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

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

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Council:
David Carson *(4:35pm)*
Tom Flynn, Chair
John Stilin
Hank Margeson *(attending Councilmember)*
Pat Vache *(attending Councilmember)*

Staff:
Craig Larsen, Parks Director
Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks Director
Alaric Bien, Senior Planner, Planning
Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner, Planning
Josh Heim, Recreation Program Administrator
Lisa Rhodes, Recreation Program Administrator
Ryan Spencer, Recreation Program Administrator
Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, Planning
Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m. Adjourned: 5:40 p.m.

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

Public Art Plan for the Couplet Corridor

Mr. Joshua Heim, Recreation Program Administrator, provided a brief update on the Public Art Plan for the Couplet conversion project; including the following Draft 2013 Timeline:

- Council Parks and Human Services Committee Briefing – March;
- Council Planning and Public Works Committee Briefing – March;
- Arts Commission Review – March;
- Council Joint Study Session with Redmond Arts Commission – April;
- Public Involvement – May;
- Redmond Arts Commission Review and Recommendation – June;
- Council Study Session – June; and
- Council Adoption – July.

Other items discussed included role of the Redmond Central Connector, the scope of the art plan/vision for art in Downtown Redmond, and how the One Percent for the Arts Ordinance plays into the corridor plan.

General discussion ensued regarding the One Percent for the Arts Ordinance/policy; funding/budget constraints; and public outreach/involvement.

Creative Vitality Index Project

Mr. Heim presented information on the Creative Vitality Index Project; which includes the Eastside cities of Bellevue, Kirkland, Issaquah, and Redmond; is supported by grant funding; and is currently gathering data to better assess and understand the role the Eastside cities play in King County in regards to creative vitality. Data reviewed included: the Creative Vitality Index Project Area; a community profile of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, and Redmond; understanding the role of the Eastside cities comparable to King County regarding population, jobs report, industry drivers/economic activity, and nonprofits in the arts/creative fields.

General discussion ensued regarding Eastside nonprofits funding – gifts received versus program revenues; expansion of Project Area data to include Sammamish, and exclude Mill Creek; and adding this item as a topic of discussion for the upcoming Council and Arts Commission Joint Study Session.

Redmond Lights and Centennial Recap

Ms. Lisa Rhodes, Recreation Program Administrator, provided a report on the 2012 Redmond Lights and Centennial events, covering the following topics: Statistics (sponsors/vendors, volunteers, estimated attendance; 2012-2008); New Event Elements; Chili Cook-Off; Candy Cane Hunt; Lighting; Volunteers; 2013 Planning; the Centennial Bonfire; and Revenues and Expenses. In general, the estimated attendance and number of sponsors/vendors increased; new events were received well, especially the Carousel and Bonfire; regular events continued to do well (Chili Cook-Off, Candy Cane Hunt); 2013 Planning includes a number of new features; and the events depend on and succeed because of volunteer support (185 volunteers/586 hours).

General discussion ensued regarding the Chili Cook-Off, honoring event volunteer (especially the Washington Civil Air Patrol Overlake Squadron) and lighting.

Department Volunteer Report Summary

Ms. Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks Director, provided a brief update on the Parks and Recreation 2012 Volunteer Summary. In general, volunteers are an essential part of parks and recreation services and programs, with 4,170 volunteers accounting for more than 32,400 hours of service in 2012, working in Parks Operations, the Recreation Division, the Arts Commission and Panels, and the Parks and Trails Commission. Ms. Anderson provided a list of volunteer highlights for 2012.

General discussion ensued regarding adding a dollar amount/value to the report in the future.

Recreation Scholarship Fund Summary

Mr. Ryan Spencer, Recreation Program Administrator, provided an update on the Parks and Recreation 2012 Scholarship Program Summary:

- per the Department Facility and Program Use Policy – up to one percent (1%) of the previous year's total program revenue is available to award from the Recreation Activities Fund

(RAF) to provide financial assistance to qualifying Redmond residents registering for programs;

- applications received must show proof of annual household income and qualifications are determined using the Lake Washington School District income chart and United States Department of Agriculture;
- scholarships are provided at increments of 50%, 65% and 80%; with maximum for individuals and households;
- 2012 program highlights include: 168 individuals served; 46 families assisted; 197 classes provided in an array of areas; $13,990.27 assistance afforded; of those served: 46% - ages 18 and under, 34% - ages 19-49, and 20% ages 50 plus; and 72% of applicants qualified for the maximum assistance offered (80%); and
- a review of trends (number of individuals served and amount awarded; 2010-2012).

General discussion ensued regarding program provider contributions to the program/ partnerships/general discounts to be offered; and array of individuals/families served.

Update and Summary of Current Issues Related to Homelessness

Mr. Alaric Bien, Senior Planner, and Ms. Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner, provided an update and summary of current issues related to homelessness; including: a summary of the 2013 Unsheltered Homeless Count in Selected Areas of King County (One Night Count of the Homeless); a progress update regarding the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness; and current activity on the Eastside regarding winter shelter citing, uniformed response to panhandling, and the Shelter Task Force/Work Group.

General discussion ensued regarding the One Night Count and Tent City in Redmond.

ARCH 2013 Work Program and Budget & Housing Trust Fund Allocation Request

Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, provided an update on the ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) 2013 Work Program and Budget and Housing Trust Fund Allocation Request; reviewed Redmond specific work program items, the ARCH administrative budget for 2013, and the request for an allocation of funds (for Imagine Housing/Totem Lake Senior Apartments (Phase 2); and Friends of Youth Homeless Shelter for Young Adults). Both items are scheduled to come before the full Council for approval at the regular meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

Committee Work Plan Revisited for 2013

Chairman Flynn facilitated a review of the proposed Parks items for the 2013 Work Plan; and indicated he will be in contact with staff to finalize the 2013 Work Plan and incorporate Human Services items.