



**City of Sammamish
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting**
March 7, 2012 - 6:30-8:30 PM
Sammamish City Hall ~ 801-229th Ave SE

MEETING SUMMARY

Commissioners Present: Hank Klein, Pauline Cantor, Larry Crandall, Mary Doerrler, Krist Morritt, Rena Brady, Judy Petersen, Brad Conner

Commissioners Absent: Steve Wright

Staff Present: Jessi Richardson, Linda Frkuska, Janie Jackson

Call to Order: 6:35 p.m.

Approval of Summary: Meeting summary for February 1, 2012 was approved as amended.

Public Comment:

Allison Hannigan – 23252 NE 20th Place, Sammamish – She loves Sammamish parks and is grateful for the efforts of the parks commission. She came to speak about the Mystic Lake property. She sees it sitting empty and knowing the city is looking for park land, she would vote for that property. She understands that it is not for sale but thinks the city should pursue it. She thinks it is an amazing location and is part of our heritage.

Kate Poaster – 21627 SE 8th Street, Sammamish – She is a neighbor of the SE 8th Street Park. She is concerned about off-leash dogs running through wetlands and chasing wildlife. She brought signs that she posted at the park. She requests an education campaign for park users and shared some examples. She also took some photos of garbage in the park and shared them with the commission.

Commissioners discussed the problem of off-leash dogs and decided to add the topic to the agenda for the next City Council/Parks Commission leadership meeting as well as to future regular parks commission meetings.

PRO Plan (added to agenda)

The completed PRO Plan draft was distributed to commissioners. The document will be presented to the city council at the council meeting on March 19. The Parks Commission will prepare a formal recommendation for this meeting.

Parks Maintenance Presentation

Commissioners reviewed material originally presented at the council retreat in January. This topic was discussed in response to city council inquiries regarding park maintenance costs and will likely be a topic at the upcoming joint meeting.

Tobacco Free Parks Policy

A King County coalition was formed over a year ago with the purpose of establishing all parks as tobacco-free zones. Many other cities are supporting this effort and choosing to enact a policy or an ordinance. Sammamish is taking the policy approach and a draft policy was presented to the parks commission. The draft policy was reviewed and discussed by the commission and a motion was passed unanimously in support of the policy. Larry volunteered to attend the upcoming city council study session and speak in support of the policy on behalf of the parks commission.

Project Updates

See attached.

Park Commission Liaison Reports

Farmers Market – Larry Crandall

The market committee is doing an excellent job and will be ready for the opening of the Market on May 16. Larry encouraged everyone to attend.

SammamishFriends.org – Judy Petersen, Rena Brady and Pauline Cantor

Paperwork continues.

Backyard Wildlife Habitat Project – Pauline Cantor and Hank Klein

No report.

Community Garden – Mary Doerr, Larry Crandall

The community garden project has stalled due to the discovery by BPA that a PSE gas line was constructed in the wrong location. BPA is discussing whether or not the gas line needs to be moved. This issue needs to be resolved by the utility companies before BPA will issue a permit to locate the garden within the power line corridor. More information is expected in early May. Mary reported that many of the original committee members have dropped out due to the project delays. She would like some guidance going forward and asked if the remaining committee members could make a presentation at the regular parks commission meeting in April. A motion was made and seconded to add the community garden presentation to the April meeting.

Sammamish Walks & SammamishWalks.org – Judy Petersen

The schedule for 2012 is posted and kicks off with a haiku walk in April along with a class on haiku at the Beaver Lake Lodge. Judy encouraged everyone to check out the new look of the sammamishwalks.org website.

Sammamish Youth Board - Steve Wright

No report.

Native Plant Stewards – Pauline Cantor

Stewards are gearing up for spring work parties which include Evans Creek Preserve on March 17 (near the upper parking lot); March 24 and March 31 at Lower Commons; April 21 at Beaver Lake and April 28 at Illahee. There will be no plant salvage activities this spring.

Trail Stewards – Brad Conner

WTA is currently hosting work parties at Evans Creek Preserve. Great progress is being made but there are many opportunities for more volunteers. Sign up at WTA.org.

Other:

WRPA Conference

The annual conference is the first week in May.

Parks Commission Retreat Agenda

Topics will include:

Community Center Feasibility Study

PRO Plan – preparation for hand off to city council

Joint meeting with city council

Teambuilding Activities

Calendar:

March 10	PC Retreat	9a to 1p
March 19	Joint Meeting with City Council and PC	6:30p
April 4	Regular Parks Commission Meeting	6:30p

Adjourn: 8:35 pm