



City of Sammamish
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
March 1, 2017 - 6:30-8:30 PM
Sammamish City Hall 801 228th Ave SE

MEETING SUMMARY

Commissioners Present

Hank Klein, Sid Gupta, Loreen Leo, Kathe Low, Cheryl Wagner, Nancy Way, Stephanie Hibner, Doug Eglington, Sheila Sappington

Commissioners Absent

Nancy Way

Staff Present

Angie Feser, Kyle Endelman, Janie Jackson

Call to Order

6:34 p.m.

Approval of Summary

The February 2017 meeting summary was approved as presented.

Approval of Agenda

The March 2017 agenda was approved as presented.

Public Comment

None.

City – Parks and Recreation Commission Orientation

Angie presented a power point covering part of the material that would have been discussed during the Parks Commission Retreat which had been planned for Saturday, February 11 but had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Information about City and Parks and Recreation department operations was presented. Additional retreat information will be discussed during a special meeting that was added Wednesday, March 15.

Director's Report

- Land Acquisition Strategy - The first public meeting for the LAS took place on February 15. Cheryl, Hank, Kathe and Sid attended.
- Parks Recreation and Open Space Plan – A contract with Conservation Technix has been signed. The first public meeting for the PROS Plan will be Tuesday, May 23 at 6 p.m.
- Health and Human Services Needs Assessment – A consultant has been selected and a contract and scope of work are being negotiated and will be brought before Council on March 21.
- Sammamish Landing – Tentative approval was received from King County for the proposed improvements. Construction is anticipated to begin in June and run through September. Options for temporary access are being explored to keep the park open during construction.

- Skyline Turf Replacement Project – The project is currently out to bid with bid opening scheduled for Thursday, March 9.
- Sahalee Way Property – The 11 acres straddling Sahalee Way owned by King County Roads is back on the market and Council direction will be obtained for possible purchase. The parcels could help with Emerald Necklace trail connections. *After discussing the property, a motion was made and seconded and Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of recommending the purchase.*
- Sammamish Heritage Society – The Heritage Society will address the Council this coming Monday during the Council Study Session to request a budget increase. The money will be used to improve their website.
- Grant for Klahanie Field Improvements – The decision was made not to apply for the grants. There is still money in the budget for overall improvements at Klahanie Park.
- Recreation Programs – Lifeguard recruitment has already begun for the summer season. Lynne Handlos has created a junior lifeguard program to help in recruiting and retaining lifeguards. The Recreation division is gearing up for special events. Entertainment contracts and sponsorships are being processed. Kyle thanked the Commissioners who helped with entertainment selection and scholarship recommendations.

Park Commission Liaison Reports

Sammamish Friends – Sid

Sid's written report is attached.

Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat – Kathe

The group will meet on March 6 at 7:00pm at Teen Center to discuss stormwater projects and the Backyard Wildlife group's presence at events. Volunteers will pick up bare root plants at the King County Conservation District's Native Plant Sale on March 11. There will be a volunteer planting event on March 18 at Lancaster Ridge from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The group is still working on a second stormwater pond project.

Native Plant Stewards – Cheryl and Sid

Cheryl's written report is attached.

Sammamish Walks – Hank and Loreen

The first walk to the season is planned for Earth Day, Saturday, April 22 at Sammamish Commons and will be a haiku walk.

Trail Stewards – Nancy

No report.

Sammamish Youth Board – Doug

Doug helped review AWC Scholarship applications. A recipient was chosen out of an incredible talent pool.

Sammamish Y – Doug

The Annual Community Campaign kicked off at Eastside Catholic High School. Money raised will go to help people participate in Y programs.

Sammamish Market – Stephanie

No update.

Sammamish Community Garden – Stephanie

Silva resigned as head garden volunteer. No garden plots have been reassigned yet.

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Other:

Commissioners discussed their special meeting on March 15.

Meeting Calendar

Wednesday, March 15 Special Meeting, 6:00 p.m. (dinner included)

Thursday, April 6 Joint Meeting with Planning Commission, 5:00 p.m. (dinner included)

Adjourn

8:25 p.m.