

City of Redmond
Parks & Trails and Arts & Culture Joint Commission Meeting

Meeting Notes

Redmond City Hall
Remote Meeting via MS Teams.
January 28, 2021
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. -Meeting

Parks & Trails Commissioners in Attendance:

Gregg Gottgetreu
Shelly Bowman
Joel Cherkis
James Terwilliger
Stuart Hargreaves
Kristina Wayland
Jim Kleppe

Arts and Culture Commissioners in Attendance:

Angie Hinojos-Yusuf, Chair
Cheri Fowler
Kari Tai
Risa Coleman
Bobby Ives
Savita Krishnamoorthy
Lynn Trinh

Staff in Attendance:

Jeff Aken, Senior Planner
Chis Weber, Cultural Art Administrator
Carrie Hite, Parks and Recreation Director
Val Asaro, Administrative Assistant

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I. Call to order/Welcome

Commissioner Gottgetreu called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. with 14 commissioners in attendance.

Approval of January 28, 2021 Meeting Agenda

A motion was made to approve January 28, 2021 meeting agenda.
Motion by: Commissioner Bowman
Second by: Commissioner Terwilliger
Motion Carried: 14-0

II. Why are we here?

Mr. Aken covered the overall goals and agenda for the meeting. He reviewed the roles of both commissions.

Parks and Trails Commission meet 1st Thursdays of the month
Art and Culture Commission meet 2nd Thursdays of the month

Mr. Aken welcomed Ms. Hite to the meeting. Ms. Hite expressed appreciation and support of the service provided from both Commissions. She mentioned the Redmond Pool opening in the upcoming weeks and the useful collaboration between both groups. Collaboration for the Redmond Senior and Community Center is underway with commissioners from each commission contributing to the stakeholders committee: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Tai, Commissioner Bowman and Commissioner Terwilliger and Chair Hinojos-Yusuf.

III. Commissioner Introductions

Mr. Weber called upon each commissioner to introduce themselves.

IV. Highlight Key 2021 Workplan Items

1. Arts and Culture Commission – 2021 Work Plan Highlights
 - Programs: Temporary art installations in all parks and events throughout the year.
 - Artist Support Programs: Arts Season Grants Awardees, selecting participants for the Public Art Intensive Eastside workshop, and funding organizations and projects.
 - Public Art:
 - Permanent
 - Temporary
 - Privately Developed
 - Sound Transit
2. Parks and Trails Commission –2021 Work Plan Highlights
 - Redmond Senior and Community Center: Early stages of collaboration, monthly updates, and new programming for seniors
 - Westside Park: 100% design approval. Set to open early to mid-fall
 - Redmond Pool: Set to open in next few weeks
 - PARCC Plan: Public outreach efforts
 - Implement Plans
 - Tree Canopy

- Facilities Management Plan
- ADA Transition Plan
- Environmental and Sustainability Action Plan
- Access and connections to parks and trails
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V. Open Discussion

- Collaboration when planning new parks and integrating an artistic approach early in the process:
 - Manhole covers, lighting, benches, wayfinding signage
 - Temporary open space at Redmond Senior Community Center
- Music in the parks:
 - Music dance night – World Beat Dance
 - Teaching cultural dance
 - Include cultural food
- Art in parks and along trails:
 - Mini art gallery
 - Make and take art areas-including poetry
 - Dream drop box
 - Poet's corner and comedy corner
 - Pun Festival
 - Sustainability type art - art made from environment
 - Sensory Gardens
- Website enhancement: Listing public art within the Parks and Trails web pages – Contact Commissioner Hargreaves with information and ideas. Include an Art and Culture Events “What’s going on” page.
- Poem, stories, or rhymes that continues while walking on a trail.
- Social media outreach: City staff needed, partner organizations can share via their platforms
- Sister City for Redmond: Wall space dedicated to the sister city, creates community connections
- Food event incorporating local restaurants: Redmond cookbook for charity, Veg Fest
- Utilizing smaller parks and incorporating diversity:
 - Smaller events
 - Musicians
 - Specific times to meet there, important to communicate times and locations better
 - Moving trailer stage
- Community art workshops:
 - Rocks placed along trails
 - Scavenger hunt
 - Art studio at Grass Lawn
- RCC Phase 3: Landings and gathering spaces along the trail. Other cities along Eastrail are looking to display art along the continued trail.
- Areas where public and community members can create and/or share their art:
 - Include children, parents, seniors, etc.
 - Weekend “Pop up Surprise” temporary installations displaying community member’s art
 - Sculpture that community could add too – chicken wire screen structure
 - Parameters or ways to do this properly- legalities, safety, insurance considerations

- Hire local artist to pull in community participation

VIII. Adjourn

Chair Hinojos-Yusuf called the meeting to adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Fowler

Second by: Commissioner Tai

Motion: 13-0

Time: 8:17