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

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

Monday, November 5, 2012

| Council: | Staff |
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David Carson (4:40 pm) Tom Flynn, Chair John Stilin Craig Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts Manager

Teresa Kluver, Parks Operations Supervisor B. Sanders, Senior Planner, Parks Elizabeth M. Adkisson, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m. Adjourned: 5:20 p.m.

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

## **Redmond Central Connector Update**

Ms. Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts Manager, provided an update on the Redmond Central Connector. Currently the project is in the rail removal stage, which is going well, and is projected to be completed in the next week. The contractor would like to proceed with Phase I construction through the winter, and is currently procuring approval. Construction would take place following the Thanksgiving holiday through the spring; possibly to be complete as early as June 2013. Staff is currently pursuing grants for Phase II construction.

Discussion ensued regarding rail removal and trail materials (rough gravel); phasing of the project (Phase I, II, and III); funding; and traffic mitigation plans.

## **Downtown Park**

Ms. B. Sanders, Senior Parks Planner, provided an update on the Downtown Park:

- Staff has proceeded in a new direction by utilizing the Berger Partnership to assist with preliminary design for interim use; currently working to finalize a concept;
- Interim Phase Design includes:
  - Vision/Discussion (goals);
  - Ideas for Success in the Interim (minimize re-work, design for deconstruction, integrate demolition, a unique opportunity, simple and complete, grow Redmond's future); and
  - Review of proposed concepts, costs, and Schematic Plan Scheme 1.

Staff anticipates the final design will be completed by the end of November/early December 2012. Discussion ensued regarding construction schedule (goal: reopen space by summer/fall 2013); continuing negotiations on costs/landscaping in preparation of final design; options for landscaping; utilization of the space for art/performance/market; and on-site utilities.

## **Green Redmond Update – 2013-14 Forterra Contract**

Ms. Teresa Kluver, Parks Operations Supervisor, presented an update on the Green Redmond - 2013-14 Forterra Contract:

- the current contact (2011-12) will expire at the end of this year; a renewal contract for the next two years (2013-14) will be before Council for approval in December 2012;
- the goals of program have been surpassed in each of the past four years (review of volunteer hours, plantings, and leveraged support);
- review of the Green Redmond Partnership Work Responsibilities (division of tasks between the City of Redmond, Park Operations staff, and Forterra); and
- the 2013-14 contract will have some changes, due to budget cuts.

Discussion ensued regarding marketing of the program and Redmond's involvement; and adjustments made due to the budget of the 2013-14 contract.