

City of Sammamish

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Summary

November 22, 2004

Commissioners present: John Rossi, Pat Schlight, Tom Schloetter, Joyce McCallum, David Lee, Cornel Amaya

Staff Present: Jeff Watling, Hope Gibson, Sevda Baran, Janie Smith

Meeting was called to order at 6:35

Meeting summaries from August, September and October were approved.

Public Comment:

None

Ongoing Business:

Park Bench Program

The idea of a memorial park bench program had been suggested at the previous parks committee meeting as a way to involve the public in the development of certain aspects of our parks. This past summer there was a request for the installation of a park bench by a family in memory of a son who had passed away. This project was used as a model for incorporating a memorial program. Parks department and parks commission will be asked to scope out locations for benches. There will be a standard for benches for a consistent esthetic. Base cost of \$1000 would cover cost of the bench, installation, and plaque. It was also suggested that the city of Sammamish adopt a program such as the one City of Bellevue has, a program whereby citizens can gift money for any area to be enhanced. Possibly expand the park bench program to include a gifting program for other City projects. Joyce will speak to City of Bellevue and City of Redmond and find out how their program has been implemented. This may be a topic to be added to the goals of the Park Commission.

Sammamish Commons Update:

Sevda Baran, project manager for Sammamish Commons project showed ariel maps and conceptual drawings of the property and the layout for City Hall, plaza, trails, playground and water park. City council has made a recommendation to move the Freed House to the lower area of the property. There was a concern that there is inadequate parking to serve the lower part of the property. The

architect should be ready with permit drawings by the first or second week of December. Construction may start in April If no appeals are filed.

Possible 2005 Park Commission Goals:

Sammamish Commons

Eastlake High School

Ebright Creek Park

Gifting Program

Subcommittee possibilities: Gifting program – Joyce and Cornell will discuss

Off leash dog area

Strategic planning for bond projects

Dates for City Council retreat have been set. Once goals are identified, there will be discussion with council on what needs to be addressed.

It was suggested that undeveloped park property be opened for citizens to view before they are developed.

A field trip for commissioners to view all the undeveloped park properties had been suggested and this idea was revisited. Recommendation was to wait until new park commissioners were appointed in January or February.

Some other possible goals are to create more surveys to get citizen input on Parks. Perhaps once a month invite the public to view current projects. Also there may be an interest in a more active adult recreation program or area such as tennis courts or open areas – geared more toward adults and seniors rather than kids.

Park Commission Appointments:

Terms expiring in 2004 are Chris Leyerle, Tom Schloetter and Pat Schlight. Council will want to know in the next week or two what these commissioners' intentions are with regard to staying. Commissioners seeking re-appointment should send a letter of interest to Council. Vacancies will be filled with pool of applicants who have applied for alternate positions.

Terms expiring in 2005 are Cornell Amaya, David Lee, Joyce McCallum and Paul Brodeur.

New Business:

Jeff will email commissioners with available dates for one-on-one meetings in December as opposed to a regular group meeting.

Update was given on the Issaquah-Pine Lake road extension.

Once the TBP and Park plans are adopted, a trail sub-committee of the Parks Commission may be formed to be involved with developing road projects.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.