



City of Sammamish  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
March 4, 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 Eglinton, Mary Doerrer, Kathe Low, Nicole Beaty, Stephanie Hibner, Sid Gupta, Sheila Sappington (alt.), Nancy Way (alt.)

### **Commissioners Absent**

None

### **Staff Present**

Jessi Bon, Kyle Endelman, Kellye Hilde, Janie Jackson

### **Call to Order**

6:35 p.m.

### **Approval of Summary**

The meeting summary for February 4 was approved.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Presentation on Big Rock Park Phase I Design by Elm Environments**

Jessi spoke about the background of the master plan process. Kellye introduced Greg Murphy and Chris Overdorf of Elm Environments and then briefed the Commission on the progress of the Big Rock Park Phase I Design process. Chris spoke about the concept behind the design and Greg talked about the specific elements of what has been designed so far with the goals of honoring the ecology and heritage of the park. Kelly also talked about the great partnership with the STEM school students who are working on some elements of the design. The student team includes Maya Gupta, Sabreen Mohammed, Emilio Toussaint, Atul Madhugiri, Amy Zhang, Rishi Ramesh, Anna Miller, Ben Zabback, Nivida Thomas, and Sohaib Moinuddin. They will be presenting at the April Parks Commission meeting. In partnership with the Sammamish Arts Commission, Artist Karen White will be leading a community sculpture project using sticks for a nest building project.

### **Park Commission Liaison Reports**

#### Sammmamish Friends – Mary and Nicole

Loreen attended the most recent meeting and provided the report. Sammamish Friends will be sponsoring four kids' nature walks. They are hoping to get a sponsor for a mud run and are also promoting the Jump-n-Jive to Thrive event at the Boys and Girls Club. They will be hosting a

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booth, along with the Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat and Native Plant Stewards on Earth Day, April 18 at Ebright Creek Park.

### Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat – Kathe

This group has not met recently so there was no report.

### Native Plant Stewards - Cheryl and Sid

Cheryl reported on a volunteer event at Ebright on February 21. Thirty-three volunteers, six native plant stewards and staff member, Elby Jones worked for three hours removing many blackberries. Sid reported there were three events at Lower Commons where volunteers planted a total of five hundred plants. Sid has noticed many returning volunteers. Eastside Catholic's Day of Service at Ebright saw one hundred plants planted and mulched and many blackberries removed by fifteen students and two teachers. There will be restoration events at Lower Commons on March 7, 14 and 28 and a volunteer event at Ebright on March 21.

### Sammamish Walks – Hank and Loreen

Bookmarks have been created and include the dates of all 2015 walks. General walks numbers will be limited.

### Trail Stewards – Nicole

There will be eleven trail work parties sponsored by WTA at Evans Creek Preserve. All dates can be found at wta.org. New natural surface trails, bridges and turnpikes will be built.

### Sammamish Youth Board – Doug

The SYB is planning a teen feed for homeless youth in Seattle on April 3. On March 18, all profits at Yo Plateau will go to benefit this event if you mention the Sammamish Youth Board. Mary, Cheryl and Doug reviewed applications for the AWC Youth Scholarship. There were many impressive entrants.

### YMCA - Doug

The Y is beginning to staff the new facility and at their last board meeting, Doug was introduced to Nikki Marin, Leadership Development Director. The Y will sponsor a community meeting on programming the new facility on March 11 from 4:00-5:30pm. The City Council appointed Doug Special Commissioner for the King County Landmarks Commission. This pertains to any heritage sites/landmarks in the City of Sammamish with the goal of raising awareness about historic properties in the community. They submitted a proposal to 4-culture for a grant that can be used to update the historic landmark inventory in Sammamish.

### Farmers Market – Stephanie and Nicole

Deb Sogge will be managing the market again this year and is looking for help with booking community performers. The same sponsors and vendors are returning from last year and Deb is hoping to add more. Kid's activities are mapped out for season and Master Gardeners will staff a booth. They heard complaints that the grass on the plaza is too wet to sit on.

Commissioners decided to add a Community Garden liaison. Ann and Sid volunteered.

### **Other**

Sid met with Seattle Tilth and the Director of the Boys and Girls Club to help establish a garden club. The Boys and Girls club would like to install planter beds and Seattle Tilth offered to provide four gardening workshops. They are trying to gather materials and find someone to build planting beds. Thursday, March 26 is the tentative date for their first meeting which will include seed

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sharing and general planning. They hope to be planting by April 16. Sid has also been in touch with the Klahanie Community Manager to establish a dialog.

Kyle mentioned that the City Council approved the additional of Alternates to the Parks Commission. Doug will not be at the April meeting so an alternate will be needed.

Hank pointed out that there have been some questions about what might happen with the King County Park in Klahanie but that discussion may not be relevant until after voter approval of Klahanie annexation to Sammamish is reached.

For the benefit of new Commissioners, Hank talked about individual discussions with members of the community. He said it's fine to identify yourself as a Parks Commissioner but be sure it is clear you are speaking as an individual, not as a Parks Commissioner.

It was recommended to the Parks Commission to use City of Sammamish email addresses. This will be set up by the City's IT department.

Kyle updated the Commission on the progress of Sammamish Landing.

### **Meeting Calendar**

Wednesday, April 1, 2015 6:30 p.m. Regular Parks Commission Meeting – Big Rock Park  
Presentation by STEM students

### **Adjourn**

8:10 p.m.