



REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE –
PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
MEETING SUMMARY

January 27, 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:

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

Action Items

1. Approval of the 2026 Parks and Environmental Sustainability Committee of the Whole Workplan

Action: Consent, February 3rd

Presiding Officer Soni overviewed the workplan.

Discussion ensued regarding: tree canopy strategic plan; state funding for Hartman Park; tree code update; quarterly updates; summer camps; teen center;

Feedback for Study Session

1. Public Art Master Plan

Department: Parks and Recreation

Action: Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability, February 24th

Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, Zach Houvener, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director, Chris Weber, Cultural Arts Supervisor, Birttany Pratt, Recreation Business Manager, and Kelley Cochran, Finance Director, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Adopted in 2017;
- Keeping pace with community needs;
- Policies and funding strategies;
- Usage of a consultant for outreach efforts;
- A forum was held at the Redmond Senior & Community Center;
- Initial themes;
- Next steps; and
- Proposed changes to public art funding.

Discussion and Topics for the upcoming Study Session: funding allocations; advancing the Redmond 2050 policies; and infrastructure.

Informational - N/A

Read Only - N/A

Items from Other Committees

1. Approve Final Contract with Absher Construction Company and Accept Construction for the Redmond Senior & Community Center Project

Department: Public Works

Action: Consent, February 3rd

Brandon Buehler, Public Works Deputy Director, and Eric Dawson, Engineering Supervisor, reported to the Members of the Committee: acceptance of construction of the Redmond Senior & Community Center.

Discussion ensued regarding: payment has been made; closes out the contract; and a review of the new construction process that was used.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.