

City of Sammamish

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Summary

January 24, 2005

Commissioners present: John Rossi, Cornell Amaya, Chris Leyerle, David Lee, Lynn Rehn

Staff Present: Jeff Watling, Janie Smith

Meeting was called to order at 6:35

November meeting summary was approved.

Public Comment:

Don Gerend – 2959 229th PI SE, Sammamish
Spoke about the Water Resource Inventory Area Eight Steering Committee meeting he attended. There are 1200 proposed projects to help the recovery of Chinook salmon in three watershed areas which include Issaquah Creek. A special category was created for wild-card projects which may include plans for the recovery of Kokanee salmon. He provided a copy of the executive summary of the meeting.

Marta Ullman – 2024 218th PI NE, Sammamish
Came as a show of support for an off-leash dog area by Bill Reams Park.

Ongoing Business:

Park Commission Appointments

Council conducted interviews on January 11th. Two new candidates will be interviewed tomorrow night. There are still three vacancies. Council appointed Commissioners who requested reappointment.

Jeff spoke about the 2005 work plan outlining the following work items in the Parks Department:

Recreation division

Youth Board

Coordinate management of city events

Outdoor concerts (5 concerts last year, 8 planned this year)

Liaison and support of community sponsored events
Camps (Skyhawks)
Lifeguarding
Facility booking
Management of Beaver Lake Lodge
Continuing coordination and production of Recreation Guide

Park Planning and Development:

Community sports field at Eastlake High School
Sammamish Commons development
Ebright Creek Park
Beaver Lake Preserve Management Plan
Ongoing trails and pathways projects
Various park improvements – in-house design projects

Items for further discussion:

Land acquisition
Sammamish Commons Phase 2 – Freed house
Pine Lake Park dock replacement
Off-leash dog area in existing parks
Discussion with school districts on other potential projects

Park Resource Management – general overview

Mixed service projects (in-house combined with contracted services)
In-house maintenance

Administration

Check out the document (handout from Jeff)

Discussion ensued about touring park property and future park sites. The month of March was mentioned as a possible date.

Commissioners were encouraged to continue communicating ideas to council.

Jeff answered various questions and discussed items talked about at the council retreat.

Current Project Updates

Community Fields at Eastlake High School

We are in the design phase with the project at Eastlake High School. Neighbors' major concern is scheduling during the school year. They don't want the facility used past 9 pm. Jeff showed a sample of the turf that will be installed.

Ebright Creek Park

Design was approved.

Sammamish Commons

The SEPA determination was appealed and will be reviewed by the hearing examiner. Construction was to begin in late spring and that goal may still be met depending on how the appeal goes.

Beaver Lake Lodge

Inspection of the lodge revealed a termite problem. Gutters need to be installed to prevent further water damage. The Lodge will be closed for 5 or 6 weeks to accommodate the renovation.

Beaver Lake Preserve

Plan will be underway in the next few weeks. Goal is to be done with plan in July. Some funds have been budgeted for this year with the construction budgeted for 06. There are some volunteer project possibilities.

New Business:

John encouraged commissioners to email agenda items to him.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00