

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

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

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Council:

Jessica Forsythe, Presiding Officer
Jeralee Anderson
David Carson
Steve Fields
Varisha Khan
Vanessa Kritzer
Tanika Padhye

Staff:

Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner
Carol Helland, Interim Director of Planning and
Community Development
Jeff Aken, Senior Planner
Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner
Carrie Hite, Parks and Recreation Director
Chris Weber, Cultural Arts Administrator
Rob Crittenden, Senior Engineer
Lorna Velasco, Program Coordinator
Loreen Hamilton, Recreation Program
Administrator
Cheryl Xanthos, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:53 p.m.

Presiding Officer Jessica Forsythe called the meeting to order, reviewed attendance, and overviewed the agenda.

Welcome/Housekeeping

Presiding Officer Forsythe discussed the desired format for the meetings.

Housing Action Plan Consultant Approval

Ms. Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner, and Ms. Carol Helland, Interim Director of Planning and Community Development, provided an overview of the Housing Action Plan:

- grant funding for increasing housing in the City;
- 100,000 for development of a Housing Action Plan;
- draft plan this fall, review in November, and adoption in spring; and
- Council approval needed for the contract.

General discussion ensued regarding alignment with Community Strategic Plan; elements covered in the Housing Action Plan; additional consulting support; criteria determination; goal of the plan; fitting into the overall strategy; and this item is approved to go forward on the Consent Agenda on February 18, 2020.

A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) Affordable Housing and 2019 Fall ARCH Executive Board Housing Trust Fund Recommendations

Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, provided a report:

- scheduled for a study session on February 25, and Council action in March.
- coalition of 16 jurisdictions to provide affordable housing; and
- each member jurisdiction must approve the work plan and budget, and review funding requests.

General discussion ensued regarding locations of projects and funding, and the information that will be provided at the study session.

Contract with King County for the Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement

Ms. Carrie Hite, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that:

- The King County Parks Department has run a levy for several years and the City of Redmond has received funding.
- An additional six years has been added to the levy.
- In addition to the direct funding, the City can apply for additional grants.
- King County will be making improvements to several parks and trails in the area.
- This item is approved to go forward for Council action on February 18, 2020.

Westside Park Concepts

Mr. Jeff Aken, Senior Planner, and Mr. Rob Crittenden, Senior Engineer, provided a background on Westside Park; park improvements; construction schedule; community and stakeholder input; and provided the two concept options – woody and active.

General discussion ensued regarding construction schedule; feedback on the options; comments from residents in the area; parks system; additional funding; hybrid concept; and utilizing renewable building material.

Approval of Artist Contract for 152nd Ave NE Public Art Project

Mr. Chris Weber, Cultural Arts Administrator, provided an overview of the public art process; integrated art into capital projects; art in the Overlake neighborhood; public art opportunities; artist call had 23 respondents, two finalists were interviewed, and one was chosen; and this item is requested to go forward for Council action at the March 3, 2020, business meeting.

General discussion ensued regarding the artist being non-local; community input in art selection; and this item is approved to go forward on consent on the March 3, 2020 business meeting.

2020 Art Season Grant Selection (this item was reordered at the time of the meeting)

Ms. Lorna Velasco, Program Coordinator, provided an overview of the program; selection process; process update to encourage new artists; grant writing workshop; 65 percent new applications; representative of all types of art; and a review of the awardees.

General discussion ensued regarding additional funding.

2019 Redmond Lights Recap

Ms. Loreen Hamilton, Recreation Program Administrator, provided a recap of Redmond Lights:

- art lights display;
- live performances;
- Saturday and Sunday programming;
- blinkers distributed;
- hot air balloons;
- marshmallow roasting;
- Downtown Park activation;
- approximately 16,000 attendees; and
- a survey was taken.

General discussion ensued regarding food waste and garbage; fireworks; and requiring vendors to use compostable products.

2020 Committee Work Plan

Members of the Committee discussed items on the work plan.