



City of Sammamish
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
May 06, 2015 - 6:30-8:30 PM
Sammamish City Hall 801 228th Ave SE

MEETING SUMMARY

Commissioners Present

Hank Klein, Loreen Leo, Cheryl Wagner, Doug Eglington, Kathe Low, Sid Gupta, Stephanie Hibner

Commissioners Absent

Nicole Beaty, Mary Doerrer, Nancy Way, Sheila Sappington

Staff Present

Kyle Endelman, Janie Jackson

Call to Order

6:32 p.m.

Approval of Summary

The meeting summary for April 1 was approved.

Public Comment

None.

Parks Department Report and Sammamish Community and Aquatic Center Report

Parks Commissioners viewed the presentations that were given to the City Council on April 21.

Park Commission Liaison Reports

Sammamish Friends – Mary and Nicole

Sid attended the Sammamish Friends meeting and reported out. Pauline Cantor's emailed report is attached.

Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat – Kathe

Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat was represented at the Earth Day event at Ebright Creek Park. A couple members had attended the National Wildlife Federation Washington Summit and were awarded a mini-grant of \$150 to purchase native plants which they distributed to people who attended the Earth Day event. They plan to staff a booth at the Sammamish Farmers Market on July 22 and participate in Sustainable Sammamish Farmers Market day on August 5. Right now, 198 private homes are certified Backyard Wildlife Habitats. They are trying to gear up and get more people involved by working on new website through Sammamish Friends who have offered to let them piggy back on their website but with a separate URL. They are working on web content and updating their brochure. They are talking about where to advertise the website and are thinking of other groups like Eastside Audubon and Sustainable Redmond who could link back to the

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Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat website. They are working on a project called Green Stormwater with the intention of planting native plants around some of the stormwater ponds in Sammamish. Some members of the group recently toured some stormwater ponds. Group leader, Sharon Steinbis reached out to a teacher at Pine Lake Middle School about a group effort to improve their stormwater pond.

Native Plant Stewards – Sid and Cheryl

Cheryl reported that at the April 18 event at Ebright Creek Park, 33 volunteers mulched and planted. Sid reported that at Lower Commons April 25 there were a dozen 7 and 8 year old kids who celebrated a birthday by participating in a volunteer event along with another dozen adult volunteers. On May 2 at Lower Commons 40 volunteers from Eastridge Church planted 150 plants in the ground, several hundred more mulched and willow stakes installed. On April 25th Pauline Cantor and Jan Bird led a group of kids planting tiny starts in the native plant garden. There was a private salvage at a former Steward's house where plants were gathered for Ebright Creek and Lower Commons. Sid spoke to Elby about having the STEM students participate in a salvage of sword ferns for their Big Rock Park project. The eastside branch of the WNPS isn't meeting again until September. Several WNPS stewards attended a stormwater retention pond meeting on April 28. Sid spoke briefly to the chair of the eastside branch of the WNPS and she said WNPS may be interested in partnering with the city to maintain some of the ponds. On April 23rd some members presented to Sammamish Rotary about invasive plants and the benefits of native plants and the work the volunteers have been doing in Sammamish. On behalf of all the stewards in Sammamish, Sid wanted to say thank you to the volunteers who support all of the projects.

Sammamish Walks – Hank and Loreen

The first walk of the season was the Haiku Walk on May 2. Next is the History Walk on May 16 at Pine Lake Park. The walk schedule has been adjusted slightly. Dates are the same but the walk on July 18 may change location to Evans Creek Preserve. There will be a children's walk on October 17 at Big Rock Park and possibly an adult walk the same day. They hoped to have two children's walks on August 15 at Evans Creek Preserve but have decided to just have one walk unless there are a lot of sign-ups. Judy Peterson is making new book marks to reflect these changes. Sign-ups via the city's website will continue. They are still looking for ways to advertise, perhaps through meetup.com. The city is doing email blasts before the walks. Walk organizers will be at the Farmers Market and looking at other publicity venues. Walk difficulty levels and guidelines will be posted on the website. Guidelines for walk leaders being developed. Planning is underway for 2016. The group is going to try to get an artist for an art-themed walk.

Trail Stewards – Nicole

Report attached.

Sammamish Youth Board – Doug

SYB is recruiting for new members for 2015/16.

YMCA - Doug

The Y is halfway through raising the 3 million dollars they are contributing towards furnishing the building. Doug was pleased to report as the new Landmarks Commissioner in Sammamish, the Heritage Society secured an \$11K grant to do a historic landmark survey in Sammamish.

Farmers Market – Stephanie and Nicole

The committee did not meet in April. Everything is set for the May 20 opening. Master Gardeners will attend monthly.

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Community Garden – Stephanie and Sid

A new gate is being designed for the Community Garden by artist, Garth Edwards from Bainbridge Island. It is approximately 2 weeks from completion but the installation date is not known yet.

There will be a ribbon cutting later in the spring.

Other

Hard Hat Tours of the SCAC

Tours are scheduled for May 19 and May 29.

City Council/Parks Commission Leadership Meeting Report

In their meeting with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Hank and Cheryl discussed the Mars Hill property purchase and the Klahanie annexation.

Meeting Calendar

Farmers Market Opening Day May 20

Memorial Day – office closed – May 25

June 3 Parks Commission Meeting

Adjourn

8:30 p.m.