



**City of Sammamish
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting**
May 13, 2009, 6:30-8:30 PM
Sammamish City Hall ~ 801-229th Ave SE

MEETING SUMMARY

Commissioners Present: Hank Klein, Rena Brady, Mary Doerrer, Randy Jackson, Gail Michelman, Larry Crandall, Pauline Cantor, Nora Whittemore

Commissioners Absent: John James, Steve Pelton, Judy Petersen

Staff Present: Jessi Richardson, Linda Frkuska, Janie Marie

Call to Order

6:40 p.m.

Approval of Summary

Summary from 4/8/09 approved (add Nora Whittemore as present) as amended.

Public Comment

None

Capital Project Updates

Pine Lake Park Phase II

The park reopened in time for opening day of fishing season. One of the project goals was stabilization of the shoreline. Public input during the planning stage was almost unanimously in favor of leaving existing trees, however, there has been some public concern related to some of the changes that have occurred in the beach area. Staff will continue to monitor during the summer season as lake water levels recede.

Beaver Lake Park Master Plan

Public meeting number one was held April 15. Individual citizens as well as representatives from various groups were in attendance and participated in small group discussions providing input on a preferred design. The next meeting will be held on June 3. Three design alternatives will be reviewed at that time.

Lower Sammamish Commons Trail

Although still on target for completion by the Fourth on the Plateau celebration, rain in the last few days has slowed construction. Bids for construction of the parking lot and moving the Freed House were opened today and will be reviewed by the City Council at their upcoming meeting. Commission discussed pros and cons of moving the Freed House.

Governance

Approval of By-laws

Minor changes were made to the draft by-laws. Commissioners voted to approve as amended.

Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Hank Klein was elected Park Commission Chair. Pauline Cantor was elected Vice Chair.

Park Commission Liaison Reports

Skate Park

Pauline spoke with Joe Moorman at the City of Bellevue and passed along his comments to Sammamish Recreation Coordinator, Lynne Handlos. He suggested holding a skate clinic after the teen event and provided names of local skaters to teach it. Each park tends to have its own regulations. Advocacy groups are most often associated with new park development. In its summer skateboard program, Bellevue Parks teaches skater etiquette. Pauline suggested providing a link to a skater's blog on the City's website.

Farmers Market

The first market date is Wednesday, May 20. This season is expected to be bigger and better than last year.

Friends of Sammamish Parks

No report.

Backyard Wildlife Habitat Project

Sammamish has officially registered to become a backyard wildlife community.

Partnership with Native Plant Society

The City is sponsoring six volunteers to take a stewardship class (Pauline is one of them) coordinated by the Native Plant Society. Upon completion of the class, stewards will donate a number of hours to native plant restoration in Sammamish.

10th Birthday Parade

A children's parade is being planned. The theme is "What I want to be when I grow up." Search is underway for kids born on August 31, 1999 to lead the parade.

Calendar

May 20 Farmers Market Opening – 4 to 8

June 3 Beaver Lake Master Plan Public Meeting at Beaver Lake Lodge - 6:30 to 8:30

June 9 Joint meeting with City Council – 6:30 to 9:30

Adjourn

8:12 p.m.