



**City of Sammamish
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting**
April 4, 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, Rena Brady, Judy Petersen, Brad Conner, Steve Wright

Commissioners Absent: Krist Morrirt

Staff Present: Jessi Richardson, Linda Frkuska, Lynne Handlos, Dawn Sanders

Call to Order: 6:35 p.m.

Approval of Summary: Meeting summaries for the March 7 regular meeting and the March 10 retreat were approved.

Public Comment: None

Community Garden Presentation

Community Garden Steering Committee co-chair, Ann Precup updated the commission on the work done to date. Due to the issue of the incorrectly placed power line and the delay in the permit process it has caused, the Steering committee feels it is in the best interest of the community to change the location of the garden to the upper west side of the Lower Commons. The Committee would like to obtain permission to relocate the garden and reallocate the budgeted dollars from the Beaver Lake site to develop the garden in the lower commons. Staff has not received direction to change course. The Community Garden Steering Committee will meet and decide how they would like to proceed and the topic will be discussed again at a future meeting.

Off-Leash Dogs in Parks Discussion

At the March Parks Commission meeting, there was public comment regarding off-leash dogs at SE 8th Street Park which led to a discussion of the problem of off-leash dogs in all city parks. This topic was discussed in depth by Parks Commission leadership with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor during their regular meeting. In that discussion, PC leadership recommended enforcement, including issuing warnings and fines, as the most effective way to control the problem. Off leash dog complaints are a low priority with King County Police and Animal Control. A number of options were discussed and the commission committed to continuing the discussion at future meetings.

Tobacco Free Parks Policy – Caroline Hughes, King County Public Health

A policy was drafted and was discussed at the last Parks Commission meeting. It was then discussed by the City Council and some concerns were raised. City Council referred the policy back to the Parks Commission to be refined. The Commission was asked to further

review the policy. Caroline Hughes, who presented last year on behalf of a coalition working with cities in King County to adopt tobacco free parks policies, was on hand to answer questions. She elaborated on current research on outdoor exposure to second hand smoke.

A resolution and the policy with possible modifications will be developed along with written statements of support by the Parks Commission and the Sammamish Youth Board.

Project Updates

See attached.

Park Commission Liaison Reports

Farmers Market – Larry Crandall

Electronic transmitted report. Market opening is May 16, 2012.

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

Efforts to establish 501c3 is progressing. Now in final steps although waiting for response from other agencies. They are interested in locating other people in the community who share a passion for parks.

Backyard Wildlife Habitat Project – Pauline Cantor and Hank Klein

No report

Community Garden – Mary Doerr, Larry Crandall

Reported above.

Sammamish Walks & SammamishWalks.org – Judy Petersen

The first walk will be on April 14 and in conjunction with a haiku class. The class is nearly full but the instructor would like to add more classes. There will be a presentation by the artist currently on display at City Hall on April 17.

Sammamish Youth Board - Steve Wright

Lynne Handlos reported the SYB is currently recruiting for next year's youth board as well as working with the Boys and Girls club planning Teen Fest which is scheduled for June 15. In the coming weeks they will be working on the recommendation for the tobacco free policy.

Native Plant Stewards – Pauline Cantor

Work parties will be happening at Lower Commons and Illahee.

Trail Stewards – Brad Conner

WTA is finished for the season at Evans Creek Preserve. The final loop is complete.

Other:

Debrief Parks Commission Retreat

Good time had by all.

Debrief Joint Meeting with City Council (PRO Plan)

Thank you to the Commission for attending meetings in support of the PRO Plan. Comments from councilmembers have been added to a matrix and will be reviewed at the upcoming study session along with discussing levels of service. There are two public hearings scheduled – May 1 and May 14 and Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Calendar:

Tuesday, April 10	City Council Study Session on PRO Plan	6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 25	SE 8 th St. Park Master Plan Public Meeting #2	6:30 pm
Tuesday, May 1	City Council Meeting, 1st Reading PRO Plan	6:30 pm
May 2-4	WRPA Annual Conference – Bellevue	
May 9	Parks Commission Meeting	6:30 pm
May 14	City Council Meeting, 2 nd Reading PRO Plan	6:30 pm

Adjourn: 8:47 pm