

 <p><b>Redmond</b> WASHINGTON</p>	<p><b>REDMOND CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MEETING SUMMARY</b></p> <p>February 24, 2026, 4:30 p.m.</p>
	<p>Current and past meeting agendas and materials: <a href="https://redmond.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx">https://redmond.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</a></p>

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:

- Jessica Forsythe
- Vanessa Kritzer
- Angie Nuevacamina
- Sayna Parsi
- Vivek Prakriya
- Menka Soni
- Melissa Stuart

**Action Items**

1. **Acceptance of the Department of Commerce Climate Planning Grant Award to Support Climate Planning and Resilience Projects, in the Amount of \$359,558**

*Department: Executive*

*Action: Consent, March 3rd*

Jenny Lybeck, Sustainability Manager, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Integrate climate actions into the comprehensive plan;
- Second grant funding; and
- Fully allocate the City's funding from the state.

Discussion ensued regarding: annual reporting highlights the funding.

2. **Approve Consultant Agreement with KPFF Consulting Engineers for the SE Redmond Park Project**

*Department: Parks and Recreation/Public Works*

*Action: Consent, March 3rd*

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

- Covers design services;
- Will need additional supplemental contracts;
- Request for Proposals; and
- New neighborhood park.

Discussion ensued regarding: parking and bathrooms; neighborhood park attributes; master plan process; providing updates to the Council; and contingency fund.

### 3. **Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Contract with King County for the Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement**

*Department: Parks and Recreation*

*Action: Consent, March 3rd*

Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, and Cameron Zapata, Senior Parks Planner, reported to the Members of the Committee: receive funding from the property tax levy and funding use.

Discussion ensued regarding: funding calculations.

#### **Feedback for Study Session**

### 1. **Recreation Program Plan Overview**

*Department: Parks and Recreation*

*Action: Study Session, March 24th*

Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, Zach Houvener, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director, Erica Chua, Recreation Manager, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- New plan for the City;
- Consultant services;
- Clear vision for the next five years and beyond;
- Living document;
- Stakeholder engagement;
- Quality of programs;
- Increased access;
- Address gaps in service; and
- Staff development.

Discussion and Topics for the upcoming Study Session: providing the draft plan; public engagement; recreation gaps; Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission; and what has worked well in other jurisdictions.

### 2. **Parks Signage and Wayfinding Standards and Strategy Plan Update**

*Department: Parks and Recreation*

*Action: Study Session, March 24th*

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

- Existing signage;
- Standards;
- Improvements;
- Key findings from stakeholder engagement; and
- Draft standards and strategy.

Discussion and Topics for the upcoming Study Session: bicycle commuters; icons; neighborhood routes; regional connectivity; subcommittee; regional cooperation; and interpretive signage.

**Informational - N/A**

**1. Redmond Lights Event Recap 2025**

*Department: Parks and Recreation*

*Action: Informational*

Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, Zach Houvener, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director, Birttany Pratt, Recreation Business Manager, Lindsay Tusing, Marketing and Events Supervisor, and Laurel Williams, Events Program Coordinator, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Downtown Park and Esterra Park;
- String lights;
- Installations;
- Priorities;
- Building strong communities;
- Protecting the natural environment;
- Sustainability;
- Activating an urban park;
- Outreach methods;
- Feedback survey; and
- Cost and funding.

Discussion ensued regarding: tracking growth; snow; attendance; lodging use; and using the red oak tree.

**2. Environmental Sustainability Action Plan Implementation Update - February 2026**

*Department: Executive*

*Action: Informational*

Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, Jenny Lybeck, Sustainability Manager, Lindsey Falkenberg, Parks Planning Manager, and Maya Klem, Volunteer Coordinator, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Quarterly update;
- Annual report;
- Tree canopy expansion;
- Forest Steward training;
- New acreage; and
- Building efficiency.

Discussion ensued regarding: ESAP metrics; grant award for ebikes; and community connection.

**Read Only - N/A**

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.