

City of Redmond Human Services Commission
Meeting Summary
Tuesday March 27, 2012
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Members Present: Kerry Smith, Connie Stansberry, Miles Mitchell, Jason Dick, Lynn Fleshman, Steve Daschle, Valerie Bays, John Enslein

Staff Present: Colleen Kelly, Brooke Buckingham

Public Comment: Two residents, Betsy McAlister and her daughter Leah Harger, presented comments in support of a local program called Athletes for Kids. This program had a positive impact for this family and the Commission was encouraged to support it.

Updates from Commissioners: Miles shared the news that he has been accepted at his first choice school and that he will be leaving to start the program in late June.

Updates from Staff: Brooke shared a brief update about the application process being live and that applications are starting to come in already.

Colleen discussed Redmond's participation in a collaborative grant application for funding from the Regional Equity Network of the Greater Transit Communities project. The proposal involves hiring a community organizer to help create capacity among traditionally underrepresented groups in the Overlake area to be able to influence policy and procedural decisions as light rail is developed in that area.

OLD BUSINESS

No items

NEW BUSINESS

The agenda for this meeting focused on discussion of the 11 letters of interest submitted for potential "deeper impact" projects in Redmond. The goal of the meeting was for the Commission to provide staff direction regarding the follow-up response to each letter.

The first item for discussion was a letter that was submitted via e-mail on Sunday after the “due” date and whether the Commission wished to consider that letter. There was consensus that the letter should be reviewed given the unique nature of this particular process and because it arrived in time for consideration. There was additional consensus that should additional letters arrive henceforth they will not be considered.

Following is a summary of the direction given regarding responses to organizations:

Not pursuing through this process—including brief summary of the planned response

- Child Care Resources enhanced services for special needs children—Commission was not persuaded that there is a compelling need among Redmond residents for this particular service.
- Chinese Information and Service Center Play and Learn groups—Encourage application through regular process
- Children’s Response Center Bullying/Abuse/Neglect/Education/Prevention—Suggest that the agency identify/hone in on one area of need and apply for that in the regular process
- Elder and Adult Day Health Services—Not enough detail to know if this would be a fit for our funding at all
- KITH housing support for 12 families—suggest applying through the regular process where funds from other cities can be leveraged
- Together Center redesign and lobby staffing—the commission liked the idea/direction of the proposal but did not see this as something really focused on Redmond residents. TC is encouraged to submit a CDBG pre-app for the capital dollars needed (this can then be considered for Redmond’s CDBG capital award for 2013) and to apply to multiple cities for the staffing support through the regular application process.
- YWCA Community Connector position—While this might be a valuable addition to our community, the commission is not persuaded that this proposal addresses a most pressing need for Redmond residents. Agency is welcome to apply through the regular process in which support could be sought from multiple cities.
- EDVP Housing Stability—While the commission supports the idea of flexible funding support, the letter did not address measurable results nor did it address data regarding current need for this type of assistance among Redmond residents. The commission suggests applying through the regular funding process which would allow requests to multiple cities in support of the .5 FTE and varying levels of support for the flexible funds portion.

Additional Information Desired

Hopelink On the Job Training Program—

- Commission suggests considering a greater commitment from employers e.g. portion of the 3 month pay, stronger commitment to hire etc.

- On what did they base the projected 80% employment outcome? Text states “we believe this approach will result in low-income participants achieving a greater rate of full-time employment).
- Why have they not implemented this approach before now?

PSCC Mobile Medical Clinic—

- How is current program funded?
- Is there more than one mobile clinic vehicle? If not, does it make sense to double the number of sites visited on a weekly basis?
- Where in Redmond would you propose siting the clinic?
- How much funding are you requesting?

YES Family Net Continuum—

- What would be the relationship/intersection with the work of the YES counselor at RHS?
- Would there be any possibility of leveraging an additional .5 FTE to allow a full FTE and Redmond Middle School and a .5 FTE at RHS?
- How are students identified for services?
- What age groups are eligible for/served by the Summer Explorers Program?
- Has YES made any effort to track attendance or academic outcomes for students supported by Family Net?

Next Regular Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 6:30 in the Council Conference Room.