

 Redmond WASHINGTON	REDMOND CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MEETING SUMMARY July 28, 2026, 4:30 p.m.
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Presiding Officer Menka Soni called the meeting to order, reviewed attendance, and overviewed the agenda. The meeting was held in City Hall Council Chambers.

Committee Members present and establishing a quorum:

- ☒ Menka Soni, Presiding Officer
- ☒ Jessica Forsythe
- ☒ Vanessa Kritzer
- ☒ Angie Nuevacamina
- ☒ Sayna Parsi
- ☒ Vivek Prakriya
- ☒ Melissa Stuart

Action Items

1. Park Impact Fee Schedule Update

Department: Parks and Recreation

Action: Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability, September 22nd

Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, and Cameron Zapata, Senior Planner, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Methods for calculating the impact fees;
- Engagement with the development community;
- Residential square footage calculation was preferred;
- Predictability for project planning;
- Regular inflationary adjustments;
- Proactive approach;
- Nonresidential land uses;
- Park plan updates; and
- Draft ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding: timeline; scaling; calculations; fee update cadence; Park Plan Update; and next steps.

2. 4Culture Art Grant Approval

Department: Parks and Recreation

Action: Consent, August 3rd

Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, Chris Weber, Cultural Arts Supervisor, and Brittany Pratt, reported to the Members of the Committee: uses of the funding.

Feedback for Study Session – N/A

Informational

1. Environmental Sustainability Action Plan Implementation Update: E-Mobility

Department: Executive

Action: Informational

Jenny Lybeck, Sustainability Program Manager, and Micah Bonkowski, Sustainability Program Administrator, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Accessible and sustainable transportation options;
- Electric trips;
- Transportation emissions;
- Registered electronic vehicles;
- Infrastructure needed;
- Ebike rebate program;
- Partnership with Puget Sound Energy for a charging station; and
- City fleet charging ports.

Discussion ensued regarding: electric fire truck; PSE project in Marymoor; and charging capacity.

2. Tree Canopy Expansion Update

Department: Parks and Recreation

Action: Informational

Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, Lindsay Falkenberg, Parks Planning Manager, and Amy Whitham, Environmental Resiliency CivicSpark Fellow, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Community engagement;
- Implementation projects;
- Youth stewardship interns;
- Tree giveaway program;
- Tree education;
- Outreach plan; and
- Utilizing updated tree canopy data.

Discussion ensued regarding: tree giveaway program; map; tree equity analysis; warming water in the Sammamish River; and tenants.

3. Parks Signage and Wayfinding Standards and Strategy Plan

Department: Parks and Recreation

Action: Informational

Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, and Lindsay Falkenberg, Parks Planning Manager, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Guidelines and standards manual;
- Best practices;
- Collaboration;
- Feedback to consultants;
- Design phase; and
- Implementation.

Discussion ensued regarding: colorblindness; English as a second language; branding; translation; iconography; Eastrail; number and lifespan of signs; changes to current signs; feedback; and wayfinding.

4. Events Innovation Fund Update

Department: Parks and Recreation

Action: Informational

Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, Brittany Pratt, Recreation Business Manager, and Lindsay Tusing, Events and Marketing Supervisor, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Allocation;
- Events in 2026;
- Small, non-profit organizations;
- Community building;
- Grant call in October;
- Criteria for scoring applicants;
- Post event reporting; and
- Impact of the events.

Discussion ensued regarding: seed events; eligibility for the funding; World Cup program grants; qualifications; financial need; application review; barriers to applying; and funding decisions.

5. Teen Center Project Update

Department: Parks and Recreation/Public Works

Action: Informational

Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, and Shailee Jain, Senior Engineer, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Background;
- Progressive design build process;
- Meeting with design builders;
- Consultant;
- Expediting schedule;
- Feedback;
- Application approved;
- Request for Qualifications;

- Criteria for choosing a design build team;
- Timeline;
- Validation process; and
- Next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding: community engagement; budget; debt financing; communicating the schedule for community engagement; project cost; process; and opening date.

Read Only - N/A

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.