

City of Redmond
PARKS & TRAILS COMMISSION

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

Thursday, October 6, 2011
6:30 p.m.

Meeting Convened: at 6:33 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Commissioners:

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

Staff:

Mark Hickok, Acting Recreation Manager
Carolyn Hope, Sr. Parks Planner
B Sanders, Sr. Parks Planner
Jean Rice, Dept. Analyst
Ken Wong, Teen Programs Manager
Marty Boggs, Recreation Program Administrator
Cameron Amann, Recreation Program Assistant
Ari Tillman, Recreation Program Assistant
Lei Wu, Sr. Transportation Engineer

Absent and Excused

Commissioner Sheri Sanders

Audience – 0

I. Call to order/Welcome to Citizen Guests

Mary Bourguignon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Chair Bourguignon welcomed Commissioners and staff.

II. Approval of May Minutes

Motion by Co-Chair Sarin to approve the September 8, 2011 minutes as presented.
Second by Commissioner Jayne
Motion passed: 5-0

III. Items from the Audience

None

IV. New Business

A. Transportation Management Plan - Lei Wu (handout)

Ms. Hope introduced Ms. Wu (Transportation Engineer) and gave a brief overview of Ms. Wu's presentation.

Ms. Wu reported that the City's Transportation Plan has been in progress since October 2010 and since that time several community meetings had been held. She invited the Commission to the next and final community event scheduled for:

November 17, 2011
Open House
Redmond City Hall Foyer
5:30 p.m.
Short Presentation followed by "One on One" conversations with staff

Ms. Wu noted that one of the major purposes/goals, of the Transportation Plan, is to get individuals to their destinations (parks, green spaces), help establish social connections and allow safe walkability for a healthy and active life.

A meeting was held with staff members to discuss the key areas in the City (some identified as "Gateways" into Redmond). The last workshop focused on four areas in the city:

- 1) End of SR520
- 2) Interchange area of SR520 and SR202
- 3) West Lake Sammamish Parkway and Leary Way
- 4) Overlake/NE 40th

The number one issue identified is the conflict between motorized and non-motorized vehicles at the focused areas identified. A report has been drawn up and Transportation has asked major stakeholders to review the list and respond to the findings. Staff has also asked stakeholders to raise any issues not brought up in the findings and make suggestions as to how to resolve these issues (land use, traffic volume, pedestrian/bicyclists/cars, transit). Trail connections and sidewalks were also suggested topics of concern.

The number one issue brought up was concerning the interchange at the end 520 and SR202 and the motorized (vehicles) and non-motorized (bicycles) issue. Staff is currently reviewing comments from WSDOT and will take them into consideration when resolving these issues.

Staff is looking at future opportunities, emphasis on future walkability and a tolling study.

Ms. Wu brought a map that designated potential pedestrian/bike/vehicle problem areas and all major intersections in Redmond.

All projects are being put into a database which will be consolidated to develop a plan.

A question and answer period followed. Ms. Wu reminded the Commission to attend the upcoming meeting.

V. Old Business

A. Preliminary Community Center Siting and Design Concept – B Sanders

Ms. Hope announced that she and Ms. Sanders would be combining the Community Center Siting and Design Concept item with the Ballot Measure Focus Group Update.

Ms. Sanders reported that staff has been researching some aquatics/community center components and has met with recreation staff to gather information as to what amenities are needed to satisfy community needs now and in the future.

The Vision for the recreation division is to serve all with a commitment to greatness and mission is to be the leader in providing innovative recreation services that enhance the quality of life in Redmond.

- Possible Facility Components
 - Aquatics Component – lap pool (lap or competition), viewing space, leisure pool (youth oriented – Great Bear Lodge), outdoor, party room, splash pool
 - One or more gymnasiums (2 to 3) – currently using school gym space, currently maxed out,
 - Walking track – above and around gym, same level (multiple courts in the middle), curtains to separate gym area to make private spaces
 - Different types of fitness rooms – studio
 - Classroom spaces – several functions
 - Indoor kid spaces – highest ranking element: creative, fun, several elements of play, child care area
 - Community gathering spaces – no specific function, would accommodate small to large gatherings, entry area, study area, waiting area, reception area
 - Banquet/Rental space with kitchen: big space (200-300 people), unique space, adequate parking
 - Fitness area – sufficient for holding classes, two rooms (small and large) for aerobics/dance/yoga, cardio machines, locker room
 - Office and support spaces for staff
 - Adequate storage
 - Restrooms

Summary of Needs:

- How many acres of land?
 - Gym/track – min. of one high school court with two smaller courts or a maximum of three high school courts in one field house – track above or below depending on one side
 - Pool – six lane or eight lanes, splash pool include therapy pool
 - Community Center – six classroom (at least), two fitness (dance/yoga rooms), fitness center (weight machines, exercise equipment)

- Storage in hallways
- Adequate parking
- Community gathering spaces
- Banquet Hall in maximum size facility
- Small facility – 4 acres
- Larger facility – includes field house, 8 acres
- Location?
 - Urban area (city center location) – possibly higher structure (floors), changing building construction type, parking structure (depending on cost of land)
 - Suburban area – parking structure (depending on cost of land)
 - 80,000 to 100,000 square feet
 - 20 sites screened – size, access to target population (urban center), high visibility, access to transit, not add to traffic congestion, access to complementary amenities, critical areas, infrastructure (utilities, road ways), plans for land use
 - 3-Key areas – downtown core, business park behind Whole Foods, Marymoor Park – partnering with King County (logistics would need to be worked out) Larry's Market site,
 - Satellite locations – smaller facilities without pool, two classrooms and one smaller gym
- Ways to curb costs
 - Partnershiping - King County, School District, Microsoft
 - Close to other amenities – rock climbing, trails, parks

Ballot Measure Focus Group Update

- Purpose – more focused discussion
- Information – financial, are level of service goals being met (Parks and Transportation) explain revenue reasoning
- Timing
- Will be used in determining if a bond measure would be feasible, if so, how much a bond measure should be, how long.
- Focus group (individuals that represent the demographics of Redmond through a interview process) will be helpful in deciding themes and language that is resonates with citizens. Staff goal is to take the information and using it to write a statistically valid survey.
- Staff has briefed consultants and will meet with them the second week in October to get their outline/plan and video.

Next month recap of consultant meeting and reporting to City Council with a more refined report and recommendation to move forward (asking Council to approve a survey).

Ms. Rice indicated that November 29th is the Joint Meeting between the Parks and Trails Commission and City Council to discuss the survey results and bond proposal.

B. RYPAC Potluck/Joint Meeting - Commission

Ken Wong, Teen Center Director, reported that the RYPAC teens would like to meet for a potluck dinner sometime in December.

Chair Bourguignon has requested that Commissioners be contacted with dates that would work in their schedules for the potluck. Chair Bourguignon asked that an email be sent out to find out what dates would work.

More discussion at next month's meeting.

C. Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Representative

Chair Bourguignon reported that in the past Commissioner Jayne had represented the Commission at the monthly PBAC meetings. Currently there is no representative. Chair Bourguignon stressed the importance of representation from the Commission at these meeting due to the content of the agenda. These meetings are held once a month (second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.).

Commissioners McDonald, Sanko and Jayne will rotate attendance.

VI. **Project Updates/Reviews**

A. Rentals – Marty Boggs, Cameron Amann, Ari Tillman (Handout)

Mr. Boggs introduced Ari Tillman, fields and facility rentals, and Cameron Amann, facility coordinator. Mr. Boggs gave a brief report and PowerPoint presentation overviewing current and past statistics highlighting rental facilities, functions, amenities of each facility, user groups, permits, revenue, and scheduling.

Mr. Boggs noted that although reservations are up to capacity staff has worked diligently to accommodate as many reservations as possible. Capacity is determined by type of use and time of day.

At the end of the presentation Mr. Boggs announced that Grass Lawn Park was awarded the Golden Teddy by ParentMap Magazine readers for "Best Park in the Northwest". Mr. Boggs noted that each year the magazine highlights and awards the Golden Teddy to a business, location or park amenity in a series of categories (activities, dining, shopping, camps & classes, resources, birthdays, health & fitness, parent fun and advertisers) in the area who readers feel fulfill the requirements of a family and children oriented business or place. This summer approximately 6,000 votes were submitted by magazine readers.

A question and answer period followed.

B. Senior Center – Ken Wong, Sr. Center and Teen Center Director

Mr. Wong gave an overview of the programs offered at the Center. He noted that this year the Sr. Center is 21 years old.

Mr. Wong noted that during the past two years staff has been looking at the changing generation of the senior population (Baby Boomers - seniors who are more active) and programs that address their needs (demand and new programming).

Mr. Wong added that outreach, in terms of marketing, has been challenging and finding ways to reach out to the new senior population has created new avenues of contacts – multi-media (social media) which has been shown to be beneficial. Another facet is the Intergenerational pieces that tie and connect teens and seniors together. Staff is working on building connections that add value to both generations (i.e. gardening project – greenhouse vegetable growing to aid the Hopelink Food Bank - activities such as these address needs, add cultural value, diversity and allows opportunity to partner with other agencies).

Partnering with other organizations also allows for greater outreach and ability to offer a variety of opportunities in the way of activities and experiences (i.e. Chinese New Year, East Indian lunches, Senior driving classes, yoga, early evening and later evening classes, etc.) allowing seniors to participate at comfortable levels. Question and answer period followed.

Mr. Wong announced that the City of Redmond had been named one of the 100 Best Cities for Youth in 2011. He also added that the City had also received this award in 2007. On October 12 a public announcement will be made from Washington, D.C.

VII. Commissioner Updates/Review

D. Derby Days/Centennial

Commissioner McDonald addressed the idea of holding a more extensive bike race; drawing more individuals to the city to participate and view the event.

He felt that a small committee should be put together to discuss the possibility of expanding the event.

Ms. Rice noted that because of the upcoming Centennial Celebration it would be a good time to discuss this with Lisa Rhodes, Events Administrator.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Jayne to adjourn

Second: Sarin

Motion carried: 7-0

Next Commission Meeting

December 1, 2011
6:30 p.m.
Redmond City Hall
Council Conference Room