

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

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

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Council:

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

Staff:

Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner
Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks Director
Josh Heim, Recreation Program Administrator
Craig Larsen, Parks Director
Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts
Manager
Cheryl Xanthos, Deputy City Clerk

Friends of Youth

Terry Pottmeyer, President and CEO

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.

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

The Landing-Winter Statistics Update

Ms. Terry Pottmeyer, President and CEO of Friends of Youth, stated that today is the last day of four months of supplemental funding from the City of Redmond. Ms. Pottmeyer provided the following statistics from the Landing:

- From December 2013 to March 2014, utilization has continued to increase.
- In December 2013, there was 494 bed nights.
- By March 2014, bed nights increased to 549.
- Most nights are at capacity.
- Total number of unduplicated clients is 122.
- Total number of bed nights from clients with a Redmond zip code is 363.
- Total number of bed nights provided due to the additional funding provided by Redmond was: December, 62; January, 58; February, 94; and March, 165.
- Number of clients who had to be turned away due to lack of beds: December, 8; January, 17; February, 31; March, 87.

Ms. Pottmeyer stated that partnership with the Redmond Police Department and the City of Redmond has worked very well; other cities are helping to support the shelter; and the very wet weather in March caused the increase in use.

General discussion ensued regarding home zip code reporting; possible expansion of the facility; staff limitations; and work requirements for clients.

Pantry Packs

Ms. Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner, stated that the Pantry Pack program was started by a librarian at Evergreen Middle School. Kids in need were given snacks in their backpacks for the weekend. This program expanded to serving over 400 children in 25 schools in the Lake Washington School District. After the librarian was no longer able to continue the program, the Nourishing Network sought help to keep the program going through the rest of the school year. Hopelink took the program on, but due to funding gaps, asked the Human Services Department for a contribution of \$5,500.

General discussion ensued regarding the Nourishing Network associations; contributions from other cities; the budget for the funding; and criteria for determining which kids are in need.

Upcoming Funding Cycle

Ms. Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner, provided an update on the funding cycle. The application process has opened and is in conjunction with 15 cities. An agency requesting funding fills out one online application that will be provided to all of the cities. Applications are due on April 23, 2014. After the application period closes the applications are available to be downloaded and processed. Another update will be provided during the May 2014 Parks and Human Services Committee Meeting.

General discussion ensued regarding agencies that are turned away based on the Human Services budget, and scaling to provide needed funds.

Grant Contract for Idylwood Park

Ms. Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts Manager, stated that when the City of Redmond received Idylwood Park from King County in 1994, the State Recreation and Conservation Office Grant Contract was not included. This grant contract will transfer the grant terms from King County to the City of Redmond.

General discussion ensued regarding cost; other parks with the State Recreation and Conservation Office Grants; and tracking grant contracts.

Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement with King County

Ms. Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts Manager, stated that King County Parks passed a levy in August 2013 to generate \$62 million over six years, and \$4.3 million of that money would be distributed to the cities. This is a replacement levy for the previous King County Parks levy. The City of Redmond will receive approximately \$167,000 a year and the funds are to be used for improving local parks and trails.

General discussion ensued regarding use of the funds.

Artist in Residence

Mr. Josh Heim, Recreation Program Administrator, provided an update on “Recipe for Love”, the first major performance by the Artist in Residence. It will be held on May 3, 2014, at the City Hall Great Lawn at 4pm. This event includes: a live orchestra, swing dance lessons, large eggs to be rolled through the city streets, and a maypole to dance around. Residents can also bring cakes to share. This is replacing the traditional egg hunt, and provides an opportunity for people to come together.

General discussion ensued regarding safety; street closures; and the decision to replace Eggstravaganza.

Recreation Buildings Master Plan

Ms. Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks Director, provided a preview of the Recreation Buildings Master Plan preferred option that is scheduled for April 8, 2014, study session. The Master Plan will help guide future change. Ms. Anderson provided a concept rendering. The highlights of the master plan are:

- locating the replacement pool and recreation center between the library and City Hall;
- providing structured parking;
- placing the teen center on the civic campus and/or in a stand-alone building;
- community-identified priorities are: an indoor walking/running track, gym, pools, and indoor play space;
- locating close to transit, downtown, and trails; and
- addressing concerns of providing walking access to parking and enough parking stalls.

A hard copy of the draft master plan will be provided to the full Council prior to the study session. The Recreation Buildings Master Plan draft will go to the Parks and Trails Commission on May 1, 2014, and then will come back to the full Council for direction.

General discussion ensued regarding cost and distance of the proposed running track; pool use by high school swim teams; the community’s interest in the various recreation center components and the potential phasing of those components; working with other municipalities; parking structure size and location; relocation of the Public Works vehicles; Public Safety ingress and egress; walking paths; entrance orientation; relocating the courthouse; partnering with the Lake Washington School District; pool use fees; and the autonomy of the Teen Center.

Redmond Skate Park Follow Up

Ms. Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks Director, stated that at a previous Regular Council Meeting an individual came forward to comment about drug use at the Skate Park. To follow up with the complaint, the Police Department has increased foot patrols and is establishing rapport with skateboarders and parents. Officers are observing activity related to the transit center and the skate park.

General discussion ensued regarding security cameras and remote monitoring. A staff report will be provided for the full Council.