

City of Sammamish
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY

May 24, 2004

Commissioners present: Chris Leyerle, David Lee, Cornell Amaya, John Rossi, Pat Schlicht, Lynn Rehm, Tom Schloetter

Staff Present: Jeff Watling, Hope Gibson, Janie Smith

Meeting was called to order at 6:53 pm

Summary of the previous meeting was distributed and will be adopted at the June meeting.

Email addresses for the commissioners present were updated.

Public Comment:

Wayne and Marta Ullman, 2024 218th PI NE. Wayne spoke about a desire for off-leash dog areas in Sammamish.

Scott Haase, 3021 206th Way NE, he spoke about wanting a public pool.

New Business:

a) Off-leash dog areas

Jeff met with about 15 dog owners and neighbors at Bill Reams Park to address the issue of the leash laws in the city and the need for off-leash areas for dogs. Jeff asked that park commissioners look at areas in parks city-wide where an appropriate off-leash area could be located. The City Council had discussed this issue at their May 18th study session mentioning using a currently undeveloped park property as a potential site. Jeff pointed out that if an area could be found in an existing park, the requirement to develop support facilities such as parking and restrooms would be eliminated. Jeff will bring some aerial maps of Beaver Lake and ESP parks to look at some of the undeveloped areas in these parks. City Code should be checked for specific rules pertaining to off-leash areas for dogs.

Ongoing Business:

a) Ebright Creek

Jeff thanked Park Commissioners who attended the open house sessions at the Ebright Creek park site. Nearly 40 people attended. We had about 700 surveys returned. Data will be compiled by the end of the week and a presentation will be prepared for the Hopes, Dreams and Fears meeting on June 7th at Discovery Elementary. June 1st will have master plan contract to city council for approval. Jeff and Hope outlined ideas for how the meeting will be structured.

b) Interlocal Agreement

The agreement is in final draft and an addendum has been created specific to the practice field at Eastlake for a joint improvement project. School board is scheduled to adopt the interlocal agreement and the addendum on June 7 and City Council will adopt on June 15. A design proposal has been submitted. Wetland delineation will be conducted early in the design.

c) Pine Lake Park

Commissioners toured the park before the meeting. Positive comments were made about the improvements. A grand opening/ribbon cutting celebration is being coordinated. The park will be open for the first day of fishing season although the ballfields are still under construction. Lifeguarding starts June 19.

New Business - continued

b) Follow up to May 18 study session

A visual presentation was brought before the council – a timeline with 3 key phases; master planning, permitting and construction and included overlays of the park system, copies of which were distributed to commission members. Councilmembers were asked to prioritize park projects.

Manager's Report

a) Beaver Lake Preserve Grant

The city has applied for a \$25,000 Urban Initiative Grant for the Beaver Lake Preserve Management Plan which will include recreational use and a stewardship program.

b) Spring Summer Tournaments

District tournaments will take place at both ESP and Beaver Lake Park.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting July 26, 2004