

# Redmond Parks Master Plan Update

## ***Public Involvement Program***

This Public Involvement Program (PIP) is intended to be a “living document” and will be adapted throughout the life of the Redmond Parks Master Plan update project, based on stakeholder and CAC feedback. Future reviews are anticipated every 3 years or more frequently based upon new data.

### **1.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The primary goal of the update is to develop a master plan that delivers cost effective year-round park and recreation facilities and programs that are attractive, well-maintained, accessible, educational, protective of natural resources, respectful of a park’s cultural history, and continue to provide memorable experiences for visitors of all ages from both inside and outside the City of Redmond. Regular updates to the Plan are necessary to address changes in the community, State and Federal law, national events and changes in the economy. A number of considerations will be taken into account including the current park master plan, City of Redmond neighborhood demographics, historic elements of the community, preservation of green space, neighborhood revitalization, and planned park improvements.

This effort is also geared to satisfy numerous mandated Oregon Statewide Land Use Goals, specifically Goals 1, 2, 5, and 8. Brief descriptions of the goals are provided below. Additional detail can be found in the Oregon Administrative Rules and Oregon Revised Statutes.

### **Oregon Statewide Land Use Goals**

#### *Goal 1*

*To develop a citizen involvement program that insures the opportunity for citizens to be involved in all phases of the planning process.*

#### *Goal 2*

*To establish a land use planning process and policy framework as a basis for all decision and actions related to use of land and to assure an adequate factual base for such decisions and actions.*

#### *Goal 5*

*To protect natural resources and conserve scenic and historic areas and open spaces.*

#### *Goal 8*

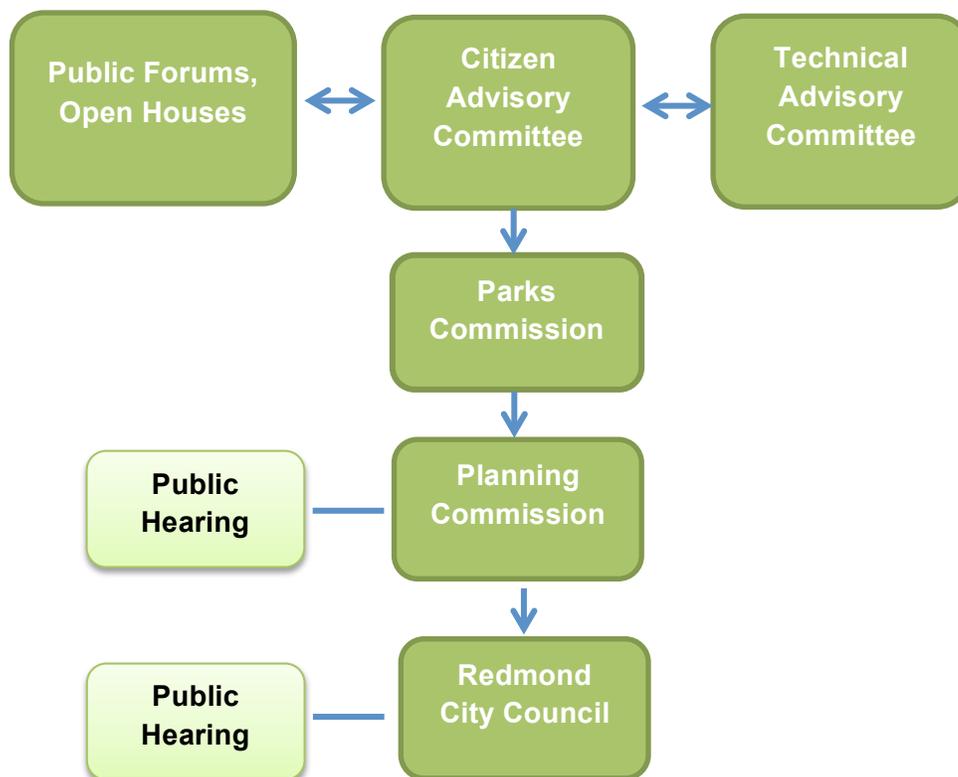
*To satisfy the recreational needs of the citizens of the state and visitors and, where appropriate, to provide for the siting of necessary recreational facilities...*

### **2.0 INTENT OF THE PARKS PLAN UPDATE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAM**

Goal #1 of the Oregon Land Use system is citizen involvement in all city planning processes. The City of Redmond achieves this goal with a planning public participation

policy that is centered upon a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), public forums and open houses throughout the planning process at different decision-making points, and city commission/committee review and recommendation to the Redmond City Council for consideration. This process has been utilized by the City of Redmond for all planning efforts since 2005 and has resulted in several significant planning efforts that are well supported by the community and implemented by the Redmond City Council.

The Citizen Advisory Committee is comprised of 11 – 15 people representing key special interest groups and the demographic profile of the City of Redmond. The City strives to have one representative from each key stakeholder group involved to ensure a balanced discussion, and at least five community stakeholders representing the demographic profile. The CAC should be comprised of UGB or City residents. The CAC will work with city staff, the TAC and consultants as necessary, to review, evaluate and solicit input on the current and future parks needs for the City of Redmond. They will meet once a month, and be responsible for drafting the initial Parks Master Plan Update. After the draft has been vetted through a comprehensive public process it will be provided to the City of Redmond Parks Commission for review and evaluation. Then the Parks Commission will make a recommendation to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will then host a public hearing and consider the Parks Master Plan update as a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, review the findings to ensure that it is compliant with the Comprehensive Plan and Oregon state land use goals and then make a recommendation to the Redmond City Council on whether or not to adopt the Parks Master Plan Update as an amendment to the Redmond Comprehensive Plan. Finally, the Redmond City Council will host a public hearing and render a decision.



The overall intent of the public involvement process is to facilitate a program based on community engagement and input. The program provides opportunities for meaningful input from all community stakeholders, thoughtfully considers public input in project decision-making, and provides a transparent process by which a clear path to decisions is demonstrated.

The goals and objectives of the public involvement process are to:

**1) Facilitate active and collaborative participation by community stakeholders.**

- Set clear expectations for the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).
- Utilize project committee participation to keep key groups informed.
- Keep lines of communication open.

**2) Collect public input to make a better project**

- Give the public enough information to be able to make meaningful comments on the project.
- Keep lines of communication open.
- Be respectful of public ideas and input.
- Consider public input when making decisions.
- Discuss any red flags that may be identified in the data collection process

**3) Help the public to feel comfortable with the proposed project and the process of decision-making.**

- Build trust between stakeholders and the City of Redmond.
- Keep key stakeholders engaged throughout the entire process.
- Utilize CAC members as agents of the project when reaching out to the general public.
- Let stakeholders know why their participation is important and communicate the next steps.

## **Outcome**

The intended outcome is a general public that feels satisfied with the level of participation they have been offered, and has assisted the City of Redmond in creating a project that addresses the land use goals and meets the local overall purpose and need. It is important for the public to feel positive about its contribution, facilitating a feeling of local ownership in the project that will continue through subsequent phases of plan implementation.

## **3.0 STAKEHOLDERS, PARTICIPANTS, AND AUDIENCES**

### **3.1 Identification of Stakeholders and Participants**

#### ***Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)***

The CAC will play a key role in project decision-making by providing input and guidance throughout the project process. In addition, the CAC will also work toward creating a unified project message.

The CAC will meet approximately monthly to review project progress and provide input into decisions at hand. CAC members will also serve as a communication link to the specific groups they represent. Specifically, CAC representatives will be expected to keep their respective groups apprised of project progress and status, and bring input from their groups back to the CAC for consideration. CAC members will also discuss implementation strategies and priorities for the various elements of the Redmond Parks Master Plan. Members provide input into the development of alternatives and other project components, while also representing the issues and priorities of their respective groups.

CAC members are listed below.

1. Lori McCoy
2. Jessica Rowan
3. Eric Sande
4. Carl Backstrom
5. Bill Braly
6. Gina Blanchette
7. Trish Pinkerton
8. Melanie Hirata
9. Eve Ponder
10. Paige Beaune

### ***Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)***

The TAC will play a key role in project decision-making by providing input and guidance throughout the project process on a technical level. The TAC is made up of planners, engineers, and other industry professionals familiar with infrastructure and parks/open space planning. In addition, the TAC will also work toward creating a unified project message.

The TAC will meet approximately monthly to review project progress and provide input into decisions at hand. TAC members will also serve as a communication link to the specific groups they represent. Specifically, TAC representatives will be expected to keep their respective groups apprised of project progress and status, and bring input from their groups back to the TAC and CAC for consideration. TAC members will also discuss implementation strategies and priorities for the various elements of the Redmond Parks Master Plan. Members provide input into the development of alternatives and other project components, while also representing the issues and priorities of their respective groups.

TAC members are listed below.

1. Annie McVay
2. Sean Cook
3. Mike Caccavano
4. Rick Torasso

5. Amy Jo Detwiler
6. Chelsea Dickenson
7. Scot Edelman

### ***Local Agencies/Organizations***

Varied aspects of local government and local organizations will provide important input to the project. Local agencies and organizations that likely have interest in the project include:

- City of Redmond - City Council, Planning Commission, and Parks Committee
- City of Redmond - City Engineer, Public Works, Community Development Department - *Members from these areas will enter the process as needed*

### ***Regulatory Agencies***

Regulatory agencies are key partners in development and implementation of the proposed plan. Early coordination is important to identify any potential issues that may affect the development of the project. The following agencies, among others as may be identified throughout the project process, may be consulted:

- Department of Land Conservation and Development
- Bureau of Land Management – Redmond Caves

### ***Additional Stakeholders and Participants***

A project distribution list will be developed using City property data in a defined area surrounding key park issues and sites. Specific organizations will be added to the list as identified with the help of the CAC. Generally, anticipated groups with interest in the project corridor may include:

- Local residents
- Park users, meet-ups and walking groups, athletic groups/businesses
- Business/property owners and tenants
- Chamber of Commerce
- Churches
- Schools and school districts
- Police/Fire/Emergency Services
- Historical societies
- Mass media (print/broadcast)
- Citizen groups and community groups
- Transportation providers (transit, roadway, railroad)
- Utility companies
- Bicycle and pedestrian advocacy groups
- Environmental groups
- Accessibility Advocates
- Trails Advocates

## **4.0 OUTREACH TECHNIQUES**

The following table describes public outreach techniques and activities that will be used throughout the project process. In addition, the following local venues will be used for advertising public open houses and other project information:

- City and Council newsletters – press releases
- Local newspapers
- Local television and radio
- City and District Council websites and email distribution lists
- Facebook