

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - PARKS AND HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING SUMMARY**

Council Conference Room
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

Council:

Hank Myers, Presiding Officer
Jeralee Anderson
Angela Birney
David Carson
Steve Fields
Hank Margeson
Tanika Padhye (*not in attendance*)

Staff:

Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner
Alaric Bien, Senior Planner
Maxine Whattam, Director of Parks and Recreation
Rachel Van Winkle, Deputy Parks Director
Jeff Aken, Senior Planner
Jessica Rubenacker, Cultural Arts Administrator
Erika Vandenbrande, Director, Planning and
Community Development
Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts
Administrator
Cheryl Xanthos, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.

Presiding Officer Hank Myers called the meeting to order, reviewed attendance, and overviewed the agenda.

Count Us In Summary

Ms. Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner, provided a summary:

- occurred in January;
- included all of King County;
- youth count;
- sheltered count;
- survey is conducted after the count;
- small increase in homeless individuals from 2017;
- unsheltered people were at 52 percent;
- disproportionate number of people of color;
- number of people sleeping in tents has declined;
- increase in people sleeping in cars; and
- process and engagement with the City's Homeless Outreach Coordinator.

General discussion ensued regarding process improvement with using the new counting methodology; progress with the City's Homeless Outreach Coordinator; changes in temporary housing; changes in other jurisdictions; the new methodology does not allow for looking in areas

where the homeless are expected; preference for the previous methodology; and how the information is used in decision making.

September Food Drive Check-In

Mr. Alaric Bien, Senior Planner, stated that he is looking for feedback from the Council regarding the September food drive; Council liaison; and staff support.

General discussion ensued regarding the Presiding Officer of the Parks and Human Services Committee of the Whole coordinates; members from other commissions are invited; help in transferring the food to the food bank; holding the food drive on Saturday and Sunday; generosity of the community; leveraging other organizations who contribute to food banks and feeding people; contacting Hopelink for help to transport the food; and providing an agenda and fliers.

Downtown Park Construction Update and Grand Opening

Ms. Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts Manager, and Ms. Jessica Rubenacker, Cultural Arts Administrator, provided an update:

- testing of systems;
- training of staff;
- under construction;
- grand opening is September 15, 2018;
- the goals for the event:
 - celebrate Redmond's signature park;
 - introduce the public to the park;
 - signifies the last large City construction project in downtown;
- partnering with OneRedmond to hold a scavenger hunt in the afternoon;
- ribbon cutting will be at 5 p.m., followed by a community picnic;
- performance in the park with three main acts; and
- digital art installation in the pavilion.

General discussion ensued throughout regarding a soft opening; coordinating with other events in the City; parking locations; and shuttle service.

ADA Parks Transition Plan

Mr. Jeff Aken, Senior Planner, provided an update:

- access to City parks and trails;
- transition plan;
- audited most of the parks and trails;
- started policy audits;
- handling accommodation requests;
- community stakeholder group;
- meets monthly;
- broader community engagement;
- site reports and draft transition plan will be brought to the Council; and

- the final transition plan will be available in late fall.

General discussion ensued regarding partnering with the Special Olympics and Microsoft; accessibility challenges of the community; street system issues; fencing causing accessibility issues; community reporting of access issues; and expanding beyond City parks and trails.

Facilities Strategic Plan Status

Ms. Hope provided a status on the Facilities Strategic Plan:

- Facility Operations group;
- customer service opportunities;
- 27 major facilities on 13 sites;
- strategic plan started in 2015;
- internal stakeholder group and a community stakeholder group;
- guiding principles;
- key recommendations;
- reengaged with the consultant and the plan is being written;
- a draft will be submitted this month;
- prioritized projects; and
- the draft plan will be provided to the Council at a study session in September.

General discussion ensued regarding smaller properties and facilities; difference with the strategic plan and an asset management plan; components of the plan are in the budget; Lucity is used for how the parks system operates and is managed; and collecting data in Lucity to help with the plan.