



**City of Sammamish
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting**
January 4, 2012 - 6:30-8:30 PM
Sammamish City Hall ~ 801-229th Ave SE

MEETING SUMMARY

Commissioners Present: Hank Klein, Pauline Cantor, Larry Crandall, Mary Doerrler, Krist Morritt, Rena Brady, Judy Petersen, Steve Wright

Commissioners Absent: John James

Staff Present: Linda Frkuska, Sevda Baran, Kellye Hilde, Anjali Myer, Kevin Teague, Janie Jackson

Call to Order: 6:33 p.m.

Approval of Summary: Summary for November 2 was approved. (There was no meeting in December).

(Public comment was taken after SE 8th Street Park Master Plan discussion.)

SE 8th Street Park Master Plan – Hopes, Dreams & Fears

Parks staff kicked off the SE 8th Street Park Master Plan with a presentation to which commissioners provided feedback. This presentation will be given again at the next city council meeting as well as public meeting #1 on January 11.

Public Comment:

Dave LaFevre 22824 NE 76th Street, Redmond, WA – He likes the name Heritage Park and thinks being able to capture the long-standing history of the area would be a great teaching opportunity for schools and families.

Kate Poaster – 21627 SE 8th Street, Sammamish – She has lived adjacent to the SE 8th Street Park property for many years. She reported that there are three species of owl as well as river otter, mountain beaver, beaver and bear that inhabit the park. She has collected bear scat over the years for study by students and has done comparative owl studies to see what the owls and hawks in the area are eating. She stated although you can't stop some park elements, such as sculptures and weddings, also consider that kids want to see the natural world. There are lots of trails but they are heavily used and you don't get the idea of the natural world from heavily used trails. It is a very unique piece of property. There is a huge salamander migration across the property. She hopes that when planning, keep in mind there is a lot there; not just the sparkle of sculptures.

Capital Projects Update

The status of the Eastlake HS baseball field renovation was discussed. See attached list of complete project updates.

2013-2018 Parks CIP Discussion

Commissioners reviewed the current CIP which reflects updated financial calculations. Further review will take place at the next regular PC meeting and recommendations will be made to the City Council this coming March.

Park Commission Liaison Reports

Farmers Market – Larry Crandall

Larry suggested to “Like” the Sammamish Farmers Market on Facebook. The Farmers Market website is not always so current and there’s usually something posted every 3-4 weeks on the Facebook page. The Facebook link can be accessed from the SFM website or directly at <http://www.sammamishfarmersmarket.org>. The next Steering Committee meeting for the Sammamish Farmers Market is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2012. The Northwest Flower & Garden Show is February 8 – 12, 2012 at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle.

Sammamish Friends – Judy Petersen, Rena Brady and Pauline Cantor

No report.

Backyard Wildlife Habitat Project – Pauline Cantor and Hank Klein

BWHP sponsored the native plant seminar in conjunction with a native plant salvage. Over 100 plants were salvaged and planted at Sammamish Commons by groups of Scouts.

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan – Hank Klein and Pauline Cantor

No report.

Community Garden – Mary Doerrer, Larry Crandall

The committee is waiting for non-profit status before fundraising. Staff is waiting to hear of permit status from BPA. A celebration of Earth Day will take place April 21 at Beaver Lake Park. There are plans for 20-30 vendors. Policies have been developed, awaiting staff approval.

Sammamish Walks & SammamishWalks.org – Judy Petersen

The 2012 schedule will hopefully be ready in February for walks from April through October. The website has been active for one full year and experiences approximately 18 hits per day. The next page to be developed will be SE 8th St. Park.

Sammamish Youth Board - Steve Wright

Steve is the new liaison to the Sammamish Youth Board.

Other:

Parks Commission Openings

There are 4 openings and 5 applicants for the PC. City Council will interview candidates on January 10 and appointments will be made on January 17.

Parks Commission Retreat

Discussed evening vs. weekend. Staff will offer date options via Meeting Wizard.

Thank You’s

On behalf of the staff, thanks to the Parks Commission for providing a wonderful holiday lunch on December 13.

New Councilmembers

Pauline and Hank met with the two new councilmembers, Tom Vance and Romiro Valderrama.

Calendar:

Wednesday, January 11	SE 8 th Street Park Master Plan Public Meeting #1	6:30 pm
Thursday, January 12	Community Garden Steering Committee	6:30 pm
Tuesday, January 17	City Council Special Meeting – Parks Commission Appointments	6:30 pm
Wednesday, February 1	Parks Commission Meeting	6:30 pm

Adjourn: 8:37 pm