



City of Sammamish  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
January 07, 2015 - 6:30-8:30 PM  
Sammamish City Hall 801 228<sup>th</sup> Ave SE

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## MEETING SUMMARY

### **Commissioners Present**

Hank Klein, Loreen Leo, Pauline Cantor, Cheryl Wagner, Ann Precup, Doug Eglington, Mary Doerr, Brad Conner

### **Student Liaison Present**

Sophia Hu

### **Commissioners Absent**

Krist Morrill

### **Staff Present**

Kyle Endelman, Janie Jackson

### **Call to Order**

6:30 p.m.

### **Approval of Summary**

The meeting summary for November 5 was approved.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Boys and Girls Club Update – Zach Wenman**

Zach reported on the prior two years of operation of the Teen Center. When he joined the Sammamish Teen Center two years ago, many people still thought it was a library and community exposure has improved greatly since then. During its third year of operation, the Sammamish Teen Center has seen a 144% increase in membership since the center first opened. Although Boys and Girls clubs in general are losing teen population, the Sammamish center and the Federal Way center memberships of teens increased more than any other Boys and Girls Club in the US. Zach talked about Teen Center programs and issues. He would like to increase the number of programs within the center.

### **Community Center Update**

Kyle gave a brief update on the progress of construction of the Community Center.

## **Park Commission Liaison Reports**

### Sammamish Friends - Pauline

King County budget approval was received on a \$25k grant for a feasibility study for properties within the Emerald Necklace. A donation was received and designated for the Community Garden. The photo contest is now closed and the winner will be announced in the next week or so. Trader Joes has donated a gift basket to the winner. Don Gerend had an idea for a contest where photos would be posted and people would have to identify at which park they were taken. Commissioners can forward photos to Pauline if they have specific identifiable elements. Pauline would like to partner with the Y and the Boys and Girls club to organize a kid's mud run.

### Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat – Pauline

The next meeting is January 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the library. The group is getting involved in giving feedback on the tree ordinance. Hank's home is now certified as a backyard wildlife habitat.

### Native Plant Stewards - Cheryl

On November 8 there was a volunteer planting event at Ebright Creek Park. 25 volunteers and stewards planted 132 plants and many salvaged sword ferns. At the December 13 volunteer event at Ebright, 42 volunteers planted 74 plants on the east side and removed blackberries on the west side. There is a volunteer planting scheduled for January 19 at Lower Commons.

### Sammamish Walks – Hank and Loreen

There is a meeting on January 29 at the library to schedule the 2015 walks. Pauline will not be able to make it but suggested someone from the Y attend.

### Trail Stewards – Brad

Pauline reported that she saw Brad with his family at Evans Creek Preserve. They were searching for gnomes. WTA will be starting a trail project at Evans Creek Preserve in April.

### Sammamish Youth Board – Doug and Sophia

There was a meeting scheduled for later this month but it had to be cancelled due to the students' work load. The SYB held a 'white elephant' gift exchange at their December meeting. They also discussed the new SYB newsletter which features events in Sammamish.

### YMCA - Doug

Dave Mayer will be the Sammamish Y's new Branch Executive. He will be on board later this month. Doug also talked about the need to update the city's historic property inventory.

### Farmers Market – Ann

Ann talked to Market Manager, Deb Sogge. Although it's early in the year, there is lots of planning being done. Deb is interviewing new farms and dinner options for this year's market and is also collecting information from the market's Facebook page. There was a misprint in the Sammamish Rec Guide stating the market would open in April. The correct opening day is May 20, 2015.

## **Other**

### Summer Events Entertainment Selection Committee

Recreation Coordinator, Lynne Handlos is asking for volunteers from the Parks Commission for the annual screening of bands for summer events. This is usually scheduled in early February. Hank, Loreen and Mary volunteered.

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### AWC Student Scholarship Panel Recruitment

Lynne is also asking for help to screen applications for the AWC Student Scholarship. Cheryl, Mary and Hank volunteered.

### Follow up from November Meeting

Kyle met with Sharon Steinbis after she provided public comment at the November meeting suggesting using native plants in storm ponds. There is no firm answer yet. The Public Works department has undergone some staff transition and Kyle will continue to keep the Parks Commission informed on the status of Ms. Steinbis's inquiry.

Don Gerend had suggested installing interpretative signs in parks. This is in the work plan for 2015 and will likely begin with signs being installed at Pine Lake Park later this summer.

Although there were a significant number of trees removed during Phase I of King County's Lake Sammamish Trail, city staff are now working with King County to narrow the footprint of the trail to save some trees in the next phase.

There are a number of 1 to 5 foot fir, cedar and hemlock seedlings at Pine Lake park that need to be removed. They are available to native plant stewards for restorations projects.

### **Meeting Calendar**

Commission Appointments: Tuesday, January 13 - 6:30 pm Council Chambers

MLK Jr. Birthday: Monday, January 19 - City Office Closed

Regular Parks Commission Meeting: Wednesday, February 4 - 6:30 pm Council Chambers

### **Adjourn**

9:00 p.m.