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DGA 87-7, Parks, Recreation
and Open Space Goals and
Policies

ORDINANCE NO. 1451

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON,
AMENDING THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GUIDE, DGA-87-7, TO ADOPT
PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE GOALS AND
POLICIES.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has conducted a public hearing for the purpose of considering adoption of a proposed parks, recreation and open space plan, including goals and policies, and at the conclusion of the hearing forwarded its recommendation for adoption to the City Council, and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the draft parks, recreation and open space plan on July 26, 1988, and at the conclusion thereof, has determined that the development guide should be revised to adopt new goals and policies for parks, recreation and open space as set forth hereinafter, now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 20B.50.040 of the Redmond Municipal Code and Community Development Guide is hereby amended to read as follows:

20B.50.040 COMMUNITY GOAL.
Protect Redmond's natural beauty through a vibrant system of parks and open space.

20B.50.040(05) Policy
Encourage the acquisition of greenbelts and park land to maintain the sense of open space, protect environmental resources, provide circulation linkages, and ensure adequate separation and buffers between various land uses.

20B.50.040(10) Policy
Reduce the impacts of development and ensure provisions for open space by encouraging private developments to provide land for parks, trails, walkways, and open space.

20B.50.040(15) Policy
Coordinate park planning and land acquisition with other city plans for roads, utilities and buildings, therefore maximizing the

benefits available from public lands for parks, programs and recreational activities.

20B.50.040(20) Policy

Encourage parks, beautification areas, and open space throughout the Central Business District by coordinating planning efforts with other City departments and private businesses.

20B.50.040(25) Policy

Promote a street tree program throughout the City.

20B.50.040(30) Policy

Actively pursue private dedication of land through a variety of methods to facilitate public access to parks and provide a continuous system of parks and open space.

20B.50.040(35) Policy

Seek funding opportunities from a variety of sources (Federal, State and private) for the acquisition and development of parks and open space.

20B.50.040(40) Policy

Develop a park plan which is financially feasible and can be funded at a level which allows for a reasonable implementation schedule.

20B.50.040(45) Policy

Utilize quasi-public land, where possible and dual-use facilities (e.g. Puget Power lines, water department land).

20B.50.040(50) Policy

Encourage a more formal urban park on the Sammamish River Trail between the Municipal Campus and Marymoor Park.

Section 2. Section 20B.50.050 of the Redmond Municipal Code and Community Development Guide is hereby amended to read as follows:

20B.50.050 COMMUNITY GOAL

Provide citizens of all ages wholesome recreational and cultural opportunities in clean, properly maintained, safe and accessible facilities.

20B.50.050(05) Policy

Provide recreational and leisure programs that are comprehensive, enriching, and affordable for all citizens.

20B.50.050(10) Policy

Encourage citizen involvement in the development of policies and guidelines for the Parks Recreation and Open Space Plan.

20B.50.050(15) Policy

Create a balanced system of active and

passive recreation opportunities for all ages by providing:

- . A community center for indoor recreation programs (e.g. athletics, gymnasiums, recreation classes, meeting rooms, social services, and special populations).
- . Athletic facilities (e.g. multi-use ball fields, tennis courts, lighted play fields and tournament facilities).
- . Facilities to support the cultural arts (e.g. program rooms, performing arts theatre, and outdoor concert space).
- . Facilities and land for passive recreation, environmental education, and outdoor recreation programs.
- . A linkage system (e.g. bicycle lanes and multi-use trails) which connect the park system, schools and other important public facilities in the City.

20B.50.050(20) Policy

Monitor existing parks and facilities to assure that they meet acceptable standards for safety and performance.

20B.50.050(25) Policy

Renovate all parks and facilities in a manner that will, where feasible, provide safe and accessible use by the physically impaired.

20B.50.050(30) Policy

Establish funding to permit the orderly ongoing repair and rehabilitation of existing parks and facilities.

20B.50.050(35) Policy

Reduce maintenance and operation costs by upgrading existing park facilities in a manner which will maximize efficient maintenance practices and conserve resources.

20B.50.050(40) Policy

Develop policies that give City residents priority or preference in registration.

20B.50.050(45) Policy

Maintain a parks, recreation and open space plan which is flexible and can respond to changes in user population or recreational preference.

20B.50.050(50) Policy

Develop planning guidelines which address diverse recreational needs, accessibility, service radius, and requirements for open space acreage.

20B.50.050(55) Policy

Focus planning efforts on portions of the City which are experiencing rapid growth or currently lack recreational service.

20B.50.050(60) Policy

Distribute parks and recreation facilities throughout the City in a manner which provides an equitable service radius.

20B.50.050(65) Policy

Encourage the acquisition and development of property which will provide access to water resources such as Lake Sammamish, the Sammamish river, and local streams. Promote the creation of open space corridors along these water resources to provide for recreation and wildlife.

20B.50.050(70) Policy

Work in cooperation with the Lake Washington School District to fully utilize existing recreational facilities and surplus school facilities as they are available.

20B.50.050(75) Policy

Encourage acquisition and development of a multi-use trail system which will provide for several trail uses in one linear space or right-of-way. These primary trails are incorporated into the equestrian trails plan. The multi-use trail system is not only part of the transportation system but a vital part of the recreational equestrian trails plan (see 20B.60.060(15) Multi-Use Trail Plan).

20B.50.050(80) Policy

Provide an equestrian trail system which links parks, schools and public facilities, including connections to trails developed by other agencies in the region.

20B.50.050(85) Policy

Coordinate planning of bikeways with the planning of the multi-use trails plan and the equestrian trails plan.

20B.50.050(90) Policy

Coordinate development of the bikeway plan with other departments and other jurisdictions. The bikeway plan is located in the Transportation Chapter, 20B.60.060(10).

20B.50.050(95) Policy

Work with private organizations and service clubs to encourage the development of special purpose recreation facilities (e.g. ice arenas, swimming pools, golf courses, theaters, etc.)

Section 3. A new Section 20B.50.052 is hereby added to the Redmond Municipal Code and Community Development Guide to read as follows:

20B.50.052 COMMUNITY GOAL

Preserve our quality living environment for

future generations.

20B.50.052(05) Policy

Conserve existing public lands currently in a natural state through careful planning and cooperative agreements between appropriate government agencies and private enterprise.

20B.50.052(10) Policy

Designate appropriate uses within the capability of the parks, natural areas and greenbelts (e.g. trails and outdoor education, as determined by site analysis).

20B.50.052(15) Policy

Use appropriate acquisition methods to protect natural areas which are sensitive to urban development or represent a significant natural and visual asset.

20B.50.052(20) Policy

Design and construct park facilities in a manner which is compatible with the neighborhood and is sensitive to the environment.

20B.50.052(25) Policy

Work with other governmental agencies and private organizations to provide a complete parks and recreation open space system for the City and surrounding region.

Section 4. The Redmond Municipal Code and Community Development Guide is hereby amended by adding a new Section 20B.50.054 thereto to read as follows:

20B.50.054 COMMUNITY GOAL

Encourage the retention of open space as an important component of Redmond's character.

20B.50.054(05) Policy

The City should provide for an open space system within and between neighborhoods. An open space system includes the following:

- . Fragile and valuable elements such as natural drainage features and areas unsuitable for development due to natural hazards;
- . Forest, agricultural and fisheries resources;
- . Physical and/or visual buffers within and between areas of urban development;
- . Outdoor recreation areas, including passive and resource parks and trails.

20B.50.054(10) Policy

Encourage the retention of wetlands, steep slopes, hazardous and other sensitive areas as open space.

20B.50.054(15) Policy

Encourage the joint use of open space for compatible recreation purposes.

20.50.054(20) Policy

Encourage the donation to the public of those significant parcels of land that are not buildable and would enhance the open space or protect sensitive areas.

20B.50.054(25) Policy

The City should obtain open space throughout the community.

20B.50.054(30) Policy

Develop and implement a long-term and comprehensive acquisition, dedication and management program for open spaces.

20B.50.054(35) Policy

Preserve Redmond's semi-rural characteristics, such as abundant open space, by allowing clustered residential development that provides a significant percentage of usable open space where compatible in style and function with surrounding neighborhoods.

Section 5. This ordinance, being an exercise of a power specifically delegated to the City legislative body, is not subject to referendum, and shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication of the attached summary which is hereby approved.

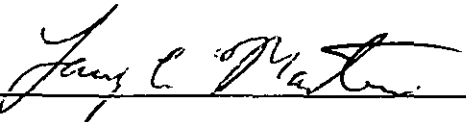
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