

# City of Redmond



## Agenda

### Special Meeting Notice and Agenda

**Tuesday, November 23, 2021**

**6:30 PM**

**City Hall: 15670 NE 85th Street; Remote: Facebook (@CityofRedmond),  
Redmond.gov/rctvlive, Comcast Ch. 21, Ziplay Ch. 34, or 510-335-7371**

## City Council

*Mayor*

*Angela Birney*

*Councilmembers*

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**Redmond City Council Special Meeting**

1. Parks and Trails Commission Candidate Interview
2. 2022 Poet Laureate Interview

[Attachment A: Ordinance 2444 - Establishing a Poet Laureate](#)



## Memorandum

**Date:** 11/23/2021  
**Meeting of:** City Council Special Meeting

**File No.** SPC 21-109  
**Type:** Verbal Report

**TO:** Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney  
**DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):**

Executive	Lisa Maher	425-556-2427
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**DEPARTMENT STAFF:**

Executive	Cheryl Xanthos	City Clerk
Executive	Kalli Biegel	Deputy City Clerk

**TITLE:**  
Parks and Trails Commission Candidate Interview

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

There is currently one vacancy on the Parks and Trails Commission, due to the term expiration of Joel Cherkis.

Staff is requesting Council conduct an interview for candidate Ella Elman, to fill this vacancy. The term would expire on March 31, 2025.

☐ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

☒ **Receive Information**      ☐ **Provide Direction**      ☐ **Approve**

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
N/A
- **Required:**  
Redmond Municipal Code 4.40.010(A) specifies that the appointment of new Commissioners to the Parks and Trails Commission is subject to confirmation by the Redmond City Council.
- **Council Request:**  
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**  
The candidate was interviewed by the Mayor and City Staff, and has successfully passed the required background check for this volunteer position.

**OUTCOMES:**

If appointed, Ella Elman would fill the vacancy on the Parks and Trails Commission.

**COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**  
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**  
The Parks and Trails Commission vacancy was advertised and open to the public, and all completed applications were considered.
- **Feedback Summary:**  
N/A

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

**Total Cost:**

N/A

**Approved in current biennial budget:**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

**Budget Offer Number:**

N/A

**Budget Priority:**

N/A

**Other budget impacts or additional costs:**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

*If yes, explain:*

N/A

**Funding source(s):**

N/A

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**

N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
12/7/2021	Business Meeting	Approve

**Time Constraints:**

The position is currently open.

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

The position would remain open, and the Mayor and City Staff would need to interview additional candidates.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None.



## Memorandum

**Date:** 11/23/2021  
**Meeting of:** City Council Special Meeting

**File No.** CM 21-627  
**Type:** Committee Memo

**TO:** Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney  
**DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):**

Parks	Loreen Hamilton	425-556-2336
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**DEPARTMENT STAFF:**

Parks	Chris Weber	Cultural Arts Administrator
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**TITLE:**  
2022 Poet Laureate Interview

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

Established in 2008 by Ordinance 2444, the Poet Laureate program seeks to build a more literate and understanding community, express the spirit of Redmond, and broaden the awareness of poetry, by hosting a variety of programming and community engagement opportunities.

The selection process for Redmond's 7<sup>th</sup> Poet Laureate is in process and began with a selection panel of Poets and Arts & Culture Commissioners that narrowed the 5 applicants down to three poets to be interviewed. From those interviews one finalist, Laura Da', was selected and then approved by the Arts & Culture Commission and then interviewed by the Mayor, before moving on to City Council to be interviewed and approved for potential appointment at the December 7 City Council Meeting.

Laura Da', a poet and teacher. A lifetime resident of the Pacific Northwest, Da' studied creative writing at the University of Washington and the Institute of American Indian Arts. She is Eastern Shawnee. Her first book, *Tributaries*, was published by the University of Arizona Press and won a 2016 American Book Award. Da' has held residencies at the Richard Hugo House, Tin House, and Jack Straw. Her newest book, *Instruments of the True Measure*, is the winner of the Washington State Book Award.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

☐ **Receive Information**      ☒ **Provide Direction**      ☐ **Approve**

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**

2015 PARCC Plan, 2017 Public Art Plan

- **Required:**

Ordinance #2444 - Establishing a Poet Laureate; RMC 4.45.010 - A. The Redmond Arts Commission shall set criteria for selection of the Poet Laureate and recommend candidates for the position to the Mayor for approval by the City Council.

- **Council Request:**

N/A

- **Other Key Facts:**

We intend to seek City Council approval/consent at the December 7, 2021 City Council Business Meeting.

**OUTCOMES:**

The goal of the Redmond Poet Laureate program is to make a significant contribution to the cultural life of the City of Redmond and reveal new ways of understanding throughout our diverse community. This may take place through participation in municipal events, public poetry readings, reading at Redmond City Council meetings, at workshops, classes, lectures, text based visual art, composing and publishing original works, public art projects or other literary based performance or activity, which could include partnerships with the library, local schools, or other community groups.

**COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**

N/A

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

N/A

- **Feedback Summary:**

N/A

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

**Total Cost:**

\$10,000 (Artist Fees: \$5,000 per year, Project materials: \$5,000 per year)

**Approved in current biennial budget:**

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

**Budget Offer Number:**

000249 - Arts and Community Events

**Budget Priority:**

Vibrant & Connected

**Other budget impacts or additional costs:**

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ N/A

**If yes, explain:**

N/A

**Funding source(s):**

Arts Activity Fund

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**  
N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

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**Time Constraints:**

To enable the 2022 Poet Laureate Program to commence after January 1, 2022, approval/appointment must take place at the last scheduled business meeting of 2021, held on December 7.

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

Delay in beginning the program in the new year.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Ordinance 2444 - Establishing a Poet Laureate

ORDINANCE NO 2444

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND,  
WASHINGTON, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER,  
RMC 2 19, POET LAUREATE, TO THE MUNICIPAL  
CODE, CREATING THE POSITION OF POET LAUREATE  
OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, DEFINING THE DUTIES  
AND FUNCTIONS OF THE POET LAUREATE,  
ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OF  
THE POET LAUREATE

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WHEREAS, a Poet Laureate makes a significant contribution  
to the cultural life of a city, and

WHEREAS, the literary arts are an essential part of the  
human spirit and can reveal new ways of understanding throughout  
our diverse community, and

WHEREAS, the Poet Laureate of Redmond will broaden the  
awareness of poetry, express the spirit of Redmond culture  
through poetry, and raise the level of discourse during  
discussions and debates in the City, and

WHEREAS, the Redmond Arts Commission has carefully  
considered the process of selecting and guiding the efforts of a  
Poet Laureate, and

WHEREAS, the Redmond City Council has determined that it  
should support a more vibrant sense of community and culture in  
Redmond

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND,  
WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS

Section 1.      Adoption of Chapter      RMC   2 19,   Poet

Laureate, is hereby added to read as follows

**Chapter 2.19**

**POET LAUREATE**

**Sections:**

**2.19.010 Poet Laureate Established - Selection, Responsibilities, and Compensation**

(A) The Redmond Arts Commission shall set criteria for selection of the Poet Laureate and recommend candidates for the position to the Mayor for approval by the City Council,

(B) The Responsibilities of the Poet Laureate shall be established by the Redmond Arts Commission and may include but not be limited to providing public poetry readings, reading poetry at city council meetings, composing and publishing poems, teaching poetry classes, and encouraging poetry appreciation within Redmond,

(C) The Poet Laureate shall be compensated through a contract established by the Arts Commission from Arts Activity Funds

Section 2      Severability      If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or any code provision adopted hereby should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a

court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or any such code provision

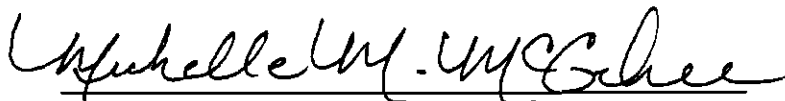
Section 3      Effective Date      This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication of a summary consisting of the title

ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008

CITY OF REDMOND

  
MAYOR PRO TEMPORE NANCY MCCORMICK

ATTEST

  
MICHELLE M. MCGEHEE, CMC, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

By 

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK	January 13, 2009
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL	January 20, 2009
SIGNED BY THE MAYOR	January 20, 2009
PUBLISHED	January 26, 2009
EFFECTIVE DATE	January 31, 2009
ORDINANCE NO <u>2444</u>	

PASSED (6-1), YES Carson, Cole, Margeson, McCormick, Myers and Vache, NO Allen