



City of Sammamish
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
June 03, 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, Mary Doerrer, Kathe Low, Sid Gupta, Stephanie Hibner, Nicole Beaty, Nancy Way (alternate), Sophia Hu (student liaison)

Commissioners Absent

Sheila Sappington (alternate)

Staff Present

Jessi Bon, Kyle Endelman, Janie Jackson

Call to Order

6:33 p.m.

Approval of Summary

The meeting summary for May 6 was approved.

Public Comment

None.

Sammamish Landing Railroad Exhibit Proposal

A citizen approached the city over a year ago with a proposal to install some railroad artifacts at Sammamish Landing. The Eastlake Sammamish Trail that bisects Sammamish Landing is a former railroad corridor and he felt it would be a project of cultural significance to the area. Since this would be a project that exceeds the Parks Director's budget authority, the citizen's proposal was brought before the Parks Commission for their review. After a preliminary discussion, commissioners suggested inviting the citizen to the July meeting to further discuss his proposal. Commissioners were asked to give some thought to the proposal and also possible alternatives in preparation for further discussion at the July meeting.

Park Commission Liaison Reports

Sammamish Friends – Mary and Sid

Sid and Mary attended the Sammamish Friends meeting.

- Sammamish Friends is seeking advice from the Parks Commission about activities kids could do while waiting in line at the Kids Area at the 4th on the Plateau celebration. Bubbles, balloons and music were suggested. Loreen mentioned there should be a sign indicating how tall a kid needed to be to go down the slide.
- The group discussed the Mud Run and came up with the idea of a timed mini-marathon based on hours of physical activity rather than distance. People who reach their goal would be invited to participate in the Mud Run event. The idea would be promoted through the schools and have PE teachers, Boys & Girls Club, and programs at the new community

center could help keep track. Posters and charts used to keep track of progress could be displayed at city hall with help from the Arts Commission. The age range for participants would be 4 to 10 years. A date and location has not been set yet. They would like to hold mini mud run events at concerts or Kids First events. Sammamish Kiwanis may provide insurance for these events.

- Sammamish Friends is seeking a chair to serve as lead in organizing these events.
- A grant application has been submitted for \$750,000 to purchase properties in the northwest corner near Soaring Eagle Park to add to the Emerald Necklace.
- The STEM students have started a GoFundMe page to raise money for electrical vehicle charging station solar panels. They are hoping to raise \$16,500 and have raised \$125 towards that goal. Sammamish Friends also helped the students apply for a \$5000 grant through Subaru for the project. The students attended the first farmers market of the season to talk about their project.
- Pauline suggested a backyard garden share program in the interest of supporting urban agriculture. People would be encouraged to open their land for others to garden or partner with someone who wants to garden and agree to share whatever is grown. Issaquah utilizes a similar program called Sharing Backyards.

Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat – Kathe

No changes from last month. Sid responded that the stormwater pond near Big Rock Park has been targeted for a pilot program for using native plants. They have also encouraged Pine Lake Middle School to consider the same plan on their two ponds.

Native Plant Stewards – Sid and Cheryl

There is a community volunteer project to remove invasive plants on June 13 at Ebright Creek Park. There were three volunteer events at Lower Commons in May. May 2, sixty-two volunteers donated one hundred twenty-nine hours planting and mulching, May 8th nine volunteers from Inglewood Middle School gave fifteen and a half hours and on May 16th fifteen volunteers worked forty-one hours. In total eighty-six volunteers worked one hundred eight-five hours in May. Cheryl wanted to thank the parks staff for appreciating and thanking the native plant and trail stewards at the council meeting.

Sammamish Walks – Hank and Loreen

Upcoming walks are scheduled June 20 at Beaver Lake Preserve led by Hank and July 18 at Sammamish Landing led by Nan Gordon and Judy Peterson. Loreen commented that the history walk at Pine Lake on May 16 was very successful.

Trail Stewards – Nicole

Trail stewards met on May 9 and discussed Big Rock Park project elements and the upcoming Beaver Lake Preserve project. Nicole also discussed a trail project within Soaring Eagle Park with Kyle Endelman. Kyle mentioned that although WTA is done with their work at Evans Creek Preserve, some portions of the trails still need to be completed and we are hoping to get trail stewards and volunteers to help.

Sammamish Youth Board – Doug

SYB liaison, Sophia Hu was in attendance and gave the report. Next year's liaison to the Parks Commission is Sabreen Mohamed. The SYB would like to organize a movie night but are having trouble finding a suitable location. They would like to use Pine Lake Park.

YMCA – Doug

- The Y's capital campaign continues. According to the Y's Executive Director, Dave Mayer there are currently 1300 individual members and 500 units (family or household) in Sammamish.

- The Heritage society has someone onboard to scope out the survey for historic properties. There will be more field survey work upcoming.

Farmers Market – Stephanie and Nicole

There has been record breaking attendance and sales the first two weeks of the market. Strawberries and cherries are early. Two new farms have been recruited and all farms will be onsite by the second week of June. There are new meat and egg vendors. Master gardeners will be coming once a month. There have been requests for more vegetarian food. Community groups are providing the entertainment. Many kids' activities have been planned.

Community Garden – Stephanie

Stephanie met with the Arts Commission to discuss the installation of the new garden gates. They don't have an exact date for completion and installation yet. They are working on signage for the new gates. They are planning a ribbon cutting event once the gates are installed which will include the community and the gardeners. Stephanie met with Silva (volunteer garden manager) who said things are going well. She wanted to thank the city for providing gardener's email addresses. Some hoses and spray nozzles have gone missing and the garden needs weeding. Stephanie asked whether the garden would be locked on 4th of July. Kyle will confirm.

Other

City Email Addresses

Commissioners' city email addresses are up and running and should be used instead of personal email addresses for any city related business.

Candidate Endorsements

Due to the upcoming election season, Commission members were reminded that as Parks Commissioners, they cannot endorse any candidate and may not use public facilities or any other public resources for the purpose of assisting a campaign.

Mars Hill Property Use

At a previous meeting, the Commission discussed drafting a memo to City Council regarding use of the Mars Hill property however, Hank was asked by staff and council to postpone drafting the memo until negotiations with the colleges have concluded.

Meeting Calendar

Friday, June 5 - Teen Fest

Wednesday July 1 – Parks Commission Meeting

Saturday July 4 – Fourth on the Plateau Fireworks

Adjourn

7:51 p.m.