

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

Council Conference Room  
15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Redmond, Washington

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

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**Council:**

David Carson, *not in attendance*  
Tom Flynn, Chair  
John Stilin  
Hank Margeson, *attending Councilmember*  
Hank Myers, *attending Councilmember*  
Pat Vache, *attending Councilmember*

**Staff:**

Colleen Kelly, Human Services Manager  
Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning/Cultural Arts Manager  
Joshua Heim, Recreation Program Administrator  
Teresa Kluver, Parks Operations Supervisor  
Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner  
Elizabeth Adkisson, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:37 p.m.

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Committee Chair, Tom Flynn, opened the meeting, announced Council members in attendance and overviewed the agenda.

**Funding Application Process Update**

Ms. Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner, and Ms. Colleen Kelly, Human Services Manager, presented an update on the Human Services Funding Application Process:

- Redmond, along with 17 other South, North, and East King County Cities, released a new online, joint application for human services funding for the 2013-14 biennium;
- a total of applications for 271 programs were submitted countywide, with funding requests totaling nearly \$15 million;
- Redmond received:
  - 73 applications with requests for \$978,974;
  - requests from 23 new programs in the amount of \$186,285;
  - requests for \$792,689 from currently funded programs (Redmond funded approximately \$680,000 in the 2011-12 funding cycle);
- these numbers are comparable to last funding cycle;
- staff anticipates having approximately \$725,000 to allocate in 2013-14;
- the Human Services Commission will meet in May to review the applications; and hopes to have preliminary recommendations prepared by August;
- regarding the ‘Significant Impact Project’ letters of interest: three proposals are still in consideration, and additional information has been requested by staff for two of the three; staff will be back to Council with any recommendations once the review process is complete; this project would also be funded through the allocations; and
- the recommendations will be presented to Council for review/comment at a September study session; and will be included in the final FY 2012-14 Budget for approval.

General discussion ensued regarding a breakdown of major categories of need/service categories of applications received (Ms. Buckingham will complete the analysis and provide to Council), and further analysis to include in the report for the September study session.

### **Human Services Staffing Update**

Ms. Kelly updated the Committee members on Human Services Staffing – with the current reorganizations in the Public Works and Planning Departments, Humans Services is requesting a limited-duration position for a senior planner; currently in the HR process, and hopes to be moving forward in the next week to ten days. In addition, Human Services will create a budget offer for a full FTE in the next cycle, for continuation of this support.

General discussion ensued regarding the breakdown of the positions and distribution of duties of current Human Services staff.

### **Redmond Central Connector Update**

Ms. Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning/Cultural Arts Manager, and Mr. Joshua Heim, Recreation Program Administrator, presented an update on the Redmond Central Connector:

- 90 percent plans are prepared (review of key sheets, landscaping details, parking lot, cross-sections);
- the project is currently on budget;
- an increased quality of design has been accomplished between the 60 percent and 90 percent plans; the artist has included innovative features of art and design, working within the landscape; and has two proposed art pieces designed: the erratic (location adjusted) and a signal piece (new, reusing rail signal materials);
- proposed signal piece would create an arts space/stage of sorts; and
- an amendment to the current contract will be coming forward for Council consideration to address these changes in the near future; no additional costs expected.

General discussion ensued regarding the effect of Sound Transit construction on the plans/art pieces; the concept for the signal art/stage and uses (digital art installations, stage for other types of performances, etc.); and possible additional Connector pieces in the future (nothing planned at the current time; though future pieces involving the bridge/trestle may be considered).

Ms. Hope presented information regarding an upcoming event featuring the Redmond Central Connector Artist, John Fleming, presented by 'Feet First': Walk and Talk - Walk, Talk, Connect Redmond; Thursday, May 24, 2012, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. For more information, contact Feet First: [info@feetfirst.org](mailto:info@feetfirst.org), 206.652.2310, [www.feetfirst.org](http://www.feetfirst.org).

### **Poet Laureate Selection Committee Recommendation**

Mr. Heim reported on the Poet Laureate Selection Committee Recommendation:

- selection panel consisted of representatives from the Redmond Arts Commission, Humanities Washington, Redmond Library, and RASP (Redmond Association of Spokenword);

- four candidate applications were submitted; two candidates were interviewed; and the panel unanimously selected – Ms. Jeannine Hall Gailey;
- as part of the application, candidates were asked to submit a proposal regarding what they would like to accomplish as Poet Laureate (Mr. Heim reviewed Ms. Gailey’s proposal);
- next steps: candidate interview by Mayor; candidate interview by Council; and confirmation of candidate by Council; and
- new Poet Laureate to be instated by 07/01/12.

General discussion ensued regarding a report out to Council regarding the previous Poet Laureate, including achievements, activities, and an assessment of the past term; and presentation of Ms. Gailey’s proposal to the full Council; Poet Laureate/program budget – to be scheduled for an upcoming Council meeting.

**Green Redmond Update**

Ms. Teresa Kluver, Parks Operations Supervisor, presented an update on Green Redmond Partnership:

- Partnership between City of Redmond, Forterra; and volunteers;
- where we began:
  - 2007: agreement established;
  - 2008: baseline data and assess natural areas;
  - 2009: implementation;
  - 2010-present: continued growth;
- 20-Year Forest Management Plan (completed April 2009);
- Forest Steward Program;
- Forest Steward Training:
  - 2009: training for 10-13 active stewards;
  - 2010: training for 6-13 active stewards;
  - 2011: training for 9-13 active stewards;
  - 2012: training scheduled for June 2;
- Volunteers; Success through volunteers:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Goal (hours)</b>	<b>Actual (hours)</b>
2009	800	2214
2010	1300	2926
2011	3700	3936
2012	4000	365 (thru Q1)

- Forest restoration (evasive removal, plantings);
- Success through plantings:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Acre Goal</b>	<b>Actual Acres</b>	<b>Plant Numbers</b>
2009	2	5.42	1,739
2010	7	48.36	7,833
2011	15	20.29	5,538
2012	5	5.18 (Q1)	583 (Q1)

- Leveraged funding:
  - Pearl Jam Carbon Mitigation: \$17,566 to restore 8 acres in 2011 and 2012;

- US Forest Service Federal Grant Appropriation: \$210,295 towards youth, diversity, and community engagement – overall nearly \$1,000,000 grant;
- Whole Foods: \$2,900 towards diversity and new communities;
- Active participants:
  - Mountains to Sound Greenway      ○ REI
  - Starbucks                                      ○ EarthCorps
- Looking forward:
  - Last Saturdays; 9am-12pm: 04/28 – Hartman Park; 05/26 – Grass Lawn Park; 06/30 – Viewpoint Park; 07/28 – Idylwood Beach Park; 08/25 – Farrel-McWhirter Park; 09/29 – Watershed Preserve; 10/27 – Viewpoint Park;
  - Orientation for new Forest Stewards – Saturday, 06/02;
- staff is currently budgeting for next biennium; and
- community building through Green Redmond Partnership/Events has been a huge benefit to the City.

General discussion ensued regarding plantings; park goals (specific to site; contained in the 20-Year Forest Management Plan); youth/RYPAC involvement in programs; and availability to partner with private projects (currently only city-owned/responsible properties are included in the plan).