

City of Sammamish

Parks & Recreation Commission

**Meeting Summary**

May 23, 2005

Commissioners present: Cornell Amaya, Hank Klein, Pauline Cantor, Dan Higgins, Rich Johnson, Steve Wright, John Rossi

Staff present: Jeff Watling, Janie Smith, Consultant Randy Young

Meeting was called to order at 6:35

April meeting summary was approved.

**Public Comment:** None

**Ongoing Business:**

Community Fields at Eastlake – Bid opening is this coming Thursday. Bid award will be June 7<sup>th</sup>. Scope of project has not changed. Six contractors have expressed interest in bidding on the project.

**New Business:**

Randy Young, Henderson Young Associates, Park Impact Fee overview & discussion -

Impact fees are collected one time only by new development via building permit fees for new construction. They are considered a front-end investment to acquire/build park facilities, not to maintain facilities and only to the extent of new development, not current standards.

RCW 82.020 authorizes impact fees.

- 1) *Fair Share* New development pays for growth, not deficiency.
- 2) *Reasonably Needed* Proportional share equal to the amount of impact
- 3) *Credits* Charge fees for new development but cannot tax for same

How does this impact a Park Bond? Once a bond is approved, all will pay and impact fees will be reduced.

Why impact fees?

- 1) Money needed for parks

- 2) Matter of policy – growth needs to pay for itself
- 3) Important to the quality of life in the community

### When

Flat rate per dwelling unit

City can choose exemption for low-income housing. The government picks up the tab out the general fund.

Park Impact fees aren't paid by commercial property.

Charged as a fee included in a building permit for new construction.

### How

Ratio of land to population – *Traditional*

Investment per capita – *Dollars per person*

If impact fees are **not** collected:

- Use monies from other areas
- Reduce level of service

### Ebright Creek Park Update

Temporary sewer hook-up/on site sewer options information given to council. Permanent sewer hook up is dependent upon the development of the Chestnut Lane Subdivision, which is still under appeal. The window of time to begin construction is shrinking although demolition work will still take place this summer. Budget update: 60% cost estimate at 36 million. See Jeff's handout.

### Sammamish Commons Update

Bid was awarded on May 10<sup>th</sup> to Bailey Construction. Groundbreaking is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be sent out to current and previous Park Commissioners and other dignitaries. Construction is estimated to take 9 to 12 months. Included in the bid on the 30-acre site are City hall, the play area, civic plaza, skate park, amphitheatre, play lawn, trails and northwest garden.

### Community Sports Field at Eastlake HS Update

Bid opening May 26<sup>th</sup>, to be awarded after approval at the June 7<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting. Construction should begin mid to late June.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45