



**City of Sammamish  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting**  
September 7, 2011 - 6:30-8:30 PM  
Sammamish City Hall ~ 801-229<sup>th</sup> Ave SE

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## **MEETING SUMMARY**

**Commissioners Present:** Hank Klein, Pauline Cantor, Larry Crandall, Mary Doerrler, Krist Morritt, John James, Steve Wright

**Commissioners Absent:** Rena Brady, Judy Petersen

**Staff Present:** Jessi Richardson, Linda Frkuska, Janie Jackson

**Call to Order:** 6:35 p.m.

**Approval of Summary:** The summary for July 6 was approved.

**Public Comment** Vicki Baggette – 23903 NE 14<sup>th</sup> St, Sammamish, 98074 – She asked the Parks Commission to consider purchasing the 40-acre property known as Mystic Lake, located in the northeast quadrant of the city. She presented a petition showing support by the neighbors.

### **Presentation – Tobacco-Free Parks**

Caroline Hughes, Educator Consultant from King County Public Health, spoke about the Tobacco-Free Parks Project which recommends tobacco-free policies for outdoor areas including parks. King County Parks Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks received a grant to facilitate tobacco/smoke-free policies in King County cities. The grant provides signage and technical assistance. The Parks Commission made a motion to recommend adoption of tobacco-free policies for Sammamish parks.

### **Capital Projects Update**

See attached.

### **Freed/Reard House Update**

Mary Pigott has agreed to allow the Reard/Freed House to be relocated to the second of three parcels that will eventually be transferred to the city. Two separate leases will be required: a land lease between the city and Mary Pigott to allow for the house to be placed on the property and a lease between the city and the Sammamish Heritage Society to facilitate moving and renovating the house. Ms. Pigott is also allowing the city to include the second parcel in the upcoming master planning process.

### **Summer Special Event Debrief**

Commissioners provided feedback on what went well and what could be improved.

## **Park Commission Liaison Reports**

### Farmers Market – Larry Crandall

The last market day will be Wednesday, September 28. Generally, the market numbers have increased from last year.

### Friends in Support of Sammamish Habitat – Judy Petersen and Rena Brady

No report.

### Backyard Wildlife Habitat Project – Pauline Cantor and Hank Klein

Represented at the Sustainability event and made contact with 30 people who may sign up. Redmond is now organized and on-track to be certified as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat Community and they have an intern working with them. There will be a nature-scaping class and salvage this fall.

### Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan – Hank Klein and Pauline Cantor

Ongoing.

### Community Garden – Mary Doerr, Larry Crandall

Working on governance and policies but having not obtained permits yet. Also working on the operating budget. Rena and Judy will speak at the October Community Garden meeting to talk about forming a non-profit.

### Sammamish Walks – Judy Petersen (via email)

The August walk at Grand Ridge was blessed with perfect weather and a great walk leader – Rena Brady. We had about 30 walkers and everyone seemed to appreciate the introduction to this 1200 acre woodland. We even had participants from Tacoma and Bonny Lake. Mary Doerr and Hank Klein both joined us, which was a great help with a group of this size. Our next walk will be led by Frank Blau at Beaver Lake Park. (Third Saturday of the month, 10AM.) Next year, we would love to add Evans Creek and the Pigott property to the walk series.

### Sammamish Walks Website – Judy Petersen (via email)

We've added two new tabs to the website: "Frequently Asked Questions" and "Event Photos." We continue to have a steady stream of website viewers – 18 hits per day on average (year-to-date). Our most popular pages are "Hazel Wolf Wetlands Preserve" and "Trail Maps." (The Hazel Wolf trail, by the way, remains blocked near the viewing platform because of beaver activity. You can walk most of the trail, but you cannot complete the loop.)

## **Other**

### Mystic Lake Property

The property is currently under contract with a developer. Staff has not received direction from Council to pursue acquisition. A motion was made and seconded for the Parks Commission to draft a formal statement to recommend acquisition of the Mystic Lake Property to the City Council.

### Boys & Girls Club

Hard hat tours of the new facility every Wednesday.

### Park Openings

The SE 8<sup>th</sup> Street Park (Pigott) is scheduled to open on October 1. A ribbon cutting will be postponed until the master plan is completed. A grand opening at Evans Creek Preserve is planned tentatively for Saturday, October 8.

Volunteer Event

Park clean up events will be held at Evans Creek Preserve and SE 8<sup>th</sup> Street Park on Saturday, September 17. The Parks Commission is encouraged to attend.

**Calendar**

Saturday, Sept. 17	9 to noon	Volunteer projects at Evans Creek Preserve and SE 8 <sup>th</sup> Street park
Wednesday, Sept. 28	4-7:30 pm	Last Farmers Market day
Wednesday, Oct. 5	6:30 pm	Regular Parks Commission Meeting

**Adjourn**      8:12 pm

## Sammamish Parks & Recreation Capital Projects Status

September 2011

- Evans Creek Preserve –Phase 1 Design and Construction**  
The contractor, Tiger Construction, continues work on the site. The existing buildings have been demolished, the boardwalk is complete, and the restroom and toolshed are in place. The park is scheduled to open in October 2011. WTA will return in the late fall to continue trail building.
- Sammamish Landing Park – Phase 1**  
Permits were received to begin construction on phase one. The maintenance staff improved the existing trails and graded out the new lawn area. The contractor has been selected and will soon start work on the building of the picnic shelters, to be completed later this fall. The Watershed Company is working on a Biological Evaluation of the docks to submit to the Army Corps of Engineers, the WA Department of Ecology and WA Department of Fish and Wildlife to begin the permitting process for the docks.
- Beaver Lake Park – Community Garden**  
Staff hired PACE Engineers to survey the site. Once the survey is received, staff will complete the permit application and submit to BPA to gain approval to build the garden within the utility corridor.
- Eastlake High School Field Renovation Phase 2 – Baseball Field**  
Staff is working with Lake Washington School District to draft the revised interlocal agreement, which will be finalized and presented to City Council for approval sometime this fall.
- Recreation Center with Boys & Girls Club**  
The interior renovations are underway. The bids for the access drive were received at the end of August and that contract will be presented to City Council for approval on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The purchase and use agreement has been signed by the owner of the neighboring property, allowing the City to begin construction while condemnation proceedings are still underway.
- Community Center**  
The public meetings for the Feasibility Study are now complete and the consultants are working with staff to finish the report. To date, the next steps for this project have not been identified by the City Council.