

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PARKS AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

Council Conference Room  
15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Redmond, Washington

Tuesday, May 4, 2010  
4:30 p.m.

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Convened: 4:29 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:04 p.m.

**Council:**

Hank Margeson  
John Stilin, Chair  
Pat Vache  
Richard Cole (*Attending Council Member*)

**Staff:**

Craig Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director  
Colleen Kelly, Human Services Manager  
Sandra Bettencourt, Recreation Division Manager  
Lisa Rhodes, Recreation Program Administrator  
Jean Rice, Senior Parks Management Analyst  
B Sanders, Senior Planner, Parks  
Elizabeth Adkisson, Deputy City Clerk

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**Mayor:**

John Marchione

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**MEETING SUMMARY**

Chair John Stilin opened the meeting and added the item “Derby Days Update” to the top of the agenda.

**Derby Days Update**

Ms. Lisa Rhodes, Recreation Program Administrator, updated the Committee on Derby Days, and potential parade alterations for 2010:

- Staff explored the possibility of moving and extending the parade route to 164<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE (starting at the ORSCC on 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, turning right and proceeding North on 16<sup>64th</sup> Ave NE, then turning left and proceeding west on Ne 85<sup>th</sup> Ave, ending at City Campus);
- The Redmond Public Works and Police Departments estimate the extension will cost an additional \$20,000;
- Staff is currently exploring and implementing additional entertainment options to increase the quality of the parade;
  - additional performers/marching bands have been added (including Blue Thunder);
  - currently looking for more performers;
  - these additions will be paid for from the existing account – no additional funding is requested at this time;
- the possibility of a route along 166<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE was also considered, but not recommended by staff, due to the cost and safety issues;
- if move the route to the 164<sup>th</sup> option this year, staff would move forward with requesting the additional \$20,000 for the Derby Days budget; and

- another option would be to postpone the extension of the route until 2011 or 2012, and focus efforts on improving the quality of the 2010 parade.

General discussion ensued regarding the current Derby Days budget, issues with the 166<sup>th</sup> parade route option, logistics of 164<sup>th</sup> parade route, and likelihood of additional route changes.

The Councilmembers present stated their preference to keep the parade route the same for 2010, to continue to pursue opportunities to increase the amount of entertainment and quality of the 2010 parade, and to revisit alternate parade routes in the future.

### **Human Services Funding Recommendations**

Ms. Colleen Kelly, Human Services Manager, updated the committee on the Human Services Funding Recommendations process:

- during the last budget cycle these recommendations were presented to the entire Council in study session, and approved with the biennium budget;
- for this budget cycle, staff could follow the same structure, or present the recommendations at the committee level, and forego a study session presentation;
- in March 2010, Redmond and other South, North, and East King County cities released a new, online, joint application for human services funding for the 2011-2012 biennium;
- the application deadline was April 29, 2010;
- combined, the South, North and East King County Funders received applications for 263 programs, funding requests totaling nearly \$15 million;
- Redmond received:
  - 70 applications, total funding requested = \$1,063,307;
  - of the new programs – total funding requested = \$165,018
  - of the currently funded programs – total funding requested = \$898,289;
- Redmond funded approximately \$657,000 in the 2009-2010 funding allocation cycle; and
- Redmond anticipates having approximately \$665,000 available to allocate in 2011.

Ms. Kelly pointed out that this will be a difficult process this year, as the total funding requested is almost two times the amount of funds available; and asked the Councilmember's preference in regards to presentation of the recommendations.

General discussion ensued regarding the reason for less funding and population projections. The Councilmembers present expressed a preference for the Human Services Commission to present the recommendations before the entire Council at a study session. Ms. Kelly stated that the Commission will most likely present recommendations in September 2010, and have a follow-up meeting with Council in December 2010/early 2011 to assess the process.

Councilmember Vache asked that the recommendation criteria be presented to the PKHS committee prior to the Human Services commission deliberations; Ms. Kelly confirmed the criteria would be on the agenda for the June PKHS meeting.

## **Spiritbrook Park**

Ms. B Sanders, Senior Parks Planner, presented an update on Spiritbrook Park:

- the Spiritbrook Park master plan draft is complete;
- the park has wetlands and stormwater drainage problems, and Natural Resources has decided to move forward with stormwater improvements needed to be done onsite;
- Natural Resources will be going forward with a consultant agreement to address the drainage issues;
- Parks would like to move forward with the design phase of the park project concurrently;
- Parks proposes to use The Berger Partnership, the consultant used for the master planning services, for design services; and
- a supplemental contract with the Berger Partnership will be coming forward for Council approval on June 1, 2010;
- this will allow the design and construction of the park to keep pace with the drainage project.

General discussion ensued regarding utilizing the same consultants for the two phases, aligning the master plan design with the stormwater improvements, and soil and drainage pipe issues on site.

## **Redmond (Hartman) Pool**

Mr. Craig Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director, updated the committee on the Hartman Pool:

- the City of Redmond owns the land property;
- Northwest Center owns the building (pool) and manages the program;
- the building ownership will be transferred to Redmond at the end of May 2010 – per the original agreement; via quit claim deed (no Council action);
- the City will establish an operating agreement with either Northwest Center, or another administrator, for management of the program;
- the City is assessing the current condition of the pool and facilities.

General discussion ensued regarding facility assessments, issues identified, Northwest Center's plans to reconcile issues, and other possible program administrators

Mr. Larsen noted that staff is currently working with the Northwest Center on a new operating agreement, to extend services to the end of the year. Due to the age of the building and equipment, the City hopes to utilize the pool facility for a few more years, and in that time look into other options – such as a new facility, or the possibility of a regional facility. Updates on the transfer and possible extension will come back to the Committee and Council in the near future.