# City of Redmond Human Services Commission Meeting Summary Tuesday, November 27, 2012 6:30-8:30 pm

Members Present: Steve Daschle, Kerry Smith, Lynn Fleshman, Jason Dick, Valerie Bays

Staff Present: Colleen Kelly, Brooke Buckingham, Alaric Bien

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

October 23 Meeting Summary: Approved

## **Updates by Commissioners:**

- Four candidates for the Commission were interviewed by Steve, Brooke and Alaric, and 2 names have been forwarded to the Mayor for his consideration.
- The King County Alliance for Human Services will be looking for municipal champions for a public safety/human services sales tax to be split 60-40% by the County and the cities. 30% of the funds will go to criminal justice and 70% to public safety, which will include human services. Hope is for legislative approval for a council manic action, otherwise will go to a vote in 2014.

### **Updates by Staff:**

- The Mayor is not supportive of a change in municipal code to expand eligibility criteria for commission membership at this time.
- Tent City 4 has split into 2, with about 2/3 of the residents in a new group called Camp Unity at Lake Washington United Methodist in Kirkland. The original Tent City 4 was to have moved there mid-January, but now is looking to move to Redwood Family Church in Redmond instead. Because this church has not hosted the camp, there are siting concerns (size of space, septic, etc.) that may be difficult to work through in the short time frame. City planning staff is working through these issues.
- The Eastside Winter Men's Shelter has been running at about 20 beds/night, but recently has increased to 30.
- Congregations for the Homeless has responded to a request to develop a homeless outreach
  proposal. Staff will be discussing this proposal with Bellevue.. The need and importance for
  homeless outreach is being discussed more and more at the Committee to End
  Homelessness's Adult Shelter Task Force.
- Council will be considering adding \$50K to human services in their study session tonight. Staff developed a list of options for Council's consideration but recommended that should more money be added, the Commission make recommendations on how to spend the dollars.

### New Business:

## **Commission Membership**

Steve and Valerie had indicated that they would like to continue on the commission when their terms are up in March. Kerry will be stepping down at the end of this year. There are no updates on the youth advisor position. It was suggested that this be considered in the context of the strategic plan discussion to assess whether this role is a good fit for the Commission.

Discussion of what new commission members need in order to function successfully. Orientation binder is good. Individual meeting with chair and staff would be good to explain history of commission, strategic plan, 2 year cycle of activities, other things that are important to know.

#### 2012 Work Plan Review

Reviewed 2012 work plan as well as 2011. Accomplished all tasks on last year's plan.

### **Strategic Plan Review**

Reviewed critical issues and strategic directions listed in the Strategic Plan in preparation for 2013 work plan discussion. 5 strategic directions:

- o survive and thrive
- o community building
- o collaboration
- o funding
- o advocacy

Staff shared information about the difficulty of having updated demographic data (the Strategic Plan pulled data from the 2000 census). We now have more current data which has been compiled by Long Range Planning staff.

#### 2013 Work Plan

Wide ranging discussion including several key points:

- o regular agency updates reviewing outcomes and accountability
- o elevator speech for human services
- o continue deep impact discussion
- o human services as part of continuum between parks and police
- o need separate advocacy column in work plan
- o Need to show 'ongoing' workplan activities as well as new activities in the work plan
- o continued need for more information demographics, geography. There was a lot of discussion around need to be more informed and how to balance that with moving toward a specific strategic direction
- o outreach to other community resources/providers who don't apply for funding
- o address community perceptions around how human services are provided
- o collaboration vs duplication
- o impact of Affordable Health Care Act

Staff suggested that they develop a list of strategic direction ideas to share with the Commission in order to start developing and prioritizing workplan activities. They will email this to the group in advance to the next meeting .
Next Regular Meeting: Monday, December 10, 2012
6:30-8:30 pm Council Conference Room