# 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, October 2, 2012

#### **Council:**

David Carson Tom Flynn, Chair; *Not in Attendance* John Stilin Hank Margeson, *Attending Councilmember* 

#### **Staff:**

Craig Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director
Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts
Manager
B Sanders, Senior Planner, Parks
Eric O'Neal, Parks Ops Program Administrator
Joshua Heim, Arts Administrator
Michelle M McGehee, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m. Adjourned: 5:15 p.m.

Committee Chair Tom Flynn, opened the meeting, announced the Council members in attendance, and overviewed the agenda. Chair Flynn noted the first agenda item, Sign Ordinance/Banners, would be removed from the agenda.

#### **Hartman Park Dugout Improvements**

Mr. Eric O'Neal, Parks Ops Program Administrator, reported regarding planned improvements to the Hartman Park Dugouts. He noted that functionality issues would be addressed, as well as screening and covered storage. Staff would like to have the work done prior to year-end.

### **Downtown Park**

Ms. B. Sanders, Senior Parks Planner, provided a report regarding the recent community meeting held on the Downtown Park with respect to interim plans and long-term design. She discussed the two alternatives presented at the open house and the elements contained in each. Community sentiment heard included: more kids play areas; shaded areas; free Wi-Fi to the park; covered areas for rainy days; installation of bathroom facilities; and quiet areas.

The design alternatives and community feedback will be presented to the Parks and Trails Commission and the Arts Commission at their joint meeting, to be held next week.

Members of the Committee discussed their ideas as they related to the alternative designs presented. Discussion also ensued regarding construction staging around the park; and opined that public works should assist in funding the screening of the project.

Mr. Craig Larsen, Parks Director, noted that the matter will come forward for Council consideration in the fall with the final plan.

## **Arts Update**

Mr. Joshua Heim, Arts Program Administrator, provided an update on arts activities that took place in the Downtown Park through the summer months and presented highlights from those activities. He also spoke regarding continued community activities including poetry readings and activities from the City's Poet Laureate and programs that will ensue from the Seattle Latino Film Festival Association in the Redmond area.

# **Redmond Central Connector Update**

Ms. Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts Manager, reported regarding the current status of the project. She noted that railroad rails are currently being removed in the north corridor. The contractor has noted that someone is interested in reusing the rails. The work is planned for completion in October. October 17, 2012, is the pre-construction kick-off for Phase I of the project. The goal is to have this phase of the project completed by August 2013. Ms. Hope spoke regarding various grants that have been applied for with respect to future phases of the project and Redmond's status with the applications. There is also a state request in for Phase 2/3 of the project for earmarked funding for the next biennium.