

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Council Conference Room
15670 NE 85th Street
Redmond, Washington

Wednesday, April 14, 2010
4 p.m.

Council

David Carson
Richard Cole (*attending Councilmember*)
Hank Myers, Chair
John Stilin

King County

Norah Gaynor, Program Manager,
Marymoor Park

Staff

Tim Fuller, Interim Police Chief
Jane Christenson, Deputy City Administrator
Larry Gainer, Deputy Police Chief
Tom Norton, Acting Deputy Fire Chief
Nick Almquist, Police Lieutenant
Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor
Rob Crittenden, Engineering Manager, Traffic
Operations
Bruce Newman, Engineer, Traffic Operations
Elizabeth Adkisson, Deputy City Clerk

Meeting Summary

Convened: 3:58 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:26 p.m.

Chair Hank Myers opened the meeting.

Concert Noise

Ms. Norah Gaynor, King County Program Manager from Marymoor Park, presented the committee with information on the upcoming summer schedule and sound mitigation:

- presented a working schedule with special event, picnic, tournament, and other events listed for April 24 – September 18, 2010;
- Sound Mitigation and Response Plan:
 - Concert venue noise complaints referred to 911; caller referred to City of Redmond officer on-duty to respond and determine legitimacy of complaint;
 - Complaint procedure:
 - a. Redmond Police Department responds to all sound complaint calls.
 1. Responding officer reports to the Redmond Police Department representative as to the status of the call.
 2. Redmond Police Department will maintain a City of Redmond map to track the location of all complaints.

- 1. Responding officer feels the sound “in his/her gut”,
 - 2. Knick-knacks are vibrating on the shelf,
 - 3. Two officers stand one meter apart and facing the source of the sound, but not looking at each other, while talking in normal voices should be able to hear all the words communicated during the entire conversation without being over-powered by the sound.
 - If a complaint is determined to be legitimate the responding officer will immediately notify the Marymoor Park venue supervisor, including the steps taken to determine the legitimacy of the sound complaint.
 - Sound Mitigation Plan Within Venue:
 - Upon notification by the City of Redmond, the Marymoor Park venue supervisor, using a standard Sound Level Meter, will measure the sound source; each reading taken for over a period of one minute.
 - Sound volume at 100 feet from a sound source speaker should not exceed 90 dBA;
 - Other acceptable levels of sound at different distances are: 97 dBA at 35 feet, and 95 dBA at 50 feet.
 - 1. First measurement – “Weighting C” and “Slow Response” of the sounds level meter. The user makes note of the time period and highest dB reading.
 - a. The “C” weighing measures the impacts of impulse instruments (E.G. drums, bass).
 - b. Spikes of up to 105 dBC are within an acceptable level.
 - 2. Second measurement – “Weighing A” and “Slow Response” of the sounds level meter. The user makes note of the time period and highest dB reading.
 - 3. If the second reading (A) is 15 dB lower than the first reading (C), then the bass frequencies should be lowered first.
 - 4. If after lowering the bass frequencies only the sound is still too loud, the whole set of frequencies should be lowered until compliant.
 - If a sound complaint is deemed legitimate the King County Park’s venue supervisor will take the following steps by communicating with event production staff. Event production staff will direct the sound control technician to utilize the following changes in a step-by-step manner until the problem is solved:
 - a. Reduce the bass volume;
 - b. Reposition the stack, if possible (may not be possible until second day);
 - c. Reduce the sound level on one stack most likely responsible for the complaint; and
 - d. Reduce the overall sound level.
 - If several sound complaints come from the same geographical location in the city, King County will evaluate the problem and direct the event producer to re-position the sound towers (this may not be possible until the next day due to the size of the towers).

Ms. Gaynor also spoke regarding the previous practice of holding community meetings before and after the summer season in regards to the schedule, traffic and sound mitigation; and the possibility of restarting this practice for the summer of 2010.

General discussion ensued regarding frequent noise complaints received by Councilmembers, sound monitoring practices during events, consequences for violations, Redmond Noise Ordinance, adding information on the mitigation plan/how to make a noise complaint to the City's website, community meetings, and traffic planning for the larger events at Marymoor.

Red Light Cameras

Lieutenant Nick Almquist presented information on the proposed Red Light Camera and School Zone Photo Enforcement Pilot Program:

Redmond's Photo Enforcement Project

- Red Light Camera
- School Zone Enforcement
- Vendor Selection:
 - American Traffic Solutions (ATS) chosen;
 - three companies were considered;

Red Light Cameras:

- How it works:
 - visual of intersection and equipment location (camera, video, strobe, controller, wireless detection sensors, detection zones);
 - the first image records the vehicle behind the crosswalk while the light is red;
 - the second image records the vehicle proceeding through the intersection while the light is red;
- Violation Process Flow:
 - Collect violation images (ATS);
 - Image review and data entry (ATS);
 - Database/Lookups (state DMV databases);
 - Review and issue (ATS and Redmond Police);
 - Print and mail citation (ATS);
 - Result: Pay, Ignore Dispute, Void/Re-Process;
- Intersections of Concern:
 - 148th Avenue NE/Redmond Way;
 - Union Hill road/Avondale Road;
 - 156th Avenue NE/NE 40th Street;
- Site Studies (December 2009 - ATS)
 - 156th Avenue NE/NE 40th Street:
 - Eastbound NE 40th Street had 32 violations per day, with an estimated 832 per month;
 - Westbound NE 40th Street had 9 violations per day, with an estimated 234 per month;
 - Redmond Way/148th Avenue NE:
 - Eastbound Redmond Way had 33 violations per day, with an estimated 858 per month;
 - Union Hill/Avondale Road:
 - Westbound Union Hill had 24 violations per day, with an estimated 624 per month;

- Northbound Avondale Road had 20 violations per day, with an estimated 520 per month;

School Zone Photo Enforcement:

- Schools recommended for program:
 - Redmond Junior High;
 - Einstein Elementary;
- School selection criteria:
 - High traffic volumes;
 - Main arterials;
 - Consistent speed complaints;
- School data:
 - Einstein Elementary:
 - Eastbound Traffic:
 - 8:30 - 9:15am – 34 violations/day;
 - 3:30 - 4pm – 63 violations/day;
 - Frequency of Violations of 26 mph+, Eastbound:
 - 8:30 - 9:15am – 21 violations;
 - 3:30 - 4pm – 27 violations;
 - Frequency of Violations of 26 mph+, Westbound:
 - 8:30 - 9:15am – 13 violations;
 - 3:30 - 4pm – 36 violations;
 - East/Westbound Traffic Captured;
 - Redmond Junior High:
 - Northbound Traffic:
 - 7:30 - 8am – 30 violations/day;
 - 2:15 - 2:45pm – 63 violations/day;
 - Frequency of Violations of 26 mph+, Northbound:
 - 7:30 - 8am – 13 violations;
 - 2:15 - 2:45pm – 63 violations;
 - North/Southbound Traffic Captured;

Legislative News:

- House Bill (HB) 2780 did not make it to vote this 2010 session; and
- there were no changes to current Photo Enforcement Polices.

General discussion ensued regarding ATS, concerns regarding fee rates, collection and revenue usage and how the school enforcement zones will be monitored.

Ms. Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor, commented on the revenues collected from the programs; she stated that the revenues would first be used to pay court costs per the contract with King County for District Court Services, then the remaining revenue generated from the pilot program would be set aside and dedicated for safety programs. Lt. Almquist commented that, for instance, revenues could provide funding for more school zone signage and blinking lights or other pedestrian safety programs. In addition, once traffic violations have decreased at the three red light camera intersections, the cameras can be moved to higher risk areas to continue to increase safety and reduce violations across the city. Ms. Rivkin added - consistency with fees established by other local jurisdictions should be considered in establishing the fee, and the hope

is that the amount of violations, and thus revenue collected, would decrease as drivers increasingly abide by traffic laws.

Staff advised that approval to move forward with development of the pilot program contract with ATS would be before Council at the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2010. Further details regarding the rates and revenues would be addressed by the Committee and Council as the program is developed and the contract comes forward for Council approval, late Spring/early Summer 2010.

King County Jail Contract Status

Ms. Rivkin presented information on the King County Jail Contract status:

- Approval of Amendment to Interlocal Agreement between King County and the City of Redmond for Jail Services will be up for Council approval at the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2010;
- Highlights of the item for approval include:
 - The current contract with King County expires in 2012;
 - This agreement would extend services to 2016;
 - New rates will be in effect;
 - The City can choose to extend the contract to 2016 and adopt the new rates, or keep the current contract through 2012;
 - The deadline to sign the extension agreement is May 1, 2010;
 - The contract can be terminated at any time;
 - The fees are based on usage, depending on the services provided (price per bed, per night);
 - The average usage of Redmond is four beds per day;
 - Redmond only uses King County to house misdemeanor inmates that cannot be held elsewhere (example: inmates with mental health issues, female inmates, etc);
 - Redmond also utilizes and has contracts with the Issaquah and Yakima Jails, and utilize those facilities more frequently; these facilities do not have a booking fee and have a lower per bed/per night rate;
 - The new contract would incorporate aspects of, and supersede, the current contract; and
 - Comparison of current and new rates (little financial impact expected).

General discussion ensued regarding usage at Issaquah, Yakima, and King County Jails by Redmond. Ms. Rivkin stated that updates on jail planning, the Yakima County Jail Contract and South Corrections Entity (SCORE) will be coming to Council in the near future.

Human Services Support

This item was rescheduled for the next Public Safety Committee meeting – Wednesday, May 12, 2010.

Animal Control Services Update

Ms. Rivkin briefed the Council on Animal Control Services:

- The regional work group has developed and proposed a plan;
- This item is on the Council Study Session Agenda for Tuesday, April 27, 2010;
 - Will discuss a regional and sub-regional model for providing these services;
- King County Animal Services:
 - plans to close the Crossroads location, and keep the Kent location open;
 - attempts to contact pet owners if the animal has ID;
 - has a hotline people can call to get updates on lost/found animals (and lists a verbal description of animals); and
 - has a website with the above information.

Miscellaneous

Ms. Jane Christenson, Deputy City Administrator, mentioned that in regards to Human Services and homelessness issues, Redmond has offered the services of Joe Engram to Kirkland, for help at the future Tent City location – between Redmond and Kirkland.