

City of Sammamish

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING SUMMARY

March 17, 2003- Meeting held at City Hall 6:30-9:00.

PRESENT: Hope Gipson, Jeff Watling, Paul Brodeur, Joyce McCallum, Lynn Handlos, Chris Leyerle, Tom Schloetter, Bob Armstead, David Lee, John Rossi. Cornell Amaya, Pat Schlicht, and Lynn Rehn were absent and excused.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 PM

Joyce called the meeting to order and due to the fact that there was not a quorum, the minutes from the previous meeting were not approved. This will be done at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment at this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, TRAILS- Joyce expressed concern that the Comp Plan was not very clear in its description of trail corridors connecting the Lake Trail to trails leading to the Plateau. She did not want this to become an “add-on” item. Chris felt that all trail corridors needed to be integrated into the Comp Plan and that the Parks Commission needed to be involved with the PAB. Since the Comp Plan is near completion, there is hope that it can have language that would reference specific points of the Trails Plan and the role the Parks Dept would play in implementing them. Hope stated that the Comp Plan would reference the Trails Plan. Finally, Joyce stated that she would like all road improvements to include a trail’s portion.

FOUNDATION- David said that they will research how to set up a foundation that deals with parks. They will contact the Seattle Parks Foundation and determine how they fund and develop projects. Bob felt that this Foundation should be a separate entity from the Parks Dept. Within the Foundation members of the Parks Dept may be considered for board positions as they are in the Seattle Foundation. Chris also suggested that the Arts and Cultural Foundation might be a good model as well.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT- No meeting was held for this committee.

INTERLOCAL COMMITTEE- John stated that the committee would bring the interlocal agreements to the commission for any modifications before their approval. This group would also help develop a priority list for potential programs and a budget projection for each. It will also develop a list of possible field upgrades that could help decrease the programmed space deficit. John said the committee will also meet with other park’s departments to see how they had fostered and developed their interlocal agreements.

OFF AGENDA ITEM- Joyce stated that she met with Dave Irons concerning Sect 36 and he stated that it was important to have groups express their needs for the development of this park. It was suggested that all types of media be used for a campaign to show the County Council how much this is needed...now. Paul stated that he could get some Little League players to show up at a Council meeting as a show of solidarity. Time of day may be an issue but there was a hope that enough kids and parents could attend. Joyce will e-mail the City Council to get their OK before proceeding.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

EBRIGHT CREEK PARK- Hope stated that 50% of construction documents would be ready within a few weeks. She also mentioned that extra studies are being done including a downstream analysis to a point of no impact as well as an in depth habitat study. She has been meeting with neighbors to keep them apprised of all proceedings during the design period. No final decision had been made regarding the “challenge course” as discussion revolved around its usage over time versus placing a basketball court, which could get more use over a longer time period. Another option could be to just leave as a grass area to be developed later. We need to think about all three options.

SAMMAMISH COMMONS- Jeff stated that the contract had been approved with McCloud/Record and that the plan was moving forward. Since there is no specific vision as of yet for the park’s element, we will need to work over the next few months to develop one. Jeff suggested a possible “open house” at the site once the elements have been determined...an idea highly regarded by the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

RECREATION DELIVERY MODEL- Jeff felt that it was time to move forward with developing a recreation program. Both he and Lynn felt that the recreation model presented to the Commission was sound and would be good to follow. We will need to focus on the present gaps then determine staff needs and costs. This will be discussed over the next few months.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

BEAVER LAKE LODGE CONTRACT- The city will start with a 3 month short term contract and hope to negotiate a longer term agreement with the same contractor. Jeff stated that the city desires a \$25 fee for Mon-Wed rentals to qualified Sammamish non-profits.

IAC COMMENTS ON PARK PLAN- The IAC complimented the Park’s Plan and asked for copies when it was adopted. The Park Plan adoption is presently in a holding pattern and Jeff will be looking into its status. Joyce will be pursuing grants in the Foundation Committee.

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS- The city is presently preparing the ball fields for spring play and is concentrating on Beaver Lake Park’s three fields. Jeff stated that the maintenance staff had been increased by two.

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.