



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Summary

Wednesday, October 8, 2008

Commissioners Present: Hank Klein, Larry Crandall, Gail Michelman, Judy Petersen, Mary Doerrer, Randy Jackson, Rena Brady, Steve Pelton

Commissioners Absent: Nora Whitemore, Pauline Cantor, Steve Wright, Richard Johnson

Staff Present: Jessi Richardson, Janie Marie

Call to Order: 6:32

Approval of Summary for September 10, 2008: Approved

Public Comment: Tom Melling, 1307 E Beaver Lake Dr SE, President of Friends of Beaver Lake – Spoke in favor of a building a soft surface trail along Beaver Lake for consistency with other trails and neighborhoods in the area. He feels there would be fewer environmental impacts and lower cost. He is not in favor of building curb, gutter and sidewalk.

City's 10th Birthday

Commission was asked for ideas for celebrating the City's 10th Anniversary in the summer of 2009. Some suggestions were: highlight growth and changes within the Park system and the City in general; an adult dance with swing or rock band; opportunities for citizens to gift memorial items like benches, plaques or pavers; display historic photos; produce commemorative t-shirts and hold a contest for the design; fireworks; charge admission to end of year event and receive a hat, lapel pin or shirt; event needs to be publicized extensively.

Additional ideas should be emailed to Jessi.

Capital Projects Update

Pine Lake Park Phase IIB – Picnic shelters have been completed. The bid for work in the shoreline area was awarded and construction will commence the week of October 6. The beach area and boat launch will close at that time with the rest of the park remaining open.

Pine Lake Park Phase IIC - Bids to demolish the existing dock have been received and a contract will be awarded in October with demolition complete by the end of November. New dock construction will be rebid this month with work expected to commence in early 2009 and wrap up by the opening day of the fishing season.

Lower Sammamish Commons – Construction drawings and permitting are underway for the access drive from 222nd Ave SE. The stairs from the Plaza to the lower site will be

revised for easier accessibility. Sween House remodel construction drawings and permits are in progress. The Freed House move is anticipated before the end of 2009.

Evans Creek Preserve Long Term Strategy – The Watershed Company has been contracted to complete wetland delineation on the site as well as the high water mark of Evans Creek. PACE Engineers will complete a topographical, utility and boundary survey which should be completed in approximately 6 weeks. The revised Long Term Strategy will be presented to Council in December of this year. Schematic design and project SEPA will follow.

Llama Landing – General Discussion

A concerned citizen emailed the Parks Department regarding maintenance and weeding at Grassies Lake (aka the lake at Llama Landing). Response was provided clarifying the ownership of the property and trail. An in-house maintenance plan for this area, as well as others, is currently in development. There may be opportunities for volunteer projects at this site.

Park Commissioner Terms – General Discussion

The ordinance relating to Park Commissioner terms may be rewritten before the end of 2008 to change from 3 year to 4 year terms. Also, term endings need to alternate years to avoid large turn over at any one time. The Park Commission, having 9 members and 3 alternates, is the largest of the Sammamish advisory boards. Consensus was reached with agreement to 4 year terms but not to reduce the size of the board at this time. It was noted that the larger size of the board allowed the group to divide up projects last year, making the workload more manageable for everyone.

Calendar

Next meeting is **Wednesday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m.** The joint meeting with City Council on **Tuesday, December 9** will include presentation of 3 concepts for Sammamish Landing and the revised Evans Creek Preserve Long Term Strategy.

Other

- Judy Petersen will attend Farmers Market planning meetings in 2009.
- Linda Frkuska re-joins Sammamish Parks & Recreation staff as Deputy Director on October 27.
- Parks staff has moved downstairs to City Hall first floor to accommodate second floor modifications. The new office space will be ready to reoccupy in January 2009.

Adjourn: 7:37 p.m.