

Presiding Officer David Carson 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:

Jeralee Anderson
David Carson
Steve Fields
Jessica Forsythe
Varisha Khan
Vanessa Kritzer
Melissa Stuart

1. Monthly Environmental Sustainability Action Plan Update - March 2023 Department: Executive Action: Informational

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

- Participation in Puget Sound Energy's Green Direct Program;
- Eighty five percent of electricity through program;
- All electric home webinar;
- Partnership with Hopelink for income qualified residents; and
- Report on reaching global warming thresholds.

Discussion ensued regarding: leaf blower questionnaire; fleet study; green energy program; streetlight eligibility; and alternate heating solutions.

Introduction of Jan Harrison and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Work Plan Overview

Department: Executive Action: Informational

Malisa Files, Chief Operating Officer, introduced Jan Harrison to the Members of the Committee, who spoke regarding background, working on reimagining philanthropy, and working with non-profits.

Discussion ensued regarding: initial thoughts on the City; budgeting for the position; having a committee meeting standing item; and goals for the next year.

3. Redmond Central Connector Trail Phase 3: 30% Design Update

Department: Parks and Recreation Action: Informational

Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, Caroline Chapman, Parks Planning Manager, and Lisa Singer, Senior Project Manager, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Size and lighting;
- ADA compliant and safety enhancements to crossings;
- Incorporating private developments;
- Trail alignment;
- Project funding;
- Timeline and budget;
- Constructions starting in 2024; and
- Possible annexation of parcel.

Discussion ensued regarding: annexation process; crosswalk alignment with businesses; public art; and path lighting.

4. 4Culture Art Grant Approval

Department: Parks and Recreation Action: Consent, April 4th

Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, Zach Houvener, Parks Manager, and Chris Weber, Cultural Arts Manager, reported to the Members of the Committee regarding a grant for public art exhibits.

5. Rainbow Crosswalk Update

Department: Parks and Recreation Action: Informational

Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, Zach Houvener, Parks Manager, and Chris Weber, Cultural Arts Manager, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Artist will be selected in May;
- Public outreach and engagement; and
- Installed mid-block on Cleveland Street in August.

Discussion ensued regarding: Arts and Culture Commission interest in more public art; involving organizations and individuals that requested this project; timeline; and design.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.