

**City of Sammamish  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Meeting Summary  
September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

Commissioners Present: Hank Klein, Mary Doerrer, Rich Johnson, Vin Santoro, Randy Jackson, Pauline Cantor, Chris Leyerle

Commissioners Absent: Frank Cowing, Lynn Rehn, Steve Wright, John Rossi

Staff Present: Jeff Watling, Pete Butkus, Janie Marie, OTAK Consultants Chad Weiser and Mark Shelby

**Call to Order: 6:34 p.m.**

Meeting Summary for July approved.

**Public Comment:** None

**ONGOING BUSINESS:**

Park Funding Study:

Jeff introduced Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus and OTAK consultants Chad Weiser and Mark Shelby. Follow up from the study session and laying out next steps for this fall. Key tasks tonight will be to set dates for additional Park Commission meetings.

The task before the Commission is to use the survey data and create three optional packages. Last Tuesday night at the City Council regular meeting, a motion was made asking for formal action on recommendations and follow up from the study session. Council authorized the City Manager and Staff together with the Park Commission to create three packages in the 30-40 million dollar price range. The City will be considering a voter approved property tax increase in the form a park bond and not a REET increase. Consultants will provide cost estimates after base programming is determined. Site planning/master planning would happen post-bond. Pre bond there needs to be project framework in place.

Jeff reviewed the timeline which included scheduling additional meetings (some including stakeholder groups), newsletter articles, public meetings, etc. in order to have the projects outlined in time for a May 07 vote. Commission had previously discussed the possibility of a vote in February 07 but it was determined by the results of the survey that that timeline may have been unrealistic considering the time needed to refine the options and engage the public.

Commission discussed many possible projects that might be included in a bond. OTAK consultants were on hand to explain their role in researching data to facilitate planning and cost estimating.

Commissioners were invited to attend a civic facilities tour in conjunction with the Town Center Study on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **PROJECT UPDATES:**

#### Ebright Creek Park

Construction continues and is approaching 75% completion. The project should wrap up in November.

#### Community Sports Fields at Skyline

The recent concrete strike pushed the project back somewhat although construction is moving along now and should be completed in November.

#### Sammamish Commons

No current construction schedule is available. No estimated completion date.

#### Beaver Lake Preserve Phase I

Bridges have been completed. Wiser Construction, the low bidder for the addition of the 10-stall parking area, should be mobilizing in the beginning of October with a completion date estimated to be some time in December.

The Planning Commission has asked for input from the Parks Commission at meetings this Thursday or next Thursday for clarifying the language in the Parks Plan. Richard Johnson volunteered to attend the meeting and Chris Leyerle will review and provide input via email as well.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.**