



City of Sammamish  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
February 5, 2014 - 6:30-8:30 PM  
Sammamish City Hall ~ 801-229<sup>th</sup> Ave SE

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## MEETING SUMMARY

### **Commissioners Present**

Mary Doerr, Hank Klein, Pauline Cantor, Loreen Leo, Cheryl Wagner, Ann Precup, Doug Eglington, Krist Morrill

### **Commissioners Absent**

Brad Conner

### **Staff Present**

Jessi Bon, Linda Frkuska, Janie Jackson

### **Call to Order**

6:30

### **Approval of Summary**

The meeting summary for January 8, 2014 was approved.

### **Welcome New Commissioners**

Hank introduced new Parks Commissioners Ann Precup and Doug Eglington. Both Ann and Doug have a long history of community service in Sammamish.

### **Public Comment**

David Paul, 2718 204<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Sammamish – He would like to have a walkway constructed on the south shoulder of a 4-block section of SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street. The walkway will require a boardwalk to accommodate wetlands. He collected 258 signatures in 2009 to petition for this and other walkway projects. He would appreciate the Parks Commission's consideration in including this project in upcoming CIP discussions.

Jessi noted that trails and non-motorized projects are not handled by the Parks department or Parks Commission but rather by the Public Works department. She offered to invite the Public Works director to an upcoming Parks Commission meeting for further discussion, although typically, these matters are handled at the City Council level. Jessi also suggested the Parks Commission Chair/Vice Chair meet and discuss with the Mayor/ Deputy Mayor.

### **Election Chair and Vice Chair**

The Commission voted to elect Hank Klein as Chair and Loreen Leo as Vice Chair for 2014.

### **Parks Ordinance**

The current Sammamish ordinance pertaining to rules in parks it is being updated to better address water safety issues at Sammamish Landing. Linda prepared a matrix that included water safety rules from neighboring cities for comparison to the Sammamish parks ordinance. The Parks Commission reviewed the current ordinance and staff-recommended changes and their comments will be incorporated and reviewed by the City Attorney. The Commission will have an opportunity to review the draft ordinance again at the March meeting. In order to have an updated ordinance in place by the busy summer season, the City Council will need to approve it by the end of April or early May.

### **Project Updates**

See attached.

### **Park Commission Liaison Reports**

#### Farmers Market

Ann Precup is interested in serving as liaison to the Farmers Market.

#### SammamishFriends.org/Backyard Wildlife Habitat Project/ Native Plant Stewards – Pauline Cantor

- Sammamish Friends now has a permanent meeting time on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month; 6:30 pm at the Sammamish Library. Contact Pauline to be added to their email list. The group continues to work on the emerald necklace. There is a possibility that King County will write a grant proposal to complete a feasibility study for a trail.
- 6 homes were registered last year as Backyard Wildlife Habitats. They hope to increase that number in the current year and include more schools as well. Check out <http://sammamishwildlifehabitatproject.blogspot.com/> for more information. Sharon Steinbis and Stan Wood are co-chairs and are also providing input to the City's comprehensive plan update.
- Native Plant Stewards 2014 work parties start on March 8 at Evans Creek Preserve. Three Eagle Scout projects are in the works. Cheryl Wagner will be attending Native Plant Steward training this year with the Washington Native Plant Society.

#### Sammamish Walks & SammamishWalks.org – Loreen Leo

The first walk of 2014 is April 12 at Beaver Lake Park with the theme of 'Haiku in the Woods' led by Michael Welch. Other walks are being planned. Cheryl Wagner will take over as liaison to this group.

#### Trail Stewards – Brad Conner

WTA will begin work parties in April at Evans Creek Preserve. Anyone interested in joining should contact WTA. New Sammamish Trail Stewards may be recruited through WTA as well.

#### Sammamish Youth Board

Doug Eglington is interested in serving as liaison to the Youth Board.

### **Other**

- Cheryl and Pauline are attending the WRPA/ASLA conference on April 9.
- Commissioners discussed a possible retreat in April. Jessi suggested this topic be added to the discussion between the Chair/Vice Chair and the Mayor/Deputy Mayor after the City Council Retreat.

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**Calendar**

Monday, February 10	Community Center Public Meeting	5:30 – 7:30pm
Monday, February 17	Presidents Day – City offices closed	
Thursday-Saturday, February 20-22	City Council Retreat	
Wednesday, March 5	Regular Parks Commission Meeting	6:30pm

**Adjourn**

8:30 pm

## Sammamish Parks & Recreation Capital Projects Status

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### **Sammamish Community and Aquatic Center**

Eastside Fire and Rescue had their final training in the Kellman house in early January, resulting in the final burn of the house. The remaining structure and foundation were demolished afterwards by the demolition contractor to clean up the site and make it safe. Staff will host a public meeting on Monday, February 10, 5:30 – 7:00 pm at City Hall, as a requirement of the land use permit. The consultants have drawings in to the city for permit review and are currently working on the construction set of drawings and specifications. The project is anticipated to be released for bid in April.

### **Evans Creek Preserve Phase 2 Trails and Sahalee Connection**

The Washington Trails Association (WTA) will begin working with the STEM school on trail layout in February, continuing through May. Volunteer work parties (other than STEM) with WTA will occur in April. The parking lot improvements will be bid out to a contractor, with construction expected to start in May.

### **Big Rock Park Master Plan**

The SEPA process is still underway. Upon completion of this, staff will return to the Council for plan adoption.

### **Sammamish Landing**

The Public Works Department is taking the lead on this project, which includes a parking lot and ADA access to the park. They are currently working through the selection process for a qualified consultant to develop the design.

### **Sammamish Commons Climbing Wall**

This project will likely go before the Council in the spring for approval.

### **Eastlake Sammamish Park Foul Ball Netting**

Foul ball netting will be added to the baseball fields at East Sammamish Park for safety. The consultant, D.A. Hogan, is currently preparing the plans and calculations, which will be submitted to the city for permitting. Construction is anticipated in April.