

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Council Conference Room
15670 NE 85th Street
Redmond, Washington

Thursday, July 8, 2010
4 p.m.

Council

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

Staff

Tim Fuller, Fire Chief
Ron Gibson, Police Chief
Lynn Sjolander, Assistant Fire Marshall
Jim Bove, Police Program Coordinator
Elizabeth Adkisson, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor

John Marchione

Meeting Summary

Convened: 4 p.m.

Adjourned: 5 p.m.

Chair Hank Myers called the meeting to order and overviewed the agenda.

Neighborhood Watch Programs

Police Chief Ron Gibson and Police Program Coordinator Jim Bove gave an overview of the Redmond Neighborhood Watch programs:

- there are 41 active Neighborhood Watch groups in Redmond;
- the number of groups has decreased; however, the quality of the groups and participation has increased;
- the Redmond Police Department has quarterly meetings with groups and sends regular notices to members;
- programs are most often initiated by neighborhood; they call for safety tips, RPD suggests starting a neighborhood watch group, then group sets up regular meetings, etc.;
- neighborhoods are put in contact with their residential area patrol officers, and officers attend regular meetings;
- a list of past and present neighborhood watch groups is maintained, and often utilized for National Night Out;
- the Police Department, Fire Department, and CERT programs all work together to spread the word on neighborhood watch opportunities and National Night Out; and

- it would be good to create a combined list of contacts from neighborhood watch groups, CERTs, and registered National Night Out neighborhoods.

General discussion ensued regarding recruitment and formation of neighborhood watch groups, outreach/marketing at Redmond Derby Days, and prevention activities of neighborhood watch groups.

National Night Out – August 3, 2010

The committee held a general discussion on the timeline and activities held for National Night Out – Tuesday, August 3, 2010. Council members shared past experiences and discussed scheduling for 2010. The Police and Fire Departments will coordinate schedules of who is going to which neighborhood and when. The Mayor and Council President Richard Cole will coordinate council member attendance scheduling.

Councilmembers discussed the ombudsman opportunities presented from attendance at Nation Night Out gatherings, and in regards to information collection and dissemination post event.

Fire Inspection Rules and Procedures

Assistant Fire Marshall Lynn Sjolander presented information to the committee on Fire Inspection Rules and Procedures:

- two fire prevention inspection types:
 1. new development inspections:
 - plans; and
 - new buildings/structures;
 2. maintenance inspections:
 - fire sprinklers;
 - alarms;
 - exiting; and
 - general fire safety;
- types of locations:
 - high hazard locations – annual inspections performed;
 - high occupancy/risk locations – annual inspections performed; and
 - low occupancy/hazard/risk locations (example: locations with one point of entrance/exit) – biennial inspections performed;
- fire prevention success is a difficult thing to measure – based on the lack of fire safety related incidents;
- there is a high benefit to annual/biennial inspections;
- fire prevention inspectors work with businesses on regular a regular basis, to answer questions, build relationships, help owners be in compliance with codes year round, and avoid incidents; it is the only City department to have regular contact with business owners; and
- fire prevention inspectors offer education on code – how and why developed, why enforced, discuss risks, and to help owners find solutions for specific needs.

Fire Chief Tim Fuller stated that the Fire codes are developed to prevent issues, and based off past incidents and performance (international).

General discussion ensued regarding places of assembly, the typical timeframe to complete inspections, number of employees in prevention, the trend toward and increase in life support emergency calls, as opposed to fire related calls, sprinklers in single-family homes, and fire prevention employees – all have been firefighters at one time, and are available for back-up in case of emergency.

Miscellaneous

A general discussion was held regarding evening traffic around Marymoor Park in past weeks; Councilmembers have received complaints regarding increased traffic due to construction, rush hour, and events at Marymoor Park (concerts, Cirque du Soleil, etc.). Mayor Marchione suggested reviewing recent event attendance data/traffic data. Chief Gibson will review the terms of the current traffic mitigation plan with King County and the possibility of revisiting the terms of the contract.

A brief discussion was held regarding enforcement of cigarette littering from vehicles incidents; incidents are low.