



City of Sammamish
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
March 02, 2016 - 6:30-8:30 PM
Sammamish City Hall 801 228th Ave SE

MEETING SUMMARY

Commissioners Present

Hank Klein, Kathe Low, Sid Gupta, Stephanie Hibner, Nancy Way, Sheila Sappington, Cheryl Wagner

Commissioners Absent

Doug Eglington, Loreen Leo, Glenn Bowers

Staff Present

Jessi Bon, Kyle Endelman, Susan Cezar, Janie Jackson

Call to Order

6:35 p.m.

Approval of Summary

The February meeting summary was approved as presented.

Public Comment (Comments below were provided later in the meeting but are included here for consistency)

Mary Victor, 408 208th Ave NE, Sammamish 98074, spoke about the drainage issue in Tamarack. She also spoke about the new Sammamish Plateau Water District website and the possibility of using the Boys and Girls club for senior activities.

Beacon Food Forest Tour (new agenda item)

Tuesday, March 31, at 1:00 p.m., Park Planner, Kellye Hilde will lead a tour of this Seattle Park that features edible landscaping. Staff will send an email invitation to the Commission to gauge interest and collect responses.

Parks CIP

2040 Vision Recap Discussion

Susan Cezar kicked off the discussion with a brief recap of the Parks Capital Improvement Program (CIP). During the February Parks Commission meeting, staff took notes while Commissioners shared their vision of Sammamish Parks in 2040. Common themes were captured and a draft summary was presented to the Parks Commission for their review. Later in the meeting, the consolidated summary was used for an exercise to prioritize possible projects for the Parks CIP.

Trails, Land Acquisition and Preserves/Open Spaces

Staff is currently evaluating responses to an RFQ for inventory of existing trails, bikeways, paths and sidewalks in the City. When the inventory work is completed, it will provide a basis for the Trails, Bikeways and Paths Plan update which will be adopted in early 2017. Possible projects

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were identified and discussed for inclusion in the prioritization exercise later in the meeting. Commissioners watched a video showing the Town Center concept.

Discussion on Public Outreach

Commissioners reviewed drafts of potential online and in-person surveys. Staff will incorporate their suggested edits. They talked about events they could participate in to obtain input from Sammamish residents for possible CIP projects. After this discussion, they participated in the project prioritization exercise.

Park Commission Liaison Reports

Sammamish Friends – Sid

The group continues to work on the Kids Mud Run including insurance, obstacles and co-sponsorships. Their operations committee is working on a vision statement to help identify their purpose.

Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat – Kathe

This group has met twice since the last Parks Commission meeting; once with City staff to talk about stormwater ponds (Lancaster ridge) and again to talk about strategy. Sharon Steinbis is putting together a presentation to detail what they are hoping to accomplish to present to the City Council and Parks and Planning Commissions.

Native Plant Stewards – Cheryl and Sid

Restoration work and 8 yards of mulch was spread last Saturday by 30 volunteers at Ebright. The previous Saturday at Lower Commons, 133 people volunteered a total of 359 hours. 2,000 willow stakes were planted. High School volunteer hours are scheduled in April, so a big surge in volunteers is expected.

Sammamish Walks – Hank and Loreen

No new information.

Trail Stewards – Nancy

No report.

Sammamish Youth Board – Doug

(via email) Due to mid-winter break, there was no meeting in February.

Sammamish Y – Doug

(via email) Still on track for April opening. Program scheduling and registration for new facility begins this month. The annual Kid's Eggstravaganza event will be held at the Commons Plaza on March 26 from 10 - 1 pm. Office furniture, cardio and strength equipment have been installed in the new facility.

Sammamish Market – Stephanie

No report.

Sammamish Community Garden – Stephanie

No report.

Meeting Calendar

Thursday, March 17 – Joint Meeting with Planning Commission

Wednesday April 6 – Regular Parks Commission Meeting

Adjourn

8:22 p.m.