



City of Sammamish
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
September 02, 2015 - 6:30-8:30 PM
Sammamish City Hall 801 228th Ave SE

MEETING SUMMARY

Commissioners Present

Hank Klein, Loreen Leo, Doug Eglington, Mary Doerrer, Kathe Low, Sid Gupta, Stephanie Hibner, Nicole Beaty, Sheila Sappington (alternate), Nancy Way (alternate)

Commissioners Absent

Cheryl Wagner

Staff Present

Jessi Bon, Kyle Endelman, Kellye Hilde, Shelby Upton, Janie Jackson

Call to Order

6:33 p.m.

Approval of Summary

The meeting summary for July 1 was approved.

Public Comment

None.

YMCA Presentation

Dave Mayer, Executive Director of the Sammamish Family YMCA spoke about the partnership between the Y and the city of Sammamish and then gave a presentation that showcased building features in the new Sammamish Y, programs and membership benefits. The Y's charter membership campaign runs from September 15 to Dec 20, 2015.

Sammamish Landing Railroad Exhibit Presentation

Shelby Upton, Sammamish Parks Planning Intern presented a potential design for a railroad heritage exhibit at Sammamish Landing. Features included interpretive signage showing the history of the Sammamish rail corridor and an interactive installation. Commissioners provided feedback.

Park Commission Liaison Reports

Sammamish Friends – Mary, Sid and Nicole

Nicole attended the July meeting of Sammamish Friends while Sid and Mary attended in August.

- Emerald Necklace - Nicole circulated a handout provided by Sean Smith delineating the current and potential routes. The handout will be distributed at the Sammamish Friends booths at various events including the upcoming Klahanie welcome event.

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- Kids Mud Run - The date and location have been set to coincide with Sammamish Days 2016 and will be located in Lower Commons. The group is working on a course layout. Their next meeting is September 10 at 6:30 p.m.
- Solar Project – Sid attended the August meeting and reported there are two projects Sammamish Friends is interested in exploring: Community Solar, the goal of which is to place solar panels on community buildings and encourage residents to purchase units (portions of panels); and Solarize Sammamish, a bulk purchasing program. Cities can complete in a Green Power Challenge through PSE when residents sign up through to use green power. The winning city gets a \$40k grant to be used for the installation of solar panels. Sammamish Friends is seeking volunteers to work on this program. Kathe added that the two different solar programs have been adopted in communities close to Sammamish.

Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat – Kathe

Jan Bird travelled to the National Wildlife Federation headquarters and picked up some fun materials to be distributed at the Sammamish market. A new banner and business cards have been created as well as a new, updated map listing all certified properties in Sammamish.

Native Plant Stewards – Sid and Cheryl

Sid reported there have been bi-monthly, family-friendly volunteer events. 55 volunteers donated 107 hours. The Day of Caring event will be at Ebright Creek Park on September 18 at 9:00 a.m. On October 22, the eastside branch is hosting a talk on mushrooms at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens at 7:30 p.m.

Sammamish Walks – Hank and Loreen

There was a Kid's walk at Evans Creek Preserve. 25 people attended and were led by Michelle Song from Naturevision. Photos were shown of the walk. Michelle will lead the last Kid's walk on October 17 at Big Rock Park.

Trail Stewards – Nicole

The Soaring Eagle trail project created 3 turnpikes and graveled a large section of trail. 22 people contributed 192 hours. At Big Rock Park, the original boardwalk was removed and a new one was built. 50 people donated 349 hours. Without trail stewards and volunteers, this work would not have gotten done. Many thanks!

Sammamish Youth Board – Doug

No report.

YMCA – Doug

The local Y board is adding members and continues to raise funds for scholarships and capital for the new Community Center.

Farmers Market – Stephanie and Nicole

Market Manager, Deb Sogge provided Stephanie a report about the recent health code violation of one of the Sammamish market vendors. The vendor is no longer participating. New food vendors will be brought in. The market continues to attract many people. American Pickers TV show is coming to Sammamish in October.

Community Garden – Stephanie

The garden gate dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony is on September 19 at 8:45 a.m.

Other

Sammamish Landing Update

Kyle reported there was only one bid for finishing construction of the parking lot, pathway and pad for the pre-fab restroom which came in higher than the engineers estimate so was not selected. The project will be rebid in the spring of 2016.

Klahanie Welcome Event

The event is Saturday September 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to staff the Parks Commission information booth. Games and giveaways are being provided to all booths. Food trucks, live bands, games and a dedication ceremony are planned for the community.

Big Rock Park Update

The contract for construction of Phase I was awarded to Paul Brothers Construction and they will start in September.

Lower Commons ADA Trail

This project will bring the part of the trail from the picnic shelter down to the play area into ADA compliance. It is currently underway and going well.

Nest Building

The Nest Building project for Big Rock Park will take place September 19 at Lower Commons after the Community Garden gate dedication. Volunteers are still needed on September 18 between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at Lower Commons for stick cleaning.

Meeting Calendar

Klahanie Welcome Event - Saturday September 12 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Regular Parks Commission Meeting – Wednesday October 7 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Adjourn

7:55 p.m.