



**City of Sammamish
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting**
September 9, 2009, 6:30-8:30 PM
Sammamish City Hall ~ 801-229th Ave SE

MEETING SUMMARY

Commissioners Present:

Larry Crandall, Mary Doerrer, Pauline Cantor, Nora Whittemore, Rena Brady, Hank Klein, Judy Peterson, Gail Michelman

Commissioners Absent:

Randy Jackson, John James

Staff Present:

Jessi Richardson, Linda Frkuska, Anjali Myer, Joanna Puthoff, Janie Marie, Guy Michelson & Andy Mitten of The Berger Partnership

Call to Order:

6:35 p.m.

Approval of Summary:

Summary for July 8, 2009 was approved

Public Comment:

Frank Blau (24742 SE 28th Pl, Sammamish, WA) – Read a letter he sent to the Sammamish City Council and King County Council regarding his thoughts about the Beaver Lake Master Plan. Recommended the City consider using Klahanie Park for field upgrades.

Janis Seil (2319 West Beaver Lake Dr. SE) – Spoke about her concerns related to the Beaver Lake Master Plan alternatives.

Rex Seil (2319 West Beaver Lake Dr. SE) – Would like to explore the possibility of using Klahanie County Park to develop sports fields.

Construction Project Updates:

Sammmamish Commons – Phase II (Lower Commons)
Park lot construction is ongoing.

Sween House Remodel

Council awarded the contract for the remodel of the Sween House. The lease agreement with Youth Eastside Services will go before Council on Tuesday. Estimated timeline for beginning counseling services is spring of 2010.

Park Planning Project Updates:

Sammamish Landing Preferred Alternative (Master Plan)

The Berger Partnership presented the preferred Master Plan alternative and commissioners discussed elements of the plan.

Beaver Lake Park Master Plan

Commissioners discussed the most recent public meeting and the various topics including field lights, synthetic turf, environmental impacts and shoreline development. Also discussed was the possibility of developing Klahanie Park if it is mothballed by King County.

Park Commission Liaison Reports:

Skate Park

No report. Note that Pauline is no longer part of this committee. Nora thanked staff for the article on skate park etiquette in the current Recreation Guide.

Farmers Market

Due to shortened daylight hours, the market is now closing at 7:00 p.m. The Sustainability Event held last Wednesday in Council Chambers drew many market-goers. 16 exhibitors were on hand and are looking forward to participating again next year. The Sammamish Chamber will host the Bravo dinner and auction on the last market day on September 30.

Friends of Sammamish Parks

No report although Hank will explore the possibility of bringing back outdoor movies.

Backyard Wildlife Habitat Project

People who registered their backyards with the Department of Fish and Wildlife are qualified to be part of the National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitat program. This raised participation in the program from 50 to 75 homes with the goal being 150. Classes on backyard wildlife habitat are being offered at the Woodland Park Zoo in October. A similar class may be offered at the Overlake School campus in Redmond in the spring. There may be a discount offered for Sammamish residents.

10th Birthday Parade

260 kids attended. The event was enjoyed by all.

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

Committee members Hank, Pauline, Judy and Nora received information to review prior to the October meeting. This group proposes to meet 1 hour before each regular Park Commission meeting to begin work on updating the plan.

Other:

Purchase of Sammamish Library Building

Council approved the purchase of the old King County Library building and is waiting for the Library board to approve the purchase. Next steps will be to define the recreation center and the relationship with Boys & Girls Club. Initial response from citizens is very supportive with many wanting to get involved. Senior adults and pre-school age kids will

also have use of the space during the hours teens are in school. Resources to support programming have not yet been identified. Some members of the public have expressed concern that the purchase was questionable due to the failure of the parks bond; however funds became available due to savings on some transportation projects and unexpected grant funding. Federal Way's EX3, a Boys and Girls Club facility, will be the model for the new recreation center.

Summer Special Events Debrief

All events received positive feedback. Commissioners agreed to be involved with the selection of next summer's performers. The possibility of an annual festival was discussed.

Email Issues

There have been incidents of SPAM coming to City and Commission email addresses. Also discussed was protocol for email responses to citizens.

Sammamish Walks

The following guided walking tours will take place September 19:

9:00 to 10:00am	Illahee
10:30 to 11:30am	Beaver Lake Park
12:30 to 2:00pm	Beaver Lake Preserve

Park Commission Ordinance

The updated ordinance will be reviewed at the upcoming study session and unless further review is needed, will be approved in October.

Calendar:

October 14 - Park Commission Meeting

Adjourn:

8:50 p.m.