



City of Sammamish  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
January 4, 2017 - 6:30-8:30 PM  
Sammamish City Hall 801 228<sup>th</sup> Ave SE

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## MEETING SUMMARY

### **Commissioners Present**

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

### **Commissioners Absent**

None.

### **Others Present:**

STEM Students - Anne Lee, Jeffrey Cheng, Ritika Iyer, Rishi Kavikondala

### **Staff Present**

Angie Feser, Kyle Endelman, Anjali Myer, Shelby Upton, Janie Jackson

### **Call to Order**

6:33 p.m.

### **Approval of Summary**

The November meeting summary was approved as presented.

### **Approval of Agenda**

The January 2017 agenda was approved as presented.

Chair Hank Klein welcomed returning Parks and Recreation Commissioners, Cheryl Wagner, Loreen Leo and Kathe Low whose terms were renewed until 2021.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **STEM School Internship Presentation**

Associate Park Planner, Shelby Upton talked about the background of the City's student internship program which this year was based on environmental design with a focus on interpretive signage at Evans Creek Preserve. The students from Tesla STEM High School each presented park signs they developed during their internship: Jeffery Cheng, the Fluctuating Flood Plain; Rishi Kavikondala, Wetlands; Ritica Iyer, the Salmon Cycle and Anne Lee, Pollinators. Commissioners asked questions and praised the students for work well done. A suggestion was made to help publicize the students' work through the City's Facebook page and/or the City website. Director, Angie Feser thanked Shelby for her great leadership of the students.

### **Land Acquisition Strategy (LAS)**

Parks Project Manager, Anjali Myer presented a brief background of how parkland has been acquired to date and how implementing the Land Acquisition Strategy will help to prioritize

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available land and provide a process for due diligence for future land purchases. A hand-out was distributed that contained draft questions for an upcoming virtual town hall. Commissioners reviewed and commented on the questions. Anjali explained the timeline of the LAS project. Handout attached.

### **YMCA Property Update**

Anjali Myer provided a hand-out and talked about the status of the YMCA-owned property named in the lease agreement between the Y and the city. The Council has requested after collecting input during the LAS and PRO Plan Update processes, a recommendation by the Commission be provided in fall of 2017. Commissioners provided comments, concerns and questions about property and potential improvements as input for staff. Handout attached.

### **PRO Plan Update**

Deputy Director, Kyle Endelman talked about the 2018 PRO Plan Update. Consultant submittals were received in December, evaluated and Conservation Technix was chosen. Staff is now in process of negotiating a scope of work. The contract and scope will be brought before Council in early February of this year. The project must be completed in early 2018 in order for the city to qualify for RCO grants. Kathe, Nancy, Loreen and Cheryl participated in the evaluation and selection processes. The coming year will include lots of public outreach and regular updates to Council and Parks & Recreation Commission.

### **Big Rock Park Discussion**

Big Rock Site B transferred ownership from Mary Pigott to the City on January 1, 2017. Due to current access limitations, Site B will remain closed in 2017 but may open in 2018. The Big Rock Park Master Plan may need to be updated in order to provide better access to the site.

### **Director's Report**

Angie Feser provided a handout and talked about topics in Park Planning, Parks Capital Program and Recreation programs. In addition to the items on the handout (attached) Angie talked about the Mars Hill building and the status of the discussions with Central Washington University.

Commissioners were asked to keep track of the hours they work on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission and record them on a spreadsheet that will be circulated at each regular meeting.

### **Park Commission Liaison Reports**

#### Sammamish Friends – Sid

Sammamish Friends' next monthly meeting is Monday January 9<sup>th</sup>. They will be planning projects for the year, including the Mud Run. They are hosting another board game night on January 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the EX3 Teen Center. They have enough games for 40 to 50 people, age 13+. Sammamish Friends has kickstarted a Sustainable Sammamish group that is currently exploring a plastic bag ban and also encouraging homeowners and business in Sammamish to compost and recycle. They plan to meet January 11 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Doerrer.

#### Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat – Kathe

The Washington Native Plant Society will honor Sharon Steinbis as Steward of the Year on Thursday night. Meeting on 1/11 at the Teen Center.

#### Native Plant Stewards – Cheryl and Sid

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A restoration event will be held on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at Ebright Creek Park. A plant salvage will take place on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sammamish Walks – Hank and Loreen

No update.

Trail Stewards – Nancy

No trail work happening at this time.

Sammamish Youth Board – Doug

SYB discussion a scholarship opportunity.

Sammamish Y – Doug

Doug attended a holiday party at the home of the board chair.

Sammamish Market – Stephanie

Stephanie attended a Thank You/Wrap Up meeting in December. Deb reported she has been asked to host an Earth Day celebration but this has not yet been confirmed. Metropolitan Market will be a market sponsor this year. They are currently looking at scheduling local performers.

The 2017 market season is May 10 to September 20. Most farmers are expected to return in 2017. They are looking for cheese and bread vendors as well as vegetarian food vendors.

Suggestions for non-profits or food vendors should be emailed to Deb Sogge.

Sammamish Community Garden – Stephanie

Elby sent an email yesterday asking for information from current plot owners as to their desire to renew for the 2017 season. There are 45 people on the wait list for garden plots.

## Other

### Retreat Discussion

Staff and Commissioners discussed possible retreat dates and topics for discussion. Saturday, February 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. was decided upon based Commissioners availability. A location will be determined in the coming weeks.

### Sahalee Way Property Update

Although the City placed a bid on the property, we were outbid by a private firm. There is a possibility the new owners may be conducive to a trail easement.

### Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Election for Chair and Vice Chair will be held during the February regular Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

### Recognition of King County Councilmember, Kathy Lambert

Kathy Lambert will be recognized for her work in securing grants for parks in Sammamish at next week's City Council Study Session, Tuesday, January 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners were encouraged to attend this meeting in support of Councilmember Lambert.

### 2017 Entertainment Selection

Commissioners were asked to sit on the selection committee for entertainment for the 2017 concert season. Kathe Low, Sheila Sappington and Sid Gupta volunteered. Recreation Coordinator, Lynne Handlos will schedule directly with them.

### 2017 Scholarship Selection

Commissioners were asked to sit on the selection committee for the AWC Youth Scholarship. Nancy Way, Stephanie Hibner and Doug Eglington volunteered.

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**Meeting Calendar**

Regular Parks Commission Meeting – Wednesday, February 1, 2017 6:30 p.m.

**Adjourn**

9:04 p.m.