Human Services Commission
Meeting Summary
Monday, May 13, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Members Present: Anny Smith, Shawn Roland, Jacob Brown, Kristen Muscott, Vibhas Chandorkar
Staff: Brooke Buckingham
Guest: Ericka Cooley

Public Comment:
None

March 11, April 16 meeting summaries: approved

Community Court
Ericka Cooley presented and answered questions about Redmond's Community Court. Presentation attached.

Introductions and Group Norms
Group introduced themselves and reviewed group norms.

Updates from Commissioners
• Anny shared an update on her work with sexual reproductive health program/Plan B. She’s graduating with honors next month.
• Shawn asked about the city’s scholarship opportunities for parks/recreation programming for seniors and others who may not be able to afford the fees. Brooke to follow-up and report back to the commission.
• Open Kitchen is providing a summer lunch program in partnership with Parks and Rec this summer. This will be offered to pre-identified kids who are on the free/reduced lunch program. The program is run by volunteers and funded by community donations. Some discussion about providing lunch options to accommodate various dietary needs – the program does provide a vegetarian option.

Updates from Staff
• Update on changes in the planning department staff and organizational structure.
• YWCA Childcare facility operating out of Family Village is closing in August. The availability of affordable childcare for families on the Eastside is limited, so this has a big impact on low-income families in Redmond. YWCA has been working with staff and families to ensure smooth transition. Kristen shared that students from Transition Academy work at this facility, so this is a loss as well.
• Update on the recruitment of 2 vacant seats. 4 candidates have been selected to meet with the Mayor.

June Youth Panel Questions
Staff asked for input on questions we’d like to ask of the youth panel scheduled for June meeting. Draft questions include:

When thinking about your work serving youth in Redmond:
• What trends are you seeing?
• What gaps are you seeing?
• What challenges or barriers are there?
• What is important for us to know?

Due to time constraints agenda items 2019 1st quarter reports and Potential Community Events has been moved to the June agenda.