

**City of Sammamish
Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Summary
August 8, 2007**

Commissioners Present: Hank Klein, Pauline Cantor, Richard Johnson, John Rossi, Mary Doerrler, Randy Jackson

Commissioners Absent: Steve Wright, Vin Santoro, Lynn Rehn

Staff Present: Jessi Richardson, Michael Shiosaki, Joanna Puthoff, Janie Marie

Call to Order: 6:35pm

Approval of Summary: Meeting Summary from May and July were approved

Public Comment:

Clay Heilman, 21631 NE 44th Street, Redmond, WA – She is an Environmental Educator and would like to see the Evans Creek Preserve as a passive park with the site itself being the visitor's experience. She is excited about the park being developed and encouraged the City to consider fee based programs such as partnerships with other organizations, charging for meeting space, forming a Friends of Evans Creek group and having a nature center.

Facility Rental Policies and Procedures Discussion

Jessi explained the background of why a policy is needed now and an overview of what the general guidelines of field scheduling have been in the past. A brainstorming session followed with commissioners and league representatives making comments and asking questions.

Trails, Bikeways and Paths Plan

At this time, Public Works is developing a matrix to prioritize trail projects. As soon as it is adopted by council, we will know which projects will be included for the next year.

Park Planning Project Updates

Evans Creek Preserve

Commissioners toured the site on Friday, August 3. Previously, the consultant had come up with two options for the site; one being based on more agricultural elements and the other more restoration based. We are now in the process of refining those two into one as a result of the ongoing public meetings. Discussion about preferred elements ensued. The next public meeting will be September 5th.

East Sammamish Park Master Plan

Two public meetings have been held; the third occurs on August 20th. The consultant is working on the preferred alternative from the three previous concepts presented. Elements that will likely be on the preferred alternative include improvements to the

existing soccer field and play areas; restructuring/improving the restroom and maintenance buildings; trail connections to the school; loop trails and trails through the school district site; and a bay of parking and improved access to adjacent parking area on the school district site may be added. The dog park will not be located on this site.

Pine Lake Park Phase II Design

The consultant has submitted three alternatives all of which improve the shoreline area in varying degrees. Alternative 2 was preferred by the participants of the public meeting.

Beaver Lake Park Off-Leash Dog Area

This project is exempt from SEPA. Approval needs to be obtained by the BPA because the project is sited under the power lines on the site. The project will be completed by the end of the year.

YMCA/Library Partnership

No changes since the last meeting. Library site planning is moving forward. The YMCA is doing another market analysis to see if Sammamish is a feasible area to have a facility and we are waiting for their feedback. A Civic Facilities Town Center Forum was held on July 23rd. Clear priorities identified in the meeting were a multi-use community center and a teen center. An aquatic facility was identified as a priority but needs to be studied further with regard to costs.

Commission/Staff Vacancies

New Commissioner Recruitment: May through September

There may be 6 vacancies for new Park Commissioners and alternates. Applications are requested by September 30th. It was suggested that a short narrative of the responsibilities and time commitment

Parks Project Manager Position

Both Park Planners have resigned. After advertising the vacancy, there were no qualified applicants.

Commission Reports/Updates

No Commission Reports.

Bond/REET Discussion

Commissioners and staff discussed the potential bond issue and REET. Jessi will try and obtain the dollar amount that would be generated if REET were imposed.

Calendar

East Sammamish Park:	Monday, August 20 at 6:30 pm
PLP Phase II:	Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 pm
Evans Creek Preserve:	Wednesday, September 5 at 6:30 pm
Park Commission/City Council:	Tuesday, September 11 at 6:30 pm

Adjourn: 9:00 pm