City of Redmond
Parks and Trails Commission Meeting

Draft Meeting Minutes

Redmond City Hall
Council Conference Room
February 7, 2019
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Meeting

Parks & Trails Commissioners in Attendance:
Heather Sheffer, Chair
Aaron Knopf
Joel Cherkis
Kerry Monterey
Shallee Jain
Luke Rusak, Youth Advocate
Kate Simmons, Youth Advocate
Gary Smith-6:51PM
Shelly Bowman, Vice Chair 6:54PM

Absent and Excused:
Susan Robertson
Gregg Gottgetreu

Staff in Attendance:
Carolyn Hope, Park Planning and Cultural Arts Manager
Dave Tuchek, Park Operations Manager
Jeff Aken, Senior Parks Planner
Julie Holmes, Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Coordinator

I. Call to order/Welcome
Meeting was called to order by Chair Sheffer at 6:39PM
Roll Call was taken with 5 commissioners and one youth advocate present and four commissioners absent. Two commissioners arrived after the start of the meeting.
Approval of January Minutes and the February Agenda
A Motion was made to approve the minutes from January 10, 2019 meeting.
First by: Commissioner Knopf
Second by: Commissioner Monterey.
Motioned carried: 5-0

II. Items from the Audience
None-No members of the public were in attendance.

III. New Business

Retreat Potential Dates/Topics-Senior Planner Jeff Aken
Discussion was held regarding times and possible dates/locations for a Parks and Trails Commission retreat.

Suggestions were made about the location to have the retreat. The Anderson Cabins, Redmond Community Center at Marymoor Village, City Hall, and Grass Lawn were all mentioned as places of interest.

Chair Sheffer asked that commissioners bring their topic ideas for discussion at the next meeting and staff will provide a doodle poll of potential dates. Commissioner Jain asked to have the 2016 Retreat Agenda sent out as an example to give the commission a place to start.

IV. Old Business

Idylwood Tree Update-Park Operations Manager Dave Tuchek-Handout
Risk mitigation is complete. Mr. Tuchek presented information on the replanting of Idylwood Park trees. The volunteer event was moved to March 16, 2018 9am-12pm due to the weather event. Approx. 44 people have signed up. Green Redmond will be involved in the planting and volunteer management.

Commission Rules and Procedures-Senior Planner Jeff Aken-Handout
It was noted that Commissioner Smith, Vice Chair Bowman, and youth advocate Simmons arrived.

A motion was made to hold off on discussing this item until more of the commissioners are available.
First by: Commissioner Knopf
Second by: Commissioner Monterey
Motion Carried 7-0

ADA Transition Plan for Parks-Update-Senior Parks Planner Jeff Aken (PPT)
Mr. Aken presented a PowerPoint updating the commission on the second round of community engagement for the ADA Parks plan. The summary report which distills the 47 site reports and different pieces will come back to the commission in March. The consultant has the master
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datasheets with the 1,300 deficits ranked by maintenance, capital project, by park and then prioritized with outreach survey information which will be prioritized in a 12-year plan. Vice Chair Bowman asked about new projects and having them meet standards. Mr. Aken responded that new projects would be planned with the ADA compliance included.

Redmond’s Community Centers-Park Planning and Cultural Arts Manager Carolyn Hope- 
(Handout and PowerPoint)
Ms. Hope gave a background of the community centers project. In 2016-2017 a robust outreach effort was conducted with 3,600 people responding. The number one item from the public input was they want action right away. Ms. Hope talked about recent projects such as: opening the Redmond Community Center at Marymoor Village and the Art Studio at Grass Lawn Park. The City has joined with Bellevue and Kirkland to continue to look at the feasibility of a regional aquatics center. The data received told us that the community still wants a local pool as well. The 2019-2020 budget included funding for the Redmond Pool renovation. There will be a report in March or April on the regional aquatics center feasibility and the local pools. Dave Tuchek is working with McKinstry, the City’s Energy Services Company (ESCO) and our facilities staff on the on the forthcoming Redmond Pool renovations.

The Capital Facilities Plan has funding for the senior center renovation which will looks at all the systems in the building (plumbing, electrical, etc.) and building repairs, updates (seismic) and make repairs. Building footprint changes are planned. Ms. Hope noted that Mr. Aken will be working on the facilities ADA Plan in 2019.

Parks and Human Services Updates-Senior Planner Jeff Aken-(PPT)
1. Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC) Regional Advisory Council is moving forward with Eastrail as the recommended name. Additionally, the name has been sent to Equity and Social Justice office in King County for review. Next steps will include the logos, tag lines, and color schemes. The funding commission, comprised of regional leaders, has completed a report and strategy to increase private funding and accelerate trail completion which is being reviewed by ERC Principles.

2. Watershed-PHS was notified of the commission’s recommendation to uphold the intent of the watershed rules. Commissioner Smith asked if they had any input. Mr. Aken said once we get to the point of presenting the research on bikes and horses they want to see it again. Discussion was held.

3. Smith Woods-Natural Resources in partnership with Parks is heading the alternatives analysis regarding the pond and restoring the stream bed. The scope and contract will go to City Council on February 19, 2019. Also at Smith Woods, there has been a public petition asking for public access on the NE corner. Current access from Unincorporated King County has been through Morning Meadows and a private driveway. North side neighbors want access formalized.

4. Park Naming Resolution 874. There was interest from the Parks and Human Services Committee of the Whole in seeing what an amendment would look like that allowed more flexibility than in the current resolution.

V. Commission Talk Time
   o Joint Meeting of Commission/Council Planning
     April 23, 2019-45 minutes total. There should be 2-3 Topics due to the time allotment.
Discussion was held. Ideas for topics included:

- Review of accomplishments and what’s next for the commission
- Tree Canopy Education-how commission can be involved in community engagement.
- Watershed Rules
- Smith Woods
- Dog Park in Redmond
- ADA in Parks and Trails
- Privately Developed Parks
- Community Centers work

The commission will decide on topics at the next meeting.

- Dog Park Proposal Discussion
  DT Redmond-Commissioner Smith presented ideas on where a future dog park could go in Redmond. Marymoor Park was rated very high in a recent publication and there was an article included on why dog parks are needed. Discussion was held. Mr. Aken noted staff has limited capacity to pursue this, but that the PARCC Plan update in 2020, there could be robust community engagement from residences in the downtown area with a high need for dog parks and what criteria should be used to site those parks.

- Nominations for Chair/Vice Chair: Provide votes to Mr. Aken between now and February 28, 2019. A vote will be held at the March meeting.

- Staff Comments: Commissioner Bowman spoke about the Cost Recovery Model-making the scholarship more inclusive. Another meeting is scheduled. She will share what is appropriate from the meetings.

VII. Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn: Gary Smith
Second: Commissioner Jain
Motion Carried 7-0
Time: 8:45PM

Next Regular Meeting
Thursday March 7, 2019
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
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