

City of Redmond
PARKS & TRAILS COMMISSION

Redmond City Hall – Council Chambers
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond Washington

Thursday, June 2, 2011
6:30 p.m.

Meeting Convened: at 6:34 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Commissioners:

Mary Bourguignon, Chair
Tina Sarin, Vice Chair
Peter McDonald
Cindy Jayne
Tom Sanko
Colin Worsley
Ray Smalling
Sheri Sanders

Staff:

B Sanders, Sr. Parks Planner
Carolyn Hope, Sr. Parks Planner
Sharon Sato, Dept. Coordinator

Youth Advocates Absent and Excused

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Audience – 0

I. Call to order/Welcome to Citizen Guests

Mary Bourguignon, newly appointed Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
Chair Bourguignon welcomed Commissioners and staff.

II. Approval of May Minutes

Delayed until July Commission meeting.

III. Items from the Audience

None

IV. New Business

A. July – Social Media

Chair Bourguignon opened up a discussion regarding the different types of social media, ways the City is reaching out to the community and what measures are being made to connect to the community.

Ms. Hope reported the City currently has Twitter and Facebook accounts, an E-news letter as well as the City's webpage which has links to major projects. She suggested and encouraged Commissioners go to the City's webpage and sign up for specific park project updates.

Commissioner Sarin suggested that social media might be a valuable link for collecting data on park usage. Commissioner Sanko also suggested that Twitter could be used for a customer service (et. al. maintenance and, park monitoring issues) link.

Commissioners discussed a possible Facebook page where interested parties could go to get updates on specific projects such as the Downtown Park and Redmond Connector projects. They also discussed the possibility of webcams at the Downtown Park project as it develops.

Ms. Hope encouraged Commissioners to check out the City's Facebook and E-News letter, not only as interested parties by as contributors and subscribe to the City's Twitter and Facebook accounts.

V. Old Business

A. Plant a Seed Presentation

Chair Bourguignon handed out a newly revised copy of the Plant a Seed presentation.

Organizations to give presentations to – Rotaries (2), Realize Redmond, Chamber of Commerce, Redmond Historical Society, Teen Center/Sr. Center, Lake Washington PTSA Council, Emerald Heights, Little League, Aquatics Organizations, and Lake Washington Youth Soccer Association.

- a. Hand out questionnaires at door (general, simple, short)
- b. Presentation edit ideas - discussion related to what types of information should be part of the presentation. Ms. Hope requested Commissioners to email any suggested changes to Chair Bourguignon, who will incorporate them into the presentation.
- c. The new version will be shorter, introductory slides added and music change.

B. Bond – General Schedule – Ms. Hope requested that presentations to public entities be completed by the end July to keep on schedule.

- a. Staff will schedule appointments.
- b. By fall 2011 coordinate with Transportation for a possible Transportation bond or levy measure. After research and discussion (staff and Commission) a joint Parks and Public Works presentation will be made to

City Council as to whether a bond or levy measure should be a joint endeavor, separate, or whether there should be a bond at all.

C. Review Options - Hope

Ms. Hope summarized the bond discussion from the previous meeting reviewing the A, B, and C options.

Option A – Improve and Build Parks and Trails – building the best version of the current parks system, payoff on master plans, make critical trail links, significant re-building and building of neighborhood parks; no community center. Cost - slightly over \$31.4M; approximately \$56 per average household per year (\$400k).

Option B – Highest priorities on Capital Projects list – some differences from Option A, Conrad Olson, Cascade View and the first phase of Sammamish Valley Park driven by the Park Plan level of service criteria. Similar list of trail projects with a new pool and fitness center. Cost - \$70.3M, approximately \$126.08 annual cost per average household (\$400k).

Option C – Recreation Facilities/Increase Programming Capacity – Projects that generate a net increase in recreation capacity; pool, Teen Center, Sr. Center renovation, community center (ORSCC) renovate (potential rental opportunities), Hartman Park master plan and renovations, Perrigo Park Ph. 2, Idylwood, Farrel McWhirter and two (2) new multi-purpose sports fields (schools and parks) \$67.3M, approximately \$120.70 annual cost per average household (\$400k).

D. Community Center/Field House – Sanders (handout)

In 2009, Ms. Sanders worked with a consultant to compile a facilities study to identify existing buildings and their condition in the City of Redmond Parks system. Buildings identified were – The Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center (ORSCC), Old Firehouse Teen Center, Sr. Center, and Redmond Pool @ Hartman Park. The study identified the condition of the buildings, upgrade options and whether they should be renovated or rebuilt.

The public was surveyed to find out what type of recreation they currently use and what type of recreation they would like to see in Redmond (top three). The top three choices were: indoor swimming/aquatic center, indoor running/walking track and indoor playground.

Citizens surveyed indicated that they currently utilize private health clubs and businesses, theaters or cultural venues and the City's Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center to service their needs.

Ms. Hope noted that the Director, Craig Larsen, had met with surrounding businesses and jurisdictions (YMCA, school district, Cities of Kirkland, Bellevue and Sammamish) regarding partnering to provide a community pool to service surrounding areas. However, Ms. Hope added that this partnership is highly unlikely at this time.

Commissioners discussed the importance of a “center piece” amenity (pool, field house, trails, Centennial connections, downtown redevelopment, Downtown Park). Commissioners agreed that building the bond around big projects that tie into the Centennial, legacy and children (references of tying in trails that connect to the Centennial facilities and amenities).

Chair Bourguignon asked staff to set up the framework (as an option) using the top three survey responses from citizens and creating a balanced options building around some of the centerpiece ideas (including costs, ideas, geographic balance, needs).

Ms. Hope asked each Commissioner, based on the hand out, which top two or three projects they thought would be important to the community.

Centerpiece projects included:

- Aquatics Center Fieldhouse
- Redmond Central Connector
- Downtown Park
- Dudley Carter Park
- Farrel McWhirter Park – FM Improvements
- Juel Park
- Bear Creek Bridge to Marymoor
- Conrad Olsen Environmental Education Center
- Rose Hill Trail (PSE-Gasline Trail to Rose Hill)
- Centennial Trail Loop

Staff will discuss concept with the Parks Director, create a map locating suggested parks and will email to Commissioners.

Ms. Sanders added that at the end of the facilities study an evaluation of four different scenarios for community/aquatic centers. Ms. Sanders discussed the facility amenities and costs per scenario.

VI. Project Updates/Reviews

A. Redmond Connector (Hope)

Ms. Hope reminded Commissioners about the Redmond Connector Mayor’s Reception, City Hall Lobby, Tuesday, June 7, 6:00 p.m. before the City Council meeting.

Schedule:

Tuesday, June 7	Council adoption of RCC Master Plan
Tuesday, June 21	Contract for design Phase I (Berger & Associates)
Tuesday, June 21	Possible approval of trunk line contract
July 2011	Possible trunk line construction begins

B. Redmond Bike Park (Hope)

Ms. Hope reported that the work party schedule for June 18 has been cancelled due to possible neighborhood project appeals. If appeals proceed it will take approximately two to three months to go through the appeal process. Ms. Hope added that at the beginning and during the entire process notification of the project was made to neighbors in the community (3 mile radius of the park) as well as held several public meetings, including on-site, Redmond Jr. High and Horace Mann Elementary School. The appeal period will end on June 20.

C. Spiritbrook Park – Review, Design, Process (Sanders)

Ms. Sanders noted that 90% design drawings had been received and bids for construction will take place in the next few days. Due to time constraints, a sign will be placed at the park showing the design, construction schedule and website information. A mailer may be sent out to notify the neighbors of the schedule, design, and process in the next coming months. Construction should begin in mid-July.

D. Derby Days (Sanders)

Ms. Sanders handed out a sign up sheet for the July 7th Derby Days booth sponsored by the Commission. Time slots are 1 hour in length. Teen volunteers will be needed for the children activities.

E. Teen Feed (Sanders)

Ms. Sanders announced that the Commission's date for sponsoring the annual Teen Feed Barbeque has been set for Wednesday, July 27th at 6 p.m. Ms. Sarin volunteered to take the lead on purchasing the food for the event.

VII. Commissioner Updates/Review

A. None

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Sanko to adjourn

Second: Smalling

Motion carried: 8-0

Next Commission Meeting

July 7, 2011
6:30 p.m.
Redmond City Hall
Tressal Room