

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

Remote Meeting

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

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**Council:**

Jessica Forsythe, Presiding Officer  
Jeralee Anderson  
David Carson  
Steve Fields (*not in attendance*)  
Varisha Khan  
Vanessa Kritzer  
Tanika Padhye

**Staff:**

Jeff Aken, Senior Planner  
Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner  
Christin Everson, Engagement Administrator  
Carol Helland, Director of Planning and  
Community Development  
Eric Dawson, Senior Engineer  
Austin Horner, Special Events Assistant  
Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Deputy  
Director  
Cheryl Xanthos, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.

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

**Redmond Senior and Community Center Update**

Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director, Eric Dawson, Senior Engineer, and Jeff Aken, Senior Planner, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Project milestones;
- Upcoming updates to Council;
- Partnership update;
- Site plan;
- Building design;
- Cost estimates;
- Additional amenities if there was more funding;
- Opposition to the project; and
- Community questions regarding the project.

General discussion ensued regarding expanding to the second floor; partnerships; percent complete report; contract soft costs; moving the outdoor fitness areas; and green roof.

**Activating Downtown Redmond in Summer with Events, Activities, and Unique Experiences**

Christin Everson, Engagement Administrator, and Austin Horner, Special Events Assistant, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Summers in Redmond campaign;
- Enhance vibrancy of Redmond;
- Permitted events;
- Downtown Buskers Pilot Program;
- Cultural arts;
- Recreation activities; and
- Marketing will kick off in mid-June.

General discussion ensued regarding Lake Washington Symphony Orchestra; not holding formal events this year; incorporating dance; and supporting artists.

### **Eastrail Update: Fiber Optic Connectivity MOU**

Jeff Aken, Senior Planner, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Conduit has been installed;
- Regional fiber optic connectivity;
- Feasibility study;
- Partnerships;
- Request for Proposals;
- Revenue share agreements;
- Lease agreements; and
- Requested that this go forward for Council approval on June 15, 2021.

General discussion ensued regarding public broadband; and useful for residents and businesses.

### **Rental Assistance and Legal Support Services to Help Residents Stay Housed**

Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Eviction moratorium;
- Legal resources;
- Education;
- Financial support; and
- City-supported resources.

General discussion ensued regarding Council-established moratorium; scale of eviction crisis; and enforcing moratorium measures.