

**City of Sammamish
Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Summary
January 23, 2006**

Commissioners Present: Hank Klein, Pauline Cantor, Lyn Rehn, Vin Santoro, Mary Doerrer, Rich Johnson, Steve Wright

Staff Present: Jeff Watling, Linda Frkuska, Hope Gibson, Lyman Howard, Janie Marie

Public Comment: None

New Park Commissioners Mary Doerrer and Vin Santoro were introduced.

Ongoing Business:

2006 Department Work Plan

The City Council retreat took place earlier in the month. Staff and Council focused on key issues with items concerning Parks remaining aggressive in 2006 with no changes suggested. Major work items include:

- 1) Sammamish Commons
- 2) Ebright Creek Park
- 3) Beaver Lake Preserve
- 4) Community Sportsfield at Skyline

Time is short for Master Planning projects in 2006. Long-range projects include:

- 1) Phase II of Sammamish Commons – Right of way dedication for easement to 1-acre area for parking and interim access as well as Master Planning for Phase II which cannot take place before boundary lines are defined.
- 2) Soaring Eagle Park – Two public meetings were held. Citizen comments were submitted and forwarded to Council. Council will then decide how to proceed. Talks are ongoing with King County.
- 3) Park Bond Feasibility Study – The Park Plan outlines a 20-year vision. The questions of how to provide a graphic representation of the Park Plan was discussed and it was suggested that potential projects be itemized and prioritized. A map of the City and possible projects was reviewed and short-term and long-term goals were discussed. City of Sammamish Finance Director, Lyman Howard presented an overview of financial realities and “what ifs” and explained the bond process as it was explained to Council.

Commissioners discussed the idea of a Rotating Chairperson with a 1-year term. Hank Klein was nominated. Appointment will take place at the February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.