

**City of Sammamish
Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Summary
February 26, 2007**

Commissioners Present: Lynn Rehn, Pauline Cantor, Mary Doerrer, Randy Jackson, John Rossi

Commissioners Absent: Hank Klein, Chris Leyerle, Rich Johnson, Steve Wright, Vin Santoro

Staff Present: Jessi Richardson, Janie Marie

Call to Order: 6:40

Approval of summary of January 29: Approved

Public Comment: No public comments, however, citizens Andrea Harrington, Peter Fahringer, Ed Chmielewski, Larry Otos, Scott Thomas and Councilmember Don Gerend were in attendance.

2007 Park Planning Projects:

Evans Creek Preserve

The RFP was released for a long term visioning strategy for Evans Creek Preserve. Intent is to complete the vision strategy this year and start construction of phase one next year. Phase one may include a parking area and trailhead and will involve demolition of some buildings on the site. The preferred contractor will be selected by the end of March. It was requested that a Park Commissioner participate in consultant interviews. Jessi will email the date and time of the interviews.

Bill Reams East Sammamish Park

The agenda stated incorrectly that the RFP had been released although it is expected to be by tomorrow. A strategic look at improvements needs to be made. Consultant interviews and selection will take place in late March or early April with the request for Park Commissioner participation.

Beaver Lake Park

The RFP was issued in January and nine responses were received. The strategic planning of this park has been tabled until end of this year. Consultants were contacted and will be honored when the time comes.

Sammamish Landing

Sight investigations are taking place at this waterfront property. This project is scheduled in 2010 but may be moved up. The opportunities and constraints report should be done by late spring.

Design/Pre Construction Projects

Pine Lake Park

The RFP has been released for phase II and will include beachfront improvements, installation of a seat wall and replacement of the dock. The project is identified in the CIP for construction in 2008. Intent is to close the park in mid-August 2008 so construction can be completed by fall to avoid winter weather delays. Issues needing to be addressed have been identified and will be reported to the Park Commission at a later date.

Due to extreme weather this year, a proactive approach to tree replacement by including it in the budget was discussed and will be looked into.

Eastside Catholic High School

One million dollars has been allocated for a multi use artificial turf field at this location.

As a side note, the Community Sports fields at Eastlake and Skyline High Schools are booked solid in March by groups from all over the area. Policy on priority use is soft so the process of defining it more clearly will happen before the end of the year. A draft may be out by this summer.

Construction Projects

Ebright Creek Park

The contractor is working on punch list items now although some items cannot be addressed until April. The grand opening may now be in May but staff is looking into the possibility of a soft opening. An issue with the sport court cannot be addressed until warmer weather days. Saturated soils from record rainfall have plants struggling to survive. Some plants will be removed and replanted when the soils dry out. Additional fencing is being installed.

Community Sports field at Skyline

A few punch list items remain. Lights were calibrated last week and some minor adjustments will be made.

Sammamish Commons

Phases I and II continue. Phase II which included plans for a parking lot accessed from SE 4th is being discussed. There may be changed to parking lot configuration to accommodate changing site needs.

Beaver Lake Preserve Parking Lot, Trails and Trailhead

Construction of parking lot is underway with completion slated for early summer. Trails have been constructed by Washington Trails Association.

Beaver Lake Park Off-Leash Dog Area

Permanent fencing will be installed in the approximately two-acre site under the power lines although it will function as an interim facility that could be adjusted to fit a long-term visioning strategy. The Grand Opening is anticipated in August.

Property Acquisition

Soaring Eagle Park

The City and King County are currently working on the transfer of the 29.99 acre parcel. A number of items still need to be addressed such as easements, legal description and additional critical areas delineation.

Kipper Property

Was recently acquired and the City is anticipating closing on the parcel by the end of March. The additional 17-acres will add to the existing Beaver Lake Preserve property. The area will remain a passive use open space area.

Noelke Property

Council voted to approve an offer on a 4.8 acre property on 244th Ave NE. This parcel is located next to the Good Samaritan Church. There are no intended uses for the parcel at this time.

Facilities Brainstorming Discussion

Council decided to take more time developing the park bond before sending it to voters in order to ensure that citizens have time for careful consideration. Partnering opportunities with the YMCA, Boys & Girls Club and other entities will be explored. Possible projects include improving sports fields and extending trails into and through a number of neighborhoods. Commissioners discussed various elements of community/aquatic centers and ideas for public involvement.

Commission Vacancies

Motion was made and seconded to recommend Vin Santoro as a regular commission member from an alternate. Motion carried.

A sample job description/duties and responsibilities for park commissioners were submitted and will be reviewed. Mary Doerrer volunteered to re-write the ordinance.

Topics for discussion at the next meeting will include tree replanting, reviewing/editing the ordinance pertaining to the park commission, job descriptions/duties for park commissioners, replacing park commission alternates.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57

Next meeting March 26th.