

September 9, 2008

A joint meeting of the Redmond and Sammamish City Councils was called to order by Redmond Mayor John Marchione at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Councilmembers present and establishing a quorum were: Redmond City- Allen, Carson, Cole, Margeson, McCormick, Myers, and Vache; Sammamish City - Mayor Lee-Felling, Gerend, Berry, Cross, and Whitten.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Mayor Marchione opened the meeting, overviewed the agenda for the evening, and asked all of the members in attendance to introduce themselves.

Mayors Marchione and Felling spoke to the importance of the meeting of the two governing bodies, in an effort to discuss joint interests and regional issues, and about the spirit of cooperation between the two cities in working to accomplish things for the good of the communities.

AGENDA

East Lake Sammamish Waterfront Park Transfer Agreement

Mayor Marchione spoke to the signed agreement that he held regarding the transfer of the Waterfront Park, and passed out copies of the signed agreement to the members at the table.

Mayor Felling stated that the joint agreement was a great opportunity to move shared interests forward for the good of the residents in the two communities and presented a box of chocolates in celebration of the transfer.

Councilmember Cole queried the status of the park bond for the City of Sammamish and suggested that the City of Sammamish look into grant funding from the Legislature in addition to the planned park bond.

Councilmember McCormick also thanked the members for the joint effort, and noted that this was one of the priorities that came out of the Council's March retreat.

Members of the Joint Councils discussed:

- road improvements to the SR 202

- improvements that have been done on the north end of East Lake Sammamish Parkway;
- whether or not a bicycle and pedestrian link, all the way into the City of Redmond from East Lake Sammamish, is planned in the future; and
- Redmond's experience in converting four-lane roads to three-lanes.

Councilmember Cross noted that the City of Sammamish would be looking at two-way roads planned for either three-way or four-way conversion.

Discussion continued regarding:

- Sound Transit 2 and tolling on the SR 520 and I-90 bridges;
- the need for added bus routes to serve Eastside residents;
- the need for an additional "park and ride" either in North Sammamish, or in East Redmond in order to collect riders in a more efficient way;
- possibly drafting a joint interest statement to our Eastside Legislators regarding additional transportation funding through the Tax Increment Financing method of funding;
- other items that are planned to be included in the City of Sammamish's fall park bond - some of the items to include: the waterfront park, Sammamish Landing Phase I, E. Sammamish Park refurbish, a Boys and Girls Club partnership, sports fields at Pine Lake Middle School, and a land acquisition at the N.E. corner of the City;
- the projected cost of the bond to residents, estimated at \$108 per year; and
- partnering with the School District regarding the use of sports fields for community events.

Mr. Ben Yazici, Sammamish City Manager, spoke regarding the relationship between the City and the School District regarding the use and maintenance of the school's fields. He stated that he would send a model agreement to the City of Redmond for their information.

Members of the joint bodies discussed the impacts to the residents and the requirements of the School District regarding the partnership agreement.

Discussion continued regarding:

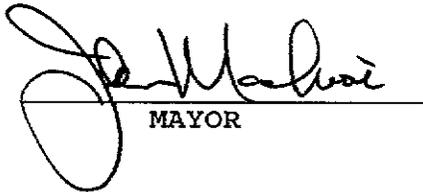
- the need for swimming pools; and
- the character and development of the City of Sammamish, including their plans for development of their town center.

CONCLUSION

Mayors Marchione and Fellingge, and members of the joint bodies, again thanked each other for the joint meeting, and stated that they look forward to their continued working relationship regarding their two cities and regional issues that affect the Eastside.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Councils, Mayor Marchione declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK

Approved: October 7, 2008