

**Redmond City Council
Workshop Minutes**

January 27, 2025

Executive Conference Room & Remote Video Conferencing

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Present: Clifford Evelyn, Ed Fitch, John Nielsen, Kathryn Osborne (Virtual), Jay Patrick, Shannon Wedding, Cat Zwicker

Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Keith Witcosky, Deputy City Manager Steve Ashworth, Chief Financial Officer/Deputy City Manager Jason Neff, City Recorder Kelly Morse, Airport Director Zachary Bass, Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan, Economic Development/Urban Renewal Program Project Manager Chuck Arnold, Urban Renewal Program Analyst Meghan Gassner, Finance Director James Wood, Human Resources Director Jason Bavuso, Airport Customer Service and Administrative Supervisor Jodi Low

Media Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Art and the Expansion of the Redmond Airport Terminal

Airport Director Zachary Bass provided a presentation for the consideration of Redmond Airport Terminal art, specifically with the upcoming terminal expansion project. Key highlights included why art is popular in airports; the \$180 million terminal expansion project cost with an estimated \$1 million for art; the current project phase; and the possible art selection process. Examples of art at Portland, Jackson Hole, Phoenix, and Salt Lake airports were shared as well as current Redmond Airport art and ideas and opportunities for art in Levels 1 and 2 of the terminal design. An art panel or committee is likely needed to help make decisions throughout the process.

The Council discussed potential members for an Airport art committee, Councilors judging not the art itself but the subjects of the art, Central Oregon themed art, having Redmond-centric as well as changeable pieces, art related to local events like the rodeo, more current art themes like a snowboarder, balancing art and advertising, seasonally adjusted art pieces, and whether to prioritize local artists.

Questions from Council were addressed throughout the presentation.

Council recommended an Airport art committee comprised of no more than nine members from the following organizations: Redmond Commission for Art in Public Places, Watson Creative, Dry Canyon Arts Association, High Desert Museum, Central Oregon Visitors Association, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and possibly Sunriver. Councilor Zwicker volunteered to join but stated one or two Councilors may attend various meetings. The committee should report regularly to Council and could consult periodically with other groups without them being committee members. Council will address the creation of the committee at the February 11, 2025 City Council meeting.

B. Project Update: Downtown Ice Rink

Economic Development/Urban Renewal Program Project Manager Chuck Arnold and Urban Renewal Program Analyst Meghan Gassner provided an update on the downtown ice rink proposal, highlighting the timeline and conceptual design services proposal. The Council's consensus was sought on accepting the proposal to draft a services contract. The fee for the 30 percent conceptual design work is \$83,000.

The Council and staff discussed the impact of operational challenges and opportunities, whether Redmond Parks and Downtown Urban Renewal will participate in the project, off-season uses for the rink, delaying the facility another year, and the rink's proposed location. Discussion also regarded the rink's use in tourism imagery, as a catalyst for business, and a way to reduce blight. The Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee's support of the rink and possible Urban Renewal funding for the family entertainment off-season use were also discussed.

The Council directed staff to bring a separate services contract for the concept design work to the February 11, 2025, Council meeting.

Questions about the site map for safe parking were addressed. It was noted that Mountain View Development Executive Director Rick Russell would be at the January 28, 2025, Council meeting to answer questions regarding the Safe Parking Program. Mayor Fitch requested that language setting a cap of four micro-shelters per site is included in the Safe Parking ordinance provided in the meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

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Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 11th day of March 2025.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder