



**City of Sammamish
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting**

September 4, 2013 - 6:30-8:30 PM
Sammamish City Hall ~ 801-229th Ave SE

MEETING SUMMARY

Commissioners Present: Brad Conner, Hank Klein, Mary Doerrler, Larry Crandall, Pauline Cantor, Loreen Leo

Commissioners Absent: Krist Morrirt, Steve Wright, Cheryl Wagner

Staff Present: Jessi Bon, Lynne Handlos, Cameron Roth, Janie Jackson

Call to Order: 6:33 pm

Approval of Summary: The meeting summary for July 10 was approved.

Public Comment: None

Community Garden Presentation

Community Garden Steering Committee co-chairs, Ann Precup and Stephanie Hibner thanked the Parks Commission for their support from concept to completion of the Community Garden at Lower Commons. All 58 plots were distributed and have been planted by Sammamish residents. The Commission thanked Ann and Stephanie for their hard work and dedication.

Smoking in Parks – Discussion/Refresher

A recommendation memo to ban tobacco use in parks may be drafted by the Commission to be presented to the city council later this year. As a refresher on the topic, Paul Zemann of Seattle-King County Public Health spoke about the effects of establishing parks as tobacco-free areas. Paul provided information on what some cities have implemented in their parks. He said the CDC and Surgeon General have reported that tobacco-free areas increase the effectiveness of prevention programs for youth. He spoke about the effectiveness of positive role-modeling on youth and encouraged Sammamish parks to look as healthy as they should be. Police Chief Nate Elledge will be invited to speak at a future PC meeting regarding this topic.

Wine Tasting at Farmers Market

Parks Intern, Cameron Roth completed a research project on wine tasting at farmers markets. He presented his findings to the Commission. Laws have changed to allow beer and wine sampling at farmers markets and a pilot program was implemented in 2013 in some

Washington cities by the Washington Liquor Control Board. Farmers markets, wineries and microbreweries can now apply for endorsements for 2014 and the Sammamish Farmers Market has asked the city to consider allowing sampling at their market. Cameron reported that there are detailed requirements having to do with the size of samples, number of wineries/breweries allowed at the market at one time, etc. and that the WLCB reserves the right to establish additional requirements as needed. Some concerns for allowing sampling at the Sammamish Farmers Market are:

- Alcohol is currently limited to indoor facilities at Sammamish parks with the exception of the Sammamish Nights event which is held on the Sammamish Commons Plaza (and is a contained, 21 and over event)
- Improper serving
- Public intoxication
- Modeling behavior at a family event and within site of the skate park
- Underage drinking and the IDEA Project (Impaired Driving and Education Action Project) which has determined that 40% of DUI arrests in Sammamish are of underage drinkers

Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of allowing sampling, after which, a motion was made and seconded to recommend not allowing sampling at the Sammamish Farmers Market. The motion carried 4 to 1.

Project Updates

Community Center Project

The Sammamish Community Center will be the only topic at the next City Council study session on Tuesday, October 10. The updated cost estimate will be discussed. We also anticipate a presentation from the YMCA on their operations plan.

Sammamish Landing

Staff anticipate presenting Phase II improvements to council which include ADA parking and a trail.

Sahalee Property

The property known as the "Outlook" on Sahalee Way will officially transfer later this week. Along with working through the transfer, staff is designing the trail. Construction should take place next year.

Sammamish Commons Climbing Wall

The seal between the plywood wall and concrete within the structure failed due to water damage and would have cost more to repair than replace. The climbing wall was demolished and proposals were requested for playground equipment to fill the space where the climbing wall stood.

Park Commission Liaison Reports

Farmers Market – Larry Crandall

See attached report.

Sammamish Community Garden – Larry Crandall

See attached report.

SammamishFriends.org – Pauline Cantor

Microsoft employees who volunteer for Sammamish volunteer events can report their hours and Sammamish Friends will receive \$17 from Microsoft for each hour of volunteer service.

The SammamishFriends.org website continues to be developed and the core group continues to discuss the Emerald Necklace, a connected trail around the Sammamish Plateau.

Backyard Wildlife Habitat Project/ Native Plant Stewards – Pauline Cantor

A meeting is scheduled for October 7.

Sammamish Walks & SammamishWalks.org – Brad Conner

Brad led 25 people during the last walk at Evans Creek Preserve. The group found two out the six gnomes that are known to reside at ECP.

Sammamish Youth Board - Steve Wright

No report.

Trail Stewards – Brad Conner

Work parties scheduled:

- September 14 Day of Caring at Big Rock Park with the LDS church
- September 20 Day of Caring at Sammamish Landing with AT&T
- October 12 Illahee trail work party
- October 26 Evans Creek Preserve work party
- November 9 Lower Commons work party
- A native plant salvage will be scheduled later this fall

A small group of volunteers attended the family group volunteer party at Lower Commons this past summer including Kaitlin Daniels, Natalie Berres and Christian Berres, who are doing their senior project on native plants and restoration with native plants. They have also developed a game for kids to identify native plants. The game booklet made its debut at the Ebright Creek Kid's First concert. The Sammamish Commons Native Plant booklet will be featured at the Community Garden Party on September 22 and the students hope to present at the next Parks Commission meeting.

The Washington Native Plant Stewards plan to hold stewardship training on the eastside in 2014. Please let Dawn Sanders know of anyone interested in attending the training. Volunteers are assigned to a restoration project in the city and must put in 100 volunteer hours on the project. Previous projects have been located at Lower Commons (2009) and Illahee Trail (2010).

Other:

Parks Commission Meeting Summary

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Calendar:

Tuesday, September 10	City Council Study Session – Community Center	6:30 pm
Saturday, September 21	Sammamish Walks at Soaring Eagle Park	10:00 am to noon
Sunday, September 22	Community Garden Harvest Party	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Wednesday, October 2	Regular Parks Commission Meeting	6:30 pm

Adjourn: 8:10 pm



Farmers' Market Park Commission Liaison Report
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Prepared by Larry Crandall, Park and Recreation Commission, Position 4

NEXT MEETING FOR SFM Steering Committee: No date has been set.

Generally, attendance is up. Out of the 14 markets this year, 8 have had rain, 1 was overcast-so this has impacted sales. Volunteerism is up, thanks in large part to the NCL (National Charity League) mother and daughter participation

Sales are slightly below last year, hoping to surpass last year by year-end. Produce selection is up, more dinner selection, encouraging crafts and some great music performers. Weekly donations are going to Issaquah food bank.

Bear and Mt. Lion exhibit's is coming and music continues to add a new vibrancy to our Market and currently there is a possibility of a couple of restaurants doing a demo at the Market.

The program continues for market patrons to shop locally and present their receipts at the Chambers of Commerce tent so they can be entered into the weekly drawing for gift certificates from local merchants.

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. There is still a need for additional volunteers to help out at the market especially for set up and takedown.

REMINDERS:

- **The Sammamish Farmers Market for the 2013 season will be held every Wednesday, with the hours from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM until further notice.**

Season is scheduled to run 20 weeks or so and 2013 Season is the 6th year for the Market.

ACTIVITIES AT THE MARKET

Sept. 4th Entertainment: Summer Januaries

Children's Activity: Ornaments - Ornaments aren't only for Christmas. These decorations can be made in different colors and spruce up any summer party.

Sept. 11th Entertainment: To be announced

Children's Activity: Face painting - Wish for anything you want on your face, and today it can happen!
There will be a booth providing information about the Alzheimer Walk in Issaquah on 10/12/2013.

Sept. 18th Entertainment: PK Dwyer

Children's Activity: Vegetable sand art animals - Sand isn't just for the playground. Create your own unique piece of art with our colorful array of sand.

Sept. 25th **LAST MARKET FOR 2013** Entertainment: To be announced

Children's Activity: Animal planters - Create your own mini garden at home with a pot-personally decorated.

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.

Lower Commons Community Garden (LCCG) Liaison Report
Park and Recreation Commission Meeting, Wednesday, September 4, 2013
Prepared by Larry Crandall, Park and Recreation Commission, Position 4

NEXT MEETING FOR LCCG Steering Committee: 6:30 PM Thursday, September 19, 2013.

The following is a summary of the LCCG Steering Committee Meeting held August 15, 2013

- A notice will be sent to the gardeners informing them that they should pack out their own garbage or use the garbage cans in the park. Also inform them that the yard waste bins are for yard waste, not for garbage.
- Gardeners will be reminded that they can sign up to be included on the Garden Manager's mailing list
- There are plans to clarify and communicate the policies about winter gardening
- New signs have been placed on the gates with information that no pets are allowed in the garden and not to take produce from other plots without permission.

Posts on Facebook include, asking plot renters to pull weeds around their plots and about putting lost items in the garden shed.

Survey Results: The survey ran for 17 days with a total of 25 respondents. 43% of gardeners took the survey with 48% indicating that they had either no or less than a year of veggie gardening experience. Only one gardener rated their gardening experience as poor. The three most popular things people would like to see in the future concerning the LCCG are:1) gardening classes 2) gardening education 3) preserving food information & seed bank .

The soil is of a very good quality, but it seems that the compost portion of it has not finished its decomposition process. This should be completed in the next few months.

Classes:

- In Sept or Oct, the Steering Committee may host a class on soil building or cool season gardening

Important Dates

Wednesday, August 28, 2013 6-7:30 pm Sammamish Library

Thank You to Park and Rec. Commission and Park Staff - September 4, 2013

City Council Thank You - September 16, 2013 - During public comment

Next LCCG Steering Meeting - September 19, 2013

LCCG Grand Opening/Garden Party - September 22, 2013

The Park and Recreation Commission as a whole or as individuals are encouraged to both visit the Lower Commons Community Garden to observe in person how the various plots are doing.