



**City of Sammamish**  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
June 6, 2012 - 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, Judy Petersen, Brad Conner, Krist Morritt

**Commissioners Absent:** Rena Brady

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

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

**Approval of Summary:** The meeting summary for May 9 was approved.

**Public Comment:**

Mary Moore – 260 NE Alder Street, Issaquah. She is a member of the Sammamish Heritage Society (SHS) and the SHS project manager for the Reard-Freed House. She expressed her approval of the suggestions for the master plan. She would like to thank commissioners who were onsite during the recent move of the house. She is supportive of the house being moved to its current location. She stated that some of the grants that have been given are contingent upon the house being open to everyone in Sammamish and King County; therefore access to it within the park is essential. She researched the benefits of passive parks for neighborhoods and communities and read that there was a 20% increase in market value for homes that are within a quarter mile of a passive park.

Rosemary (Dee) Carrell – 20814 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Place, Sammamish – She is a long time member of the Heritage Society and has been working for the past 15 years to move the Reard-Freed house. She feels this is the best of all worlds because the house will be a center point of the park and we need more parks in the community. She feels that children need a place to interact with nature. With the house as a learning tool it is a win/win for the community.

Janet Wilson - 1653 219<sup>th</sup> Pl SE, Sammamish. She wanted to say thank you to the commissioners who met with her and her neighbors. She and the neighbors provided a written statement of their concerns and comments which was distributed to the commission. She asked for commissioner feedback before presenting the statements to the City Council.

Ella Moore – 2731 204<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Sammamish – She is the president of the Sammamish Heritage Society. She wished to thank city staff, police and fire and Nichol Bros for the house move. She spoke about the plans and visions for the house.

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Deb Grasso - 1700 220<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Sammamish – She stated that her home is highly impacted by the proposed access. She feels the access road will decrease the value of her home and will impact her quality of life. She says her house will be exposed on all sides if the proposed access road goes in and she doesn't think that the City term of 'being a good neighbor' applies. She does not feel that meetings, recitals, receptions and classes go along with passive or low impact development.

**SE 8<sup>th</sup> Street Park Master Plan Update**

Staff distributed design drawings of the master plan site alternatives and presented an overview of the master plan process to date. Commissioners and staff discussed the definition of active vs. passive parks and also the restrictions specific to the site. Commissioners provided feedback on site amenities as well as access and parking.

**Project Updates**

See attached.

**Park Commission Liaison Reports**

Farmers Market – Larry Crandall

Attendance is up at the Market and 3 out of 4 market days have been sunny.

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

No report.

Backyard Wildlife Habitat Project – Pauline Cantor and Hank Klein

No report.

Community Garden – Mary Doerrler and Larry Crandall

City Council direction was to stop the Beaver Lake Park community garden project.

Direction to staff is to explore the option of locating the community garden at the SE 8<sup>th</sup> St Park or Lower Sammamish Commons. Council did not take action to move the funding to either site at this time. A feasibility study will be done later in the year. The committee will continue to meet.

Sammamish Walks & SammamishWalks.org – Judy Petersen

The next walk will take place on June 16<sup>th</sup> at Evans Creek Preserve, led by Kellye Hilde.

Sammamish Youth Board - Steve Wright

No report.

Native Plant Stewards – Pauline Cantor

No report.

Trail Stewards – Brad Conner

No report.

**Calendar:**

Friday, June 15	Teen Fest	3:00-9:00 pm
Tuesday, June 12	City Council Meeting – Community Center	6:30 pm
Wednesday, July 4	Fourth on the Plateau Fireworks	6:00 pm
Wednesday, July 11	Regular Parks Commission Meeting	5:00 pm

**Adjourn:** 9:00 pm