Attending councilmember*)
Hank Margeson (*Attending councilmember*)
John Stilin (*Attending councilmember*)

Staff:

Teresa Kluver, Parks Operations Supervisor
Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks Director
Alaric Bien, Senior Planner
Peter Dane, Planner
Lisa Rhodes, Recreation Program Administrator
B. Sanders, Senior Planner
Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts
Manager
Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner
Josh Heim, Recreation Program Administrator
Cheryl Xanthos, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:36 p.m.

Committee Chair Byron Shutz called the meeting to order, reviewed attendance, and overviewed the agenda.

ARCH Housing Trust Fund Approval

Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, stated that the total amount being sought from A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) member cities is \$1.3 million for three different projects: affordable senior housing; Friends of Youth extended foster care, and Habitat Sammamish Cottage Demonstration Project. The City of Redmond has been asked to provide the following:

- Friends of Youth: \$16,216
- Habitat Sammamish Cottage Demonstration Project: \$64,861
- affordable senior housing: \$51,721 from the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Fund, and \$148,038 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund

Friends of Youth would like to build two new single-family homes at their Kingsgate campus to provide extended foster care for 18-22 year olds. The Habitat Sammamish Project will build ten new cottage homes in the City of Sammamish. The affordable senior housing project includes 74 units. The total ARCH request for the City of Redmond is \$280,236.

ARCH 2014 Work Program and Budget Approval

Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, stated every year ARCH creates a work program and administrative budget. Projects ARCH will assist with for the City of Redmond includes:

- the affordable senior housing development;
- inclusionary affordable housing units, with a 100-unit increase over the last couple of years;
- high priority items from the Housing Strategy Plan;
- preservation of HUD-financed section eight units; and
- updating neighborhood plans.

ARCH's budget for the City of Redmond is \$613,042; Redmond's contribution is \$65,120, which is an increase of 4.75 percent over last year. Contributions are being realigned based on annexation and population increases.

General discussion ensued regarding the affordable housing units and business space.

Sophia Way Update

Mr. Alaric Bien, Senior Planner, provided a brief update on Sophia Way:

- City of Redmond pledged \$20,000 to help with financial issues last fall.
- Sophia way has stabilized financially, used a one-time grant to hire a consultant, and had a structural reorganization.
- Staff will continue to work with Sophia Way and the Evangelical Chinese Church for a potential women's shelter for the winter of 2014.

Bicycle Wayfinding Guidelines

Mr. Peter Dane, Planner, stated that the Transportation Master Plan included providing bicycle wayfinding in the City of Redmond by the end of 2014. Staff proposed a two-phase approach to ensure signs are installed in time for Bike-to-Work Month. The first phase will be installed by May and use a set of draft guidelines. The second phase will include the full installation that will be completed by the end of 2014. The project design includes determining the routes and the content of the signs.

General discussion ensued regarding making the signs large enough to be seen from a distance; bike trails on maps; private project trails; example of the signs; and signs on city streets.

Green Redmond Update

Ms. Teresa Kluver, Parks Operations Supervisor, provided an update on Green Redmond:

- partnership between City of Redmond, Forterra, and volunteers;
- 2013: 508 trees planted, 997 volunteers, and 2,468 volunteer hours;
- 2014 goals: Forest Steward recruitment; volunteer retention and recruitment; maintain active restoration sites; and continue to enroll acres into active restoration; and
- mitigation at Group Health site.

General discussion ensued regarding keeping track of how much garbage is cleaned up and working with fewer volunteers.

So Bazaar Update

Ms. Lisa Rhodes, Recreation Program Administrator, stated that So Bazaar is a new event that is innovative and will bring “magic” to Downtown Redmond. It is an urban night market where local artists, chefs, and entertainers will showcase Redmond as a viable commercial and creative destination. It will take place on the Redmond Central Connector between 160th Avenue NE and Leary Way. It will be held on August 7, 14, and 21, 2014 from 5:30-9:30pm. There are four key components: music, food/drink, arts, and magic (lighting and light displays).

General discussion ensued regarding cost and OneRedmond partnership and funding.

Downtown Park Update

Ms. B. Sanders, Senior Planner, reported that the first public workshop for the Downtown Park included 40 residents. Staff worked to get a sense of what residents envisioned for the look and feel of the park; programming; and the vision or mission of the park. Residents were invited to write on a tag what they wanted to see at the park. Those tags will be attached to painted stakes and installed at the park.

Signal Art Reception Invitation

Mr. Josh Heim, Recreation Program Administrator, reported that the Signal Art has been fully installed on the Redmond Central Connector. On Thursday, March 27, 2014, there will be a community celebration. The Signal Art contains 50 lights: 25 are the original red lights, and the other 25 are LED’s. A lighting designer will train staff on using the software.

General discussion ensued regarding programming the colors and providing music or sound with the lights.

Possible Request for Arts Commission/Council Joint Study Session

Mr. Josh Heim, Recreation Program Administrator, requested feedback about specific topics the Council would like to discuss during a joint study session with the Arts Commission, and suggestions on what the Arts Commission should focus on. The three big items this year are: new revenue for the arts, cultural grants program, and arts education.

General discussion ensued regarding strategically allocating the funds; leveraging grants; cultural center study; and dates for a study session and staff report.

Recreation Buildings Master Plan

Ms. Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks Director, stated that during a November 2013 study session, discussion ensued regarding the current Recreation Buildings Master Plan that included:

- no reinvestment in Hartman Park Pool or Teen Center;
- renovation of the Senior Center; and
- construction of a new recreation center and pool.

Two location options were presented: the Fire Station No. 11 site or the civic campus. At that time the Council recommended pursuing the civic campus option. Ms. Anderson provided the preliminary drawings of the plan. The next steps are for the consultant to develop a draft master plan. This month will have extensive public outreach and a study session on April 8, 2014.

General discussion ensued regarding a follow-up report; cost of the recreation center; possibility of partnering with Kirkland; and structured parking at the library.