

**City of Sammamish
Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Summary
January 29, 2007**

Commissioners Present: Hank Klein, John Rossi, Pauline Cantor, Vin Santoro, Mary Doerrer, Steve Wright, Chris Leyerle, Randy Jackson

Commissioners Absent: Lynn Rehn, Rich Johnson

Staff Present: Jessi Richardson, Ben Yazici, Janie Marie

Call to Order: 6:36 p.m.

Meeting summaries for October 11, 23 and November 8 were approved.

Public Comment: None

Park Commissioners were introduced to new Parks & Recreation Director, Jessi Richardson.

City Manager, Ben Yazici addressed questions by the Park Commission regarding the formation of the Park Bond Validation Committee and the Park Bond timeline and partnership possibilities with the YMCA. He also spoke about the results of the community survey and its weight on the bond package.

Commissioners discussed the parameters for removal from the board for non-participation. Changing the ordinance requires council approval. Rules and regulations can be formulated by the board. It was suggested that a job description be written, based on the ordinance, so that prospective board members understand the expectations of their participation.

Discussion of Master Plans:

Beaver Lake – The RFP has gone out for consultant selection and staff will convene a review panel.

ESP – This was added to the list of parks that should be master planned to possibly include a dog park. Funds are appropriated in the budget but not specifically earmarked for an off-leash area. Base paths on the baseball fields will be extended.

Evans Creek – Phase I, to begin next year, includes trail construction. Permitting will take place through King County.

Intent with all master plans will be to include public input.

Project Updates

Ebright Creek Park – The project has experienced many weather setbacks. Change order going to council on Tuesday. April opening anticipated. Council will address the issue of fencing concerns some time in March.

Skyline High School Community Fields – The project has not been closed out yet. A few minor punch list items including lights needing to be adjusted.

Sammamish Commons – Phase I is wrapping up. Phase II includes parking lot construction which will probably not be finished until next year. The City's first Fourth of July celebration will take place on this site. The skate park will hold a competition in conjunction with a grand opening celebration this spring.

Soaring Eagle Park – Currently dealing with logistics. The plan for this year is to transfer the land with annexation to occur next year. No money has been allocated for development at this time. The area will be land banked for future use.

Pine Lake Park Phase II – Proposed improvements for 2008 are on the waterfront and include dock replacement, construction of a seat wall, beach improvements and replacement of some picnic shelters. Timeline may be unrealistic due to the work on the shoreline and the time it takes to obtain permits.

Off-leash Dog Area – Staff was directed to build an off-leash dog area this year either at Beaver Lake Park or ESP. Public meeting is slated for some time in April.

Beaver Lake Preserve – Parking lot construction is scheduled to begin February 5th and should be completed by late spring. Ribbon cutting is being planned for some time in June.

Kipper Property – Grant was awarded to the City for acquisition of this property.

Deputy Director - Parks & Recreation has a position opening for Deputy Director. This position will oversee capital projects and the planning staff.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

