

MEETING SUMMARY
REDMOND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, April 11, 2022 - 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Commissioners present: Vibhas Chandorkar, Janet Richards, Kristen Muscott, Rachid Erekaeni, Marilyn Lazaro, Kathleen Reynolds, Laya Nair

Staff present: Alaric Bien

Guests: Byron Shutz, Karin Duval, Lea Mackay

2. March 14, 2022 Meeting Summary

Approved by acclimation.

3. Items from the Audience

Staff shared letter from Judy Faast, Hopelink.

4. Together Center Presentation

Byron Shutz, Karin Duval, Lea Mackay discussed the redevelopment of the transit oriented 2.5 acre property with 25% more space for nonprofits and 280 new housing units - 80 affordable at 30-50% AMI with onsite and culturally competent case management, and 200 workforce units for 50-60% AMI. 62% of units will be 2 and 3 bedrooms to accommodate larger families.

The nonprofit space totaling 49,000 square feet has been designed to meet nonprofits' needs with flexible space, shared resources, a teaching kitchen, art gallery, and coworking space. Construction is due to be completed by mid-2023. They still need to raise approximately \$1.9 million.

Larger housing units can support immigrant families. They will be offering GED classes and are looking into a partnership with DigiPen. New agencies can be accommodated with the coworking space as well as permanent space shared by multiple organizations.

5. Gracious Space

The question for the day was: How do you tell the difference between your intuition and your fears?

6. Working Agreements

Commission reviewed and modified agreements from previous commission and will use these to guide the work during the application review process and beyond. Time will be added to each agenda to resolve any outstanding issues that arise during the meeting.

7. Strategic Plan Values, Roles and Priorities

Staff reviewed the role of human services as outlined in the approved [2022 strategic plan](#) and 5 priorities that will guide the discussion and decision making during the application review process.

Janet has been asked by 2 council members why human services had been moved together with public safety. Staff will follow up on this.

8. Commissioner and Staff Updates

Vibhas asked about the availability of city demographics prior to application reviews. These can be found in the [community needs assessment](#) starting on page 8.

Staff shared a [report](#) from Washington Nonprofits on challenges nonprofits expressed in seeking government funding.