



City of Sammamish
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
May 04, 2016 - 6:30-8:30 PM
Sammamish City Hall 801 228th Ave SE

MEETING SUMMARY

Commissioners Present

Hank Klein, Kathe Low, Cheryl Wagner, Stephanie Hibner, Nancy Way, Doug Eglington, Sheila Sappington, Loreen Leo, Sid Gupta, Glenn Bower (alternate)

Commissioners Absent

None.

Staff Present

Kyle Endelman, Susan Cezar, Janie Jackson

Call to Order

6:31 p.m.

Approval of Summary

The April meeting summary was approved as presented.

Public Comment

Mary Victor, 408 208th Ave NE, Sammamish 98074, talked about area historical map information.

Parks CIP Discussion

Review and Finalize Parks Vision Statement

Susan presented the Capital Facilities Consolidated Vision for approval by the Parks Commission. Commissioners provided feedback.

Public Input and Public Outreach

As part of an outreach effort, Parks staff recently visited two hundred seventy 4th and 5th grade students over three days to ask what they wanted to see in Sammamish Parks. There is also a spotlight on the City website directing people to a survey and some Commissioners attended Rig-a-palooza and the SCAC Grand Opening to gather feedback.

Review Draft 2017-22 Parks CIP

Kyle presented the projects that were identified as higher priority in the Parks CIP and the associated costs. This was provided in a handout to the Commission. After discussing and clarifying each project a motion was made and seconded to accept the draft CIP as amended. The vote was unanimous.

Review Draft Parks CIP Hand-off Memo

Staff and Commissioners discussed drafting a memo to the City Council that will highlight their CIP recommendations.

Park Commission Liaison Reports

Sammamish Friends – Sid and Loreen

Sammamish Friends is on the cusp of acquiring insurance for the mud run. They are hosting a booth at the Big Rock Park Grand Opening on May 21 as well as the Sammamish Farmers Markets on June 22 and July 6.

Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat – Kathe

Group leader, Sharon Steinbis met with City staff at the Lancaster stormwater pond to talk about where native plants could be placed without interfering with the function of the pond. The next step will be to perform a site evaluation to identify what plants are there, create a landscape design and then install native plants. They have communicated with the Lancaster Ridge residents who are on board with the plan. Lancaster Ridge residents will be invited to planting parties and maintenance of the pond will eventually be handed off to them. The group talked about creating a loop trail across top of the berm and hopes it will link to the Big Rock Park trail system in the future. They plan to document the stormwater pond adoption process to serve as an outline for future projects.

Native Plant Stewards – Cheryl and Sid

Sid reported that fifty-five people attended the Earth Day work party on April 16, putting in one hundred fifty-nine hours and moving six cubic yards of mulch. There were two Eagle Scout projects; at Sammamish Landing, planting on the shoreline and at Pine Lake Park, building a fence and this work accounted for thirty-eight people donating one hundred volunteer hours.

Sammamish Walks – Hank and Loreen

Hank led the April walk at Hazel Wolf Wetlands. Upcoming walks will happen May 14 at Pine Lake Park and May 21, a children's walk at Big Rock Park. Both walks begin at 10:00 a.m.

Trail Stewards – Nancy

WTA is holding its Trails Skills College May 14 and 15 at Evans Creek Preserve. There will be a crib wall demonstration and teaching. Work continues at Beaver Lake Preserve. There will be more work in June including more trail building, putting in gravel and a puncheon. Eagle Scouts will be building turnpikes at Soaring Eagle in June.

Sammamish Youth Board – Doug

SYB is recruiting for next year. Their next meeting on the May 18th.

Sammamish Y – Doug

The new Y is now open. During the first two weekends more than two thousand people used the pools. There are between ten and eleven thousand memberships, exceeding Bellevue.

Sammamish Market – Stephanie

The Sammamish Farmers Market opens next Wednesday with a Grand Opening Ceremony at 3:50. More food vendors are participating this year but only five at each market. Hours are 4pm to 8pm. They are expecting more shoppers because of the Community Center being open. There are two new farmers selling and the Issaquah Food Bank will be onsite.

Sammamish Community Garden – Stephanie

All garden beds are assigned. There is a donation table set up this week for the Issaquah Food Bank. There is still a waiting list for garden plots.

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Other:

Sid talked about the CIP survey in Klahanie.

Meeting Calendar

Farmers Market Opens – Wednesday May 11, 2016 at Sammamish Commons

Big Rock Park Grand Opening – Saturday May 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Next Park Commission Meeting – Wednesday June 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn

8:55 p.m.