

**City of Sammamish
Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Summary
November 14, 2007**

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

Commissioners Absent: Steve Wright, Lynn Rehn

Staff Present: Jessi Richardson, Michael Shiosaki, Janie Marie

Call to Order: 6:35

Approval of Summaries: October 10 & 24 Approved

Public Comment:

Frank Blau, 24742 SE 28th Pl, Sammamish – Thanked Council and the City for making information available. Was concerned about widening a trail around Beaver Lake Park and wanted confirmation of that project. (The project in question is on a project list for a potential park bond). He would like to encourage the commission to consider not widening the trail due to the number of trees. He is opposed to the Beaver Lake off-leash area and said the signage denoting the rest of the park being an on-leash area is insufficient. He suggested additional signage at entrances to trails and near picnic shelters along with increased enforcement. He shot a photo of a coyote on the site of the off-leash area and is concerned about the decrease in wildlife habitat in the area.

Suzy Sundstrom, 3516 224th Ave NE, Redmond – Representing a group of neighbors opposed to the entrance of Evans Creek Preserve being off of 224th and would rather have it on 220th.

Open Public Meetings Act

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Soaring Eagle Park Transfer

King County Council met yesterday to hear public comments on the transfer. They deferred a potential vote until Monday. The City reached an agreement with a group opposing the transfer.

Park Commission Recruitment

Interviews for new Park Commissioners will be held this coming Monday at the City Council study session.

Trail Standards

Michael provided a refresher on the Town Center Plan and how it relates to trails and bike lanes.

Project Updates

Evans Creek Preserve

No consultant contract for next phase as of yet. Traffic analysis and wetland reconnaissance need to be completed so the SEPA process can begin.

East Sammamish Park

Consultant is finishing the environmental checklist, which will be followed by SEPA and then Council approval.

Pine Lake Park Phase II

Consultant is beginning construction documents. Picnic shelters will be demolished and new shelters constructed in the spring with the shoreline and dock work commencing after the busy summer season.

Beaver Lake Park Off-leash Area

The eastern boundary has been adjusted slightly to avoid disturbing some of the under story vegetation. The contract for the fence has been approved. Construction of the fence should begin in two weeks. A soft opening is expected in December with a formal grand opening this spring. It was suggested that the rules relating to off-leash dogs be publicized along with news of the opening of the off-leash area.

Library Partnership

The preliminary site plan has been approved by Council and the project is now in the design phase.

YMCA Partnership

The preferred option is to construct a new facility on the YMCA-owned site near Pine Lake with the City possibly adding additional funds for the project.

Lower Sammamish Commons

Site Workshop has been chosen as the consultant for the project. The previous site plan for the Lower Sammamish Commons is in conflict with the Town Center Plan. Two public meetings will be held in conjunction with this process. The Freed House will be relocated to this site by March of 2008.

Beaver Lake Preserve

A connector trail is being constructed between the Hazel Wolf wetlands and Beaver Lake Preserve.

Calendar

Due to the Sammamish Youth Board Holiday event on December 12th, the December meeting has been cancelled.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 9th.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:03