



City of Sammamish  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
February 04, 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, Cheryl Wagner, Doug Eglington, Mary Doerr, Kathe Low, Sid Gupta, Stephanie Hibner, Nicole Beaty

### **Commissioners Absent**

None

### **Staff Present**

Jessi Bon, Kyle Endelman, Janie Jackson

### **Call to Order**

6:35 p.m.

### **Approval of Summary**

The meeting summary for January 7 was approved.

### **Public Comment**

Pauline Cantor - 627 208th Ave SE, Sammamish, WA 98074 – Pauline gave the report on Sammamish Friends since a new liaison has not yet been appointed. She explained the history of Sammamish Friends for the benefit of the new Commissioners and talked about the Emerald Necklace project and a kids mud-run. Pauline encouraged the new Commissioners to check out [Sammamishfriends.org](http://Sammamishfriends.org).

### **Welcome New Commissioners**

New Commissioners Kathe Low, Sid Gupta, Stephanie Hibner, Nicole Beaty and alternates Sheila Sappington and Nancy Way were introduced and spoke about their backgrounds leading to joining the Parks Commission.

### **Review Parks Commission Bylaws**

The bylaws were reviewed and some minor updates made. A motion was made and seconded to accept the bylaws as amended.

### **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Commissioners voted unanimously to appoint Hank Klein as chair and Cheryl Wagner as vice chair.

### **Project Updates – Community Center and Sammamish Landing**

Kyle presented the Community Center update. The building foundation is complete. Exterior framework and roof are being constructed now. Building interior rough-in will happen next and will continue through spring. Pool construction will begin soon. The parking lot at Sammamish Landing is slightly behind schedule due to some unforeseen site conditions.

### **Reassign Parks Commission Liaisons**

New liaisons:

Sammamish Farmers Market – Stephanie Hibner and Nicole Beaty

Trail Stewards – Nicole Beaty

Sammamish Friends – Mary Doerrner and Nicole Beaty

Backyard Wildlife Habitat – Kathe Low

Native Plant Stewards – Cheryl Wagner and Sid Gupta

### **Park Commission Liaison Reports**

#### Sammamish Friends –

Pauline presented this report during the public comment period. She added that Sammamish Friends raised \$3000 by hosting the Kids Zone at the 4<sup>th</sup> on the Plateau event last July. That money is available for grants for other Sammamish community groups. They will be hosting booths this year at Sammamish Days and some of the Farmers Markets. They are planning a Parks photo guessing game for kids.

#### Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat – Kathe

The group is working on maintaining of the city's status as a certified backyard wildlife community. They plan to host a booth at an upcoming Farmers Market. They are exploring the idea of designating some detention ponds as wildlife habitats.

#### Native Plant Stewards – Sid and Cheryl

There were 3 volunteer events at the Lower Commons in January. 63 volunteers turned out for the event on MLK Day and planted 180 plants. The following Saturday 10 volunteers planted 75 plants and on January 31, 34 volunteers planted 134 plants. February 21, will be volunteer event to remove invasive blackberry. In March there will be a volunteer planting event at Ebright.

#### Sammamish Walks – Hank and Loreen

This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year for Sammamish Walks. They have walks planned from April through October this year.

#### Trail Stewards –

Kyle reported that WTA will be constructing trails at Evans Creek Preserve beginning in April.

There will be opportunities for volunteers to help building trails at that time and perhaps again in the fall.

#### Sammamish Youth Board – Doug

The January Youth Board meeting was cancelled due to school work load.

#### YMCA - Doug

Doug spent some time with Dave Mayer who is the new Executive for the Sammamish Y. Dave is very interested in networking with youth sports groups in Sammamish who have an interest in the new Community Center. The Y is raising \$3 million capital funds for the operation of the Community Center and also raising money for operating funds and scholarships. Hank mentioned

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that all Sammamish Councilmembers plan to make a donation to the Y's capital campaign and they encouraged the Parks Commissioners to do so as well. Doug is also involved with the Heritage Society and reported they are applying for grant funds from 4-Culture to be used to update the city's inventory of historic sites.

### Farmers Market –

The first market day for 2015 is Wednesday, May 20.

### **Other**

### **Meeting Calendar**

Next Regular Parks Commission Meeting – Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Adjourn**

8:00 p.m.