

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

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

Tuesday, December 7, 2010
4:30 p.m.

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:15 p.m.

Council:

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

Staff:

Mark Hickok, Business Operations Manager
Jeff Hagen, Recreation Program Administrator
Barbara Eggerud, Recreation Program Coordinator
Carolyn Hope, Senior Parks Planner
B. Sanders, Senior Parks Planner
Elizabeth Adkisson, Deputy City Clerk

Committee Chair, John Stilin, opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

STOEL RIVES CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR THE REDMOND CENTRAL CONNECTOR

Ms. Carolyn Hope, Senior Parks Planner, reviewed the Stoel Rives contract amendment for the Redmond Central Connector:

- item is up for approval on the City Council Regular Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, December 7, 2010;
- request includes: extension of current contract in regards to legal work for BNSF, additional funds for services to be provided, added scope of work; and
- an excellent quality of work has been provided to-date by Stoel Rives; staff have received many positive comments from collaborating partners.

General discussion ensued regarding specific legal work provided by Stoel Rives, hours logged, and prospective work to be performed with extension of contract.

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT FOR THE REDMOND CENTRAL CONNECTOR

Ms. Hope reported on the Transportation Enhancement Grant for the Redmond Central Connector:

- grant acceptance will be before the Council for approval in January 2011;
- a grant in the amount of 2.3 million dollars, to build the first 1.1 miles of trail through the downtown area; connecting the Sammamish River Trail to the Bear Creek Trail;

- approximately 2 million dollars has been set aside in the budget for this project; total project cost estimated at 4 million dollars;
- a more specific cost estimate and preliminary design will be presented to the Council in the near future;
- grant funds to be used by the end of the year 2012; and
- Parks Department staff will collaborate with Public Works Department staff in order to expedite overlapping projects for the trail.

General discussion ensued regarding grant limitations/terms, access across SR520 and link to East Lake Sammamish Trail, collaboration with King County, and specifics of trail standards.

ACQUISITION OF SMITH PROPERTY

Ms. B. Sanders, Senior Parks Planner, reported on the acquisition of the Smith Property:

- to be purchased for North East Redmond Park;
- currently the City owns the property to the west; proposed park master plan includes both properties; the City have been in discussions with the property owners in order to acquire this land;
- the city-owned property is mostly wetlands, and includes a large pond;
- the Smith property currently has many gardens, and a few structures; the proposed park plan would include trails and gardens/arboretum area on this property, buildings would be removed - save for the house structure (steel) – which may be used for a future structure; and
- the City is hoping to acquire the property in January 2011; the Smith's have agreed to the price (based on the current appraised value); acquisition monies are included in 2011-12 budget.

General discussion ensued regarding timeline, funding, and undeveloped driveway on the Smith property (no plans to develop further/utilize).

INCLUSION/ADAPTIVE UPDATE

Ms. Barbara Eggerund, Recreation Program Coordinator, reported on the Adaptive Recreation Program, and Inclusion Services:

Adaptive Recreation Program:

- offers classes specifically designed for participants with developmental disabilities;
- funded by General Fund (GF) and Recreation Activity Fund (RAF);
- services have been provided since 1986;
- participants typical age: 13 to 30 years old;
- examples of services offered:
 - sports: Special Olympics basketball and soccer, softball, martial arts, gymnastics;
 - day camps: seven weeks per summer;
 - outings: Saturday excursions to local attractions, Monday night bowling;
- FTE Program Coordinator hired in 2003;
- program serves an average of 85 participants and their families per year;

- adjustments to classes offered are consistently assessed and implemented based on participation trends; and
- staff continually looks for avenues to reach more people within the disabled community; examples includes plans to create programs available for siblings of people with disabilities, and to research if there is a need for classes specifically designed for people with physical disabilities.

Inclusion Services Program:

- accommodation of people with disabilities who are participating in general recreation classes; mandated by the American's with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA);
- funded by the General Fund (GF) and Adaptive Recreation budget;
- program is responsible for determining and providing reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities participating in Redmond Recreation Programs, and training staff in disability awareness;
- examples of accommodations made:
 - direct assistance for participants with a disability: modifying projects to fit participant abilities, encouraging/creating peer interactions, and positive behavior support;
 - extra assistance for staff;
 - staff training – during classes or prior to class start date;
 - do NOT include personal services such as toileting, feeding, and dressing;
- 2003 – one Inclusion Specialist hired to support one participant with autism registered for eight classes; 2010 – two Inclusion Specialists supporting 27 participants registered for 99 classes;
- diagnosed autism rates are rising; general recreation staff is becoming accustomed to leading classes that include participants with autism, and naturally making basic accommodations for the participants within their classes without the need for the support of Inclusion Specialists; and
- inclusion of people with disabilities into general recreation programs continues to increase.

General discussion ensued regarding participant age limit (none) and average (13 to 30), marketing ideas in order to involve more participants in services offered, possibility of a 'membership' format as opposed to class-by-class registration, additional funding forums to pursue, and a possible increase in participants due to the ending of surrounding cities adaptive/inclusion services.