



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

MEETING SUMMARY

Commissioners Present

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

Commissioners Absent

Stephanie Hibner

Staff Present

Angie Feser, Anjali Myer, Chris Jordan, Elby Jones, Becky Smith, Kelsie Crawford-Clippinger, Derek Allen, Belle Stanley

Call to Order

6:45 p.m.

Approval of Summary

The meeting summary for June 7, 2017 was approved as presented.

Approval of Agenda

The September 6, 2017 agenda was approved as presented.

Public Comment

Sharon Stebbins had a few comments in response to the previous meetings PRO Plan presentation including the Emerald Necklace should be included in the PRO Plan, that city Stormwater ponds should have park amenities using Lancaster Pond as an example and the City should provide a greenhouse or plant holding/potting area for Native Plant Stewards work such as plant salvages, bare root replanting and holding transplants.

YMCA Report - Dave Mayer, Executive Director

Dave presented an overview of the programming offered by the YMCA affecting youth, adults and senior populations. He shared ways the Sammamish Community Center at the YMCA is making efforts to hone programming to fit the needs of the City.

Volunteer Program Presentation – Elby Jones, Volunteer Coordinator

Angie introduced Kelsie Crawford-Clippinger and Derek Allen, the Parks Stormwater Interns.

Elby introduced herself and provided an overview of her tasks with the volunteer program including native plant stewards, stormwater stewards, trail stewards, eagle scout projects, community garden, food bank partnership, plant salvages, adopt-a-road, Sammamish walks and blood drives. The volunteer events occur nearly every weekend and include invasive plant removal, native plantings, park clean-up activities, trail work, and special event volunteer opportunities.

Kelsie shared her experiences through the summer, supporting volunteer events, native plant stewards and stormwater stewards. She has participated in maintaining and facilitating the establishment of plants at Lancaster pond. Kelsie and Derek had the opportunity to create the stormwater restoration plan at the triangle on Inglewood Hill Road.

Derek introduced himself and offered his experience this summer. Derek said it was a “boots on the ground” program through plant restoration, Sammamish walks and connecting with community.

Land Acquisition Strategy and Capital Projects Updates

Anjali Myer presented the Draft Land Acquisition Strategy Program. Anjali asked for concerns or comments back to Belle or Anjali within a two-week period.

Anjali introduced Becky Smith to present the construction project updates:

Sammamish Landing ADA Access Improvements

Becky provided a recap of the completed work including construction of structural earth walls, installation of pre-fabricated restroom and repairs to a residential driveway. Still in progress are the railing and chain link fence installation, construction of pedestrian access ramps and stairs, right of way modifications with ADA parking and turning lane and refuge island. There is also a planting plan including hydro seeding the slope in the fall and additional plantings in the spring.

Synthetic Turf Replacement at Skyline High School Fields

The Skyline project was completed in August. The project included the removal of existing synthetic turf, irrigation modifications, drainage improvements, E-layer pad installation, new synthetic turf installation, replacements of chain link fence sections and soccer goal installation.

Drainage Improvements at Klahanie Park Fields

The Klahanie drainage project has been awarded to Ohno Construction. The project includes removal of the existing natural turf sod and a portion of the infield soils, modifications to the irrigation system, construction of a crushed rock outfield warning track, installation of new sod at the outfield areas and installation of new bases and plates.

Becky recapped her internship for the summer which included working on Sammamish Landing, Skyline Turf Replacement, Klahanie Turf Aeration, Klahanie Park Drainage Improvements, Beaver Lake Preserve Trail and Overlook, Park Signage, City Standard Plant List, Big Rock Park Trail Mapping, Fourth on the Plateau, KC Summer Program, and much more!

Director's Report included -

Staffing Changes

Part-time Office Assistant, Belle Stanley transitioned to the Parks & Recreation Administrative Assistant position. Annelise Diers was hired as an Office Assistant working .75 for facility

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rentals in Parks & Recreation and .25 time as passport and front counter support for Community Development. Chris Jordan joined the department as the Recreation Manager and the Arts Commission will be transiting to Parks & Recreation. Staffing level is making progress but there are still two Park Planner vacancies.

Project Updates

Angie reported with the vacancies of two park planner positions some projects have been lower priority and placed on hold: Beaver Lake Master Plan, Big Rock Master Plan, Lower Commons Master Plan in conjunction with Town Center and the Green Spine.

The Commissioners were provided two opportunities to contribute to two significant Parks & Recreation Planning documents. The first, review the draft Land Acquisition Strategy (LAS) and Implementation Plan and the second, review and comment on the 2012 PRO Plan goals and objectives. The LAS document was distributed via hard at the meeting and electronic copies of both will be provided via email from Angie within a few days. A two week deadline was requested by staff.

Park Commission Liaison Reports

Sammamish Friends – Sid

Sammamish Friends did not have much news over the summer. Planning for the 2018 Kids Mud Run will be starting soon. Sid to thanked Dave Mayer and the YMCA for their partnership and continued support.

Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat – Kathe

40 – 45 visitors to the table at Farmers Market; 250 homes and Eastlake HS are designated wildlife habitats; native plants acquired and given for free; volunteers needed at Lancaster event.

Native Plant Stewards – Cheryl and Sid

Rain is needed!

Trail Stewards – Nancy Way

Report Attached.

Meeting Calendar:

Tuesday, September 26 - 5:30 pm, Commission Workshop: How to Run Excellent Commission Meetings Using Robert's Rules of Order

Wednesday, October 4 - 6:30 p.m. Regular Parks Commission Meeting

Adjourn

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Liaison Report

Trail Stewards - Nancy Way

WTA is having three work parties Sept 8, 9 and 10 in Beaver Lake Preserve and Shelby has work party planned with volunteers to finish some trail work there on the 15th, so hopefully we'll get Beaver Lake Preserve trails all finished up before fall!