



City of Sammamish  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
December 6, 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, Cheryl Wagner, Doug Eglington, Sid Gupta, Loreen Leo, Kathe Low, Sheila Sappington, Nancy Way

### **Commissioners Absent**

Stephanie Hibner

### **Staff Present**

Angie Feser, Anjali Myer, Belle Stanley

### **Call to Order**

6:35 p.m.

### **Approval of Summary**

The meeting summary for November 1, 2017 was approved as presented.

### **Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was approved as presented.

### **Public Comment**

Karen Lee provided an update to the Providence Heights property, Issaquah. A non-profit has been formed called Preserve Providence Heights. They have filed a motion through King County Superior Court to intervene between the City of Issaquah and The City Church (Churchome). Demolition is proceeding in the meantime. Karen would like Sammamish to consider thinking outside of the box and to consider a land swap with the City of Issaquah to preserve the site.

Phani Chitneni expressed appreciation for the use of Klahanie fields for cricket. The popularity of the sport has grown with 267 kids participating in 2017. Klahanie is the only facility in the area with the proper dimensions. They want to be part of the discussion for the PRO Plan and future of the sport.

Twelve youth also conveyed their appreciation for the Klahanie fields and the potential for the growth of cricket in the Sammamish area.

Susan Hass, a member of Preserve Providence Heights, expressed environmental reasons to preserve the Providence Heights property. She suggested that Sammamish consider annexing the property and to use it as a park with the buildings utilized as a museum. Demolition will create a very different landscape.

### **PRO Plan Review**

Angie Feser recapped the nearly year-long process culminating with the review, by the PRC, of the Draft PRO Plan. Leads from the various small commissioner groups provided specific comments for their assigned chapters. Notes and discussion were documented on the Draft PRO Plan. Steve Duh, consultant with Conservation Technix, provided further clarification along with Angie on specific topics. Additional details are documented on the audio recording of the November 1, 2017 meeting.

### **Chairman's Report**

Doug Eglington will be concluding his service with the Sammamish Parks and Recreation Commission. Hank expressed his appreciation for his service and commitment to the City. New PRC applicants will be interviewed in January with appointments in February.

Hank recapped the PRC Survey handed out at the last meeting. Commissioners seem to want more involvement. Work with the PRO Plan is a step in the right direction. Overall, the survey reflected satisfaction in the group and the tasks at hand. Hank encouraged full discussion of topics even if there is a disagreement of views; everyone's input is welcomed. Sid offered his appreciation for having meeting materials in advance and also acknowledged having additional time to make comments on the PRO Plan was helpful.

### **Director's Report**

Angie turned the meeting over to Anjali Myer to provide a report on the capital projects. The Skyline turf replacement project has concluded with Council acceptance. Klahanie drainage and Sammamish Landing projects are still in the final stages. Sammamish Landing had a portion of the improvements in the King County right of way. This resulted in the county requiring some additional items to be completed before the project concludes. Sammamish Landing is expected to have a soft opening in seven to ten days, with the removal of the temporary stairs soon after.

Angie reported about the Very Merry Sammamish event which had an approximate attendance of 1000. Community choirs, food trucks, a petting zoo, tree lighting, "snow" making, princesses and photos with Santa were all part of the successful event organized by Chris Jordan our Recreation Manager. The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is coming up at the Sahalee Country Club. Park Maintenance contracts were passed at Council for the next year. With a budget of 5 million dollars, Park Maintenance's budget is more than half of the Parks & Recreation budget of 9.9 million dollars. Council also approved the contract for a Park Project Manager. The 2018 work plan for the department has been submitted. It will be presented to the Council at their retreat in the new year and then brought to the PRC. There will be a couple of master plans included, one for Big Rock Park, Lower Sammamish Commons and Klahanie Park. East Sammamish Park and Beaver Lake Park also have some improvements to be considered. There will also be a review of the YMCA property and consideration for a recreation site.

Angie gave an update on the development moratorium. The original one covered all new development but excluded the Town Center project. The moratorium was amended and now includes the Town Center. Any development application submitted prior to October 6<sup>th</sup> can continue the process regardless of the moratorium. The moratorium was designed to give

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Council and staff time to address traffic concurrency. There is approximately two years' worth of projects in process.

### **Park Commission Liaison Reports**

Sid recapped the Sammamish Friends schedule including the first planning meeting in January 2018 for the Mud Run event. He invited others to participate in the planning if they are interested. Sammamish Friends is also working on formalizing the grant process and they are looking for individuals or organizations with project ideas or events that will engage the community and protect and promote our environment.

Kathe informed the PRC of a work party led by the Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat and stormwater stewards group on Sat at Lancaster Ridge. They will be continuing restoration efforts around the pond.

Cheryl shared the Native Plant Stewards will be having a work party at Ebright Creek Park for invasive plant removal and mulching.

### **Meeting Calendar**

1. December 14, 2017 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, 6:00pm, Sahalee Country Club
2. January 3, 2018 Regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, 6:30pm, City Hall Council Chambers
3. February 1, 2018 Joint meeting with the Planning Commission, 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers
4. February 27, 2018 Commissioner Training Roberts Rules of Order, 6:00pm, City Hall Council Chambers

Angie spurred discussion about the Urban Forestry Management Plan and needing two stakeholders willing to participate in discussion and questioning. Kathe, Cheryl and Loreen showed interest in being included in the process.

### **Ajourn**

10:00 p.m.