



**City of Sammamish  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting**  
April 8, 2009, 6:30-8:30 PM  
Sammamish City Hall ~ 801-229<sup>th</sup> Ave SE

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## **MEETING SUMMARY**

**Commissioners Present:** Hank Klein, Gail Michelman, John James, Judy Petersen, Mary Doerrer, Larry Crandall, Pauline Cantor, Nora Whittemore

**Commissioners Absent:** Rena Brady, Randy Jackson, Steve Pelton

**Staff Present:** Jessi Richardson, Linda Frkuska, Janie Marie

**Call to Order:** 6:37 p.m.

**Approval of Summary:** Summary from 3/11/09 approved as amended.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Update**

Staff will be updating the Sammamish PRO Plan in accordance with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office requirement. The Park Commission will be asked to participate extensively in the process with the objective of updating the goals and the vision for parks and recreation services in Sammamish. Improvements to the document may include more graphics and aerial photos of park property as well as an updated park inventory list. The update is required to be finished and adopted by the end of 2010 to maintain eligibility for state grants. Public input meetings will be scheduled in the near future.

### **Capital Project Updates**

#### **Lower Sammamish Commons Trail Improvement**

The trail is now closed as the project is underway.

#### **Beaver Lake Park Master Plan**

The first two public meetings were sparsely attended.

#### **Pine Lake Park Phase II**

Before and 'to date' photos of the project were shown. The dock is nearly complete and will be ready for opening day of fishing season. Lifeguarding begins June 20 and a grand re-opening event will happen in conjunction with the first concert on July 9.

### **Governance**

#### **Review Draft Park Commission By-Laws**

Discussion items included attendance, use of the word 'minutes' in exchange for the word 'summary' and voting/alternate positions. Chair/vice chair duties and elections were discussed. By-laws will be approved at the May meeting.

### Review Proposed Conversion to 4-Year Commission Terms

The ordinance pertaining to the Park Commission may be revised to add position numbers to each position and will spell out how the rotation will happen to adjust to 4 year terms. As new people are approved in 2011 the alternate positions will be phased out. The draft ordinance will be reviewed at the May meeting and recommendations will be presented to City Council at the joint meeting in June.

### **Park Commission Liaison Reports**

#### Skate Park Update

Pauline Cantor met with Maintenance Lead Mike Keller who reported no problems at the skate park. She encouraged him to talk to other staff members and to contact her with any concerns that come up. She is scheduled to talk with the Bellevue skate park coordinator and plans to discuss the process of forming a skate park advocacy group.

#### Backyard Wildlife Program Update

Hank Klein and others have met in an effort to establish Sammamish as a Backyard Wildlife Community through the National Wildlife Federation. They accredit cities and individual backyards as wildlife friendly by advocating the use of fewer pesticides and more native plants. There may be a presentation on this topic at one of the farmers markets.

#### Farmers Market

Opening day is May 20. Music, kids' events and guest chef demonstrations are planned.

#### Friends of Sammamish Parks

No update.

### **Other**

- Premier of the new sitcom "Parks & Recreation" Thursday, April 9.
- Mark Vysoky, Park Project Manager has resigned. The position will be filled.
- Gail, Pauline and Larry will represent the commission in planning the City's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday event.

### **Calendar**

Beaver Lake Park Master Plan Public Meeting: April 15 at 6:30 pm

Next Park Commission Meeting: May 13, 2009 at 6:30 pm

### **Adjourn**

8:37 p.m.