

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

Council Conference Room
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Council:

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

Staff:

Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks Director
Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts
Manager
Mark Hickok, Recreation Division Manager
Jeff Hagen, Recreation Program Administrator
Josh Heim, Recreation Program Administrator
Barbara Eggerud, Recreation Program Coordinator
Alaric Bien, Senior Planner, Planning
Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner, Planning
B. Sanders, Senior Planner, Parks
Elizabeth M. Adkisson, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:35 p.m.

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

Human Services Commission Plan for 2013

Ms. Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner, introduced Mr. Alaric Bien, Senior Planner, and reported on the Human Services Commission Plan for 2013:

- ‘thank you’ to Council for the additional monies allocated in the budget for Human Services Funding; the Human Services Commission will discuss distribution;
- the Commission’s funding recommendations for the 2013-14 budget have been approved by Council;
- the Commission will focus on the Strategic Plan in 2013; review work completed, create a work plan for 2013, review trends in human service needs in Redmond, and revise the Strategic Plan accordingly; and
- future ideas include a focus on building connections within Redmond schools, and community engagement.

General discussion ensued regarding support for connections within Redmond schools – connecting parents to services; expanding current assets and partnerships (school foundations, groups, and programs); and building connections with School Resource Officers.

Ms. Buckingham reported that two vacancies exist on the Human Services Commission, and candidates will be set to interview before the Council in January 2013.

Downtown Park

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

- ideas for success in the interim: minimize re-work, design for deconstruction, integrate demolition, unique opportunities, simple and complete, grow Redmond's future;
 - gravel paving with flexible seating;
 - temporary planters creating urban 'rooms'; and
 - movable steel planter/growing containers;
- interim downtown park layout; phases: (1) July 2013, (2) September 2013, and (3) end of 2014 (with completion of Cleveland Streetscape); each phase to be completed before park use;
- design features: utility connections; two new mid-block crossings to park across Cleveland Street; custom benches; overhead lighting; dense planting along Redmond Way; plantings in colored wood boxes – movable to create 'rooms', define space, create shade, and to be replanted for future use; gravel path; gravel paving with seating; and
- 100 percent plans to be finalized in late January or February 2013.

General discussion ensued regarding timing and phasing of the project in conjunction with the Cleveland Streetscape, sturdiness of wood boxes/plantings, and maintenance of plantings; and paving options.

Adaptive Recreation Update

Ms. Barbara Eggerud, Recreation Program Coordinator, provided an update on 2012 Parks and Recreation Inclusion Services:

- Inclusion: accommodating people with disabilities who participate in general recreation classes, as mandated by the American's with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA); program supported by general fund dollars; and the program determines/provides reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities in Redmond recreation programs and provides training of front line staff in disability awareness;
- examples of accommodations that have been made: direct assistance for participants with disabilities (modifying projects to fit participant abilities, encouraging/creating peer interactions, positive behavior support, and monitoring and lowering flight risks); extra assistance for staff; staff training (during classes or prior to start date); and accommodations do not include personal services such toileting, feeding, and dressing;
- trends:
 - 2003 – one Redmond Inclusion Specialist supported one participant with autism, registered in eight classes; 2012 – nine Inclusion Specialists supported 46 participants, registered for 167 classes;
 - over 85 percent of Redmond Inclusion Services participants have a diagnosis of autism; 2012 – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC estimate about 1 in 88 children has been identified with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD); 1992 – 1 in 10,000 children were diagnosed with autism; and

- 2012 – parents are registering their children with disabilities in specialty camps and classes throughout the year (arts, pony programs, sports), in addition to the full day summer camp programs;
- Comparing 2012 to 2011:
 - 2012 – 46 participants, 167 class registrations, 2735 participant hours, 9 inclusion specialists/1509 hours, total cost to-date - \$22,635; and
 - 2011 – 28 participants, 105 class registrations, 2355.5 participant hours, 5 inclusion specialists/913.5 hours, total cost - \$13,695;
 - Numbers reflect participants with known disabilities; actual numbers of participants with disabilities participating in general recreation programs is much higher;
- Conclusion: inclusion of people with disabilities in the City of Redmond general recreation programs continues to increase as parents discover that the City welcomes their children to participate, and is willing and able to support their needs in the programs

General discussion ensued regarding marketing of programs and expansion of community connections for marketing (schools, school districts, local businesses, OneRedmond initiative, etc).

Arts Program for 2013

Mr. Josh Heim, Recreation Program Administrator, provided a comparison of the Arts Programs/Services: 2009 Baseline Services, 2011/12 Expansion, and 2013 Innovations; and provided an overview of the 2013 Arts Program:

- Building on Successes – Arts Commission Strategic Plan:
 - Vision – a community inspired and connected by arts and culture;
 - Mission – be a catalyst for Redmond’s diverse and inventive community; and
 - Strategy – make arts accessible, create a place for the arts, and nurture the arts in our community;
- Allocating Funds – Art Program Budget (public programs, public art, civic partnerships, planning, contingency);
- 2013 Innovations:
 - Public Programs: Make Arts Accessible - Chamberless Music Series, Acts Out Theatre Festival, Poetry for Geeks, So Bazaar, Dudley Carter Art Walk/STQRY;
 - Public Art: A Place for the Arts – maintain and restore, City Hall exhibit and toolkit;
 - Civic Partnerships: Nurturing Arts in Our Community – innovation fund, Arts Season, Summer Arts Guide; and
 - Arts Commission and Planning: be a Catalyst for our Creative and Inventive Community – creative vitality index, symposium, Redmond Central Connector and Downtown Park;
- Build cultural capacity – Inside Out, Chamberless Music Series;
- Develop partnerships – Art Season Grant Program, Innovation Fund;
- Tell Our Story – Dudley Carter Brochure, Public Art Collection Mobile App (STQRY);
- Business Impact - Cleveland Streetscape Art Plan, Opportunities (Spring 2013 - Art and Urban Revitalization Symposium, Creative Vitality Index Communications; and Summer 2013 – Central Connector Digital Ribbon Cutting); and
- Create Destinations – Acts Out Theatre Festival, and more to come.

General discussion ensued regarding the 'tree socks' exhibit and calling attention to public spaces/parks with arts.

Miscellaneous

Committee Chairperson Tom Flynn indicated that the next Parks and Human Services Committee Meeting has been cancelled, as it occurs on Tuesday, January 1, 2013, and the City Offices are closed. Councilmember Flynn will work with the Department Directors to determine if there are items of interest for a January meeting; and schedule with the Clerk accordingly.