

City of Sammamish

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Summary

February 28, 2005

(Next meeting: March 28, 2005)

Commissioners present: Chris Leyerle, Cornell Amaya, Lyn Rehn, Pauline Cantor, Frank Cowing, Hank Klein, Steve Wright, Joyce McCallum, Richard Johnson, David Lee, John Rossi

Staff Present: Jeff Watling, Janie Smith

Meeting was called to order at 7:00

The January meeting summary was approved.

Jeff explained the role of the alternate positions.

Public Comment:

Jim Bachesta – 1207 212th Ave SE, Sammamish - spoke about PLUTO, Pine Lake Urban Telescope Observers that is an astronomy outreach program. Sharing his passion for astronomy with others. They hold star parties every three months. All are welcome. He is asking the City for support in a more formal way by designating one park as an astronomy friendly park. Features such as low light and power drops for large telescopes. A star party is planned for this coming weekend, March 5th at 6:30 until 10:00 at Pine Lake Park.

Ongoing Business

Update of current projects:

Ebright Creek Park

SEPA has been submitted and two comments have been received. The Planning Department will make a determination by the end of this week or possibly next week. The appeal period begins after the determination has been made. Vendors have been asked to submit proposals for the play area. Citizens and Park Commissioners will be asked to rate the play area in a series of informal meetings to be held in March. Pauline, Cornell and possibly Steve have volunteered.

Restroom design options. Winter water check identified that there are questionable areas for a septic drain field in the park. We are looking at other short-term options. A lift station would cost between 100-200 thousand dollars and would only be temporary. Two options are being considered. Number one is the creation of a wood structure that would hide a couple of sani-cans. The second option would be to create the permanent restroom building but install modern vault facility. This option is sustainable and self-sufficient and could possibly be a long-term solution until sewer becomes available.

Beaver Lake Preserve

The 57-acre tract of land on the north end of Beaver Lake Park was purchased as an urban wildlife habitat. We have a landscape architect team and wetland team. Update on this site will take place next month with Linda Frkuska, City of Sammamish Park Planner. Trails are being planned. Currently there is a trail on the site that crosses private property and signage has been placed to let people know they are trespassing. Some loop trails are being planned with the possibility of linking these trails with trails in the Hazel Wolfe wetlands. The end result will be a site plan showing where there will be trails. Construction may begin this fall. These would be pedestrian only, soft surface trails with a possibility of a multi-use path around perimeter of the property.

Community Field at Eastlake High School

On schedule. SEPA has been submitted and the determination will be made soon. This project is an amendment to the EIS. One matter remaining with neighbors is scheduling. The City proposed ending all scheduled use at 9:30 p.m. but some of the neighbors want scheduling to end at 9:00. A user group meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 3rd.

Prioritizing Annual Goals of the Parks Commission

The following projects were discussed and the top five were prioritized as follows:

- 1) Park Bond Strategic Planning
- 2) Gifting Program/Foundation
- 3) Off-leash Dog Areas
- 4) Communication with Council
- 5) TBP Committee formation
 - Evans Creek Preserve
 - Communication with Community
 - Sportsfield Options
 - Update Parks & Recreation Survey (Aquatic Facility?)
 - Pine Lake Park Dock/Phase II?
 - Sammamish Commons Phase II
 - Section 36/Soaring Eagle

Additionally, a community survey may be drafted to further prioritize projects.

A Park Bond and levy was discussed. An expert from another municipality who has recently gone through the bond process will be invited to speak at an upcoming meeting. A request was made for an expert on aquatic facilities to speak at an upcoming meeting as well.

A tour of parks and park sites has been scheduled in two half-day increments. Saturday March 26th and Saturday April 30th.

No New Business

Meeting adjourned at 9:07