



**City of Sammamish  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting**  
April 3, 2013 - 6:30-8:30 PM  
Sammamish City Hall ~ 801-229<sup>th</sup> Ave SE

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## **MEETING SUMMARY**

**Commissioners Present:** Brad Conner, Loreen Leo, Pauline Cantor, Hank Klein, Cheryl Wagner, Mary Doerrer, Larry Crandall, Krist Morritt, Steve Wright

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessi Bon, Linda Frkuska, Kellye Hilde, Dawn Sanders, Joanna Puthoff, Janie Jackson

**Call to Order:** 6:35pm

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

**Public Comment:** None.

### **Sammamish Farmers Market Report**

New Market Manager, Dana Van Reeth was introduced. Dana has been a resident of Sammamish since 1989, -spent summers on a farm growing up, and is currently an organic gardener. She reported that many of the favorite vendors are returning to the Farmers Market in 2013 as well as some new ones. A great lineup of musical artists is scheduled to perform. New marketing strategies are being implemented such as encouraging the local high school students to come to the market since their release from school coincides with the 3:00pm Market start time. The Sammamish Farmers Market hours this year are from 3:00pm to 8:00pm.

### **Evans Creek Preserve Progress Report**

Kellye Hilde made a short presentation on Evans Creek Preserve, Phase II which includes the construction of the hillside loop trails and a trail connection to Sahalee Way NE. The trail connection to Sahalee requires parcel acquisition from King County. The new parcels will allow access to ECP from within city of Sammamish boundaries via Sahalee Way. Phase II adds 2.5 miles of 2 foot-wide, soft surface trails within some steep terrain. The project also includes viewing decks, minor improvements to the existing Sahalee Way NE parking lot, a kiosk and an entry sign. As with ECP Phase I, the majority of this project will be completed by volunteers. Pauline suggested holding new trail steward trainings. Commissioners also discussed other trail connections and pedestrian access from the Timberline development.

### **Sammamish Community Garden Policies**

Dawn Sanders and Joanna Puthoff spoke about the incredible amount of work the Community Garden Committee has done in the last two and a half years. They also updated the Commission on the progress of the garden construction project and marketing efforts thus far. The Garden Use Policy was distributed and discussed. Applications for plots are now open and will be chosen by lottery if the number of applications exceeds available plots.

### **Project Updates**

#### Community Center

The amended agreement with the YMCA was approved by the City Council.

#### SE 8<sup>th</sup> Street Park Naming

Big Rock Park was the name chosen by the City Council for the park property donated by Mary Pigott. The name is effective immediately.

See attached report for additional project updates.

### **Park Commission Liaison Reports**

#### Farmers Market – Larry Crandall

No additional report.

#### SammamishFriends.org – Pauline Cantor

- A subgroup of Sammamish Friends is working on greenspace surrounding the City known as the Emerald Necklace.
- A walk has been scheduled on April 26 to explore possible trail connections. Anyone interested in joining the walk should contact Pauline. It will be led by Cornell Amaya. The group will meet at Illahee, walk the pipeline to Evans Creek Preserve, and possibly all the way to highway 202.
- The walk led by Nature Vision will be postponed. Instead, volunteers will lead walks for kids this summer.
- Progress is being made on the website.

#### Backyard Wildlife Habitat Project/ Native Plant Stewards – Pauline Cantor

- A very successful plant salvage was held on March 23. In less than two hours, almost 300 plants were salvaged. 100 salvaged plants were placed in the holding area at Big Rock Park and 180 were planted at the Illahee Trail.
- Another plant salvage may be held to accommodate some neighbors of the salvage site who were not notified in time to participate.
- A work party is scheduled for Big Rock Park on April 6.
- Native Plant Stewards will staff a booth at the Earth Day event on April 20 in the Lower Sammamish Commons.
- There will be a talk about the nature and importance of bogs by city wetlands biologist, Kathy Curry on April 22 at 7:00pm at the Beaver Lake Lodge.

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Community Garden – Mary Doerrer and Larry Crandall

Committee members will staff a booth at the Earth Day celebration.

Sammamish Walks & SammamishWalks.org – Loreen Leo

An 'I spy' walk for kids is scheduled on April 20, Earth Day, at Lower Commons. The schedule for all walks in 2013 has been posted on the SammamishWalks.org website.

Sammamish Youth Board - Steve Wright

No report.

Trail Stewards – Brad Conner

No report.

**Other:**

Brad reported that the original Evans Creek Preserve gnome was located and has been re-hidden. There are now 3 resident gnomes at ECP.

Pauline plans to investigate a partnership between the National Recreation & Parks Association and the National Wildlife Foundation. She mentioned that it is Take Your Kids to a Park Day on Saturday, May 18.

A motion was made and seconded to change the July Parks Commission meeting from July 3 to July 10 to accommodate staff workload before the 4<sup>th</sup> on the Plateau fireworks celebration.

**Calendar:**

Saturday, April 20	Sammamish Walks at Lower Commons	9:45am-12:00pm
Saturday, April 20	Earth Day Celebration at Lower Commons	10:00am-1:00pm
Tuesday, April 23	Simple Measures Harmony Concert at Sammamish Presbyterian Church	7:30pm
Wednesday, May 1	Regular Parks Commission Meeting	6:30pm

**Adjourn:** 8:00pm

## Sammamish Parks & Recreation Capital Projects Status

April 2013

- Community Garden at the Lower Sammamish Commons**  
The Contractor has begun work on the garden project. The site grading and irrigation are complete, and fence installation will soon begin. Work is anticipated to be complete in early May.
- Sammamish Community and Aquatic Center**  
The City Council approved the architectural design contract at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. The design process is approximately 12 months for a project of this magnitude.
- Evans Creek Preserve Phase 2 Trails and Sahalee Connection**  
Staff is working on permit drawings for trails at Evans Creek. The remaining inner loop trails will be built over the next 3 years and the Sahalee Connection trail construction is anticipated to begin late fall of this year.
- Rear House Renovations**  
The Contractor has begun applying the primer to the house. Lead abatement will follow. Weather permitting, this project will be complete in the next two weeks.
- Sammamish Landing Park – Phase 1C Docks**  
The docks are now complete. A few punchlist items remain, and staff is working with the Contractor to get those items finished up.
- SE 8<sup>th</sup> Street Park Master Plan**  
Staff is preparing the SEPA review documents for submittal to the Community Development Department. The date the plan will be adopted is unknown, but is anticipated for some time in June or July 2013.



Farmers' Market Park Commission Liaison Report  
Park and Recreation Commission Meeting, Wednesday, April 3, 2013  
Prepared by Larry Crandall, Park and Recreation Commission, Position 4

NEXT MEETING FOR SFM Steering Committee: Tentatively scheduled to be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at Pine Lake Covenant Church

The SFM Market Manager, Dana Van Reeth is scheduled to give an update on the Market during the Park and Recreation Commission Meeting, Wednesday, April 3, 2013 so this report is being kept to a minimum.

The Park and Recreation Commission as a whole or as individuals are encouraged to both visit the Sammamish Farmers Market and also consider volunteering at the Market this season.

REMINDERS:

- **The first day of the Sammamish Farmers Market for the 2013 season will be Wednesday, May 15, 2013 and the hours this year will be from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM until further notice.**
  - Season is scheduled to run 20 weeks or so and 2013 will be the 6<sup>th</sup> year for the Market.

Please let me know if there is anything that you would like me to bring up at future SFM Steering Committee meetings or suggestions you have for the Sammamish Farmers Market.