



**City of Sammamish
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting**

January 8, 2014 - 6:30-8:30 PM
Sammamish City Hall ~ 801-228th Ave SE

MEETING SUMMARY

Commissioners Present: Larry Crandall, Mary Doerrler, Hank Klein, Pauline Cantor, Loreen Leo, Cheryl Wagner, Steve Wright

Commissioners Absent: Krist Morrirt, Brad Conner

Staff Present: Jessi Bon, Linda Frkuska, Kellye Hilde, Lynne Handlos, Dawn Sanders, Janie Jackson

Call to Order: 6:37 pm

Approval of Summary: The meeting summary for November 6, 2013 was approved.

Public Comment:

Larry Crandall wished to thank the Parks Commission for all their good work.

AWC Student Scholarship Panel Recruitment & Summer Concert Selection Panel

Lynne Handlos talked about a scholarship available from the Association of Washington Cities for high school seniors enrolling in the fall as freshmen in college. She explained the selection process and asked for volunteers from the Commission to sit on an evaluation panel. Steve, Lorene and Cheryl volunteered.

Lynne also asked for volunteers from the Commission to evaluate bands for the 2014 Summer Concert Series. Steve and Hank volunteered. Commissioners were asked to spread the word if they know of bands who would like to be considered for the summer concert lineup.

2014 WASLA/WRPA Conference

The first joint conference between the Washington Recreation and Park Association (WRPA) and the Washington chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) will be held at Magnusson Park from April 8 through 11. Over 80 educational sessions will be offered. More information is coming soon and Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Trail Steward Recruitment

Dawn Sanders talked about the very successful growth and development of the Native Plant Steward Program and hopes for similar success with the Sammamish Trail Steward Program. Washington Trails Association has been contracted to facilitate 24 work parties during the month

of April for construction of the Phase II trails at Evans Creek Preserve. Potential Trail Stewards are encouraged to sign up with WTA as volunteers for ECP Phase II, where they will receive training while helping construct the trails. After the project is completed, Trail Stewards can continue being involved in trail maintenance and monitoring of invasive plants. Commissioners are encouraged to spread the word to anyone interested in becoming a Trail Steward.

Project Updates

See attached report.

Additional updates:

- Tom Vance was chosen as Mayor for a two year term and Kathy Huckabay was chosen as Deputy Mayor with a one year term.
- The majority of the Community Garden plot holders have returned for the 2014 growing season. In addition, 17 new gardeners from the wait list were able to rotate in.
- Some diseased Douglas fir trees were removed from Pine Lake Park and Beaver Lake Park. An arborist determined that the trees were infected with laminated root rot which is a condition that affects the roots of the tree, weakens its structural integrity and possibly causing the tree to fall. Western red cedars were replanted in place of the Douglas Firs because they are not affected by laminated root rot.
- Mary Piggot donated one million dollars to the Y towards their fundraising efforts for the Sammamish Community/Aquatic Center.
- The council approved \$150,000 for the design of a parking lot and ADA trail connecting to the East Lake Sammamish Trail at Sammamish Landing. Due to Parks workload, Public Works will be managing the project.
- In upcoming months, the Parks Commission will be reviewing the Parks ordinance for revisions to include rules pertaining to navigable waters and boaters.

Park Commission Liaison Reports

Farmers Market – Larry Crandall

Deb Sogge will be managing the market at least at the beginning of the 2014 season. The market may open May 14 rather than the May 21. Commissioners discussed waiting until the February meeting to appoint a new liaison. Loreen expressed interest in volunteering for this position.

SammamishFriends.org/Backyard Wildlife Habitat Project (BWHP)/ Native Plant Stewards (NPS) –

Pauline Cantor

- Sammamish Friends: The group is in the process of applying for insurance. Pauline circulated a map that was created with the help of Mountains to Sound Greenway identifying a potential trail corridor. Plans are underway to meet with the Issaquah Alps trail group for their input. Sammamish Friends is working with BWHP in providing input for the city's comp plan. The website continues to be developed.
- BWHP: 70 points were attained towards continued certification (only 40 were needed). The next meeting is tentatively set for the end of January. Sharon Steinbis is taking over leadership for Jan Bird. Pauline asked for continued support by spreading the word to

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friends and neighbors to sign up their homes as Wildlife Habitats. An ongoing goal is to encourage the remainder of the schools in Sammamish to sign up.

- NPS: A salvage was held November 16 and was organized by an Eagle Scout as his project. He logged 99 volunteer hours. 100 plants were relocated to the Lower Commons. 200 ferns are now in the holding area at Big Rock Park. The group hopes to hold another salvage in the spring of 2014. Work party dates have been set for March 8 at Evans Creek Preserve, April 22 at Lower Commons (Earth Day), April 26 Lower Commons, May 3 at Sammamish Landing (with Friends of Cedar River Watershed) and June 7 at Sammamish Landing. Two additional Eagle Scout projects are planned for March 15 at Lower Commons and the Community Garden.

Sammamish Walks & SammamishWalks.org – Loreen Leo

Next month Loreen will give a recap of 2013 and upcoming walks for 2014.

Trail Stewards – Brad Conner

No report.

Sammamish Youth Board - Steve Wright

Steve was involved in the judging for Youth of the Year award in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club.

Other:

Larry encouraged the Commission to read the article in the most recent NRPA magazine regarding the senior population.

Commissioners and staff celebrated Larry Crandall for his 5 years of service on the Parks Commission. Larry set a wonderful example by volunteering at innumerable Sammamish events, serving on committees and volunteering his time throughout the Sammamish community. He will be missed!

Calendar:

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| Tuesday, January 14 | New Commissioner Interviews | 6:30 pm |
| Monday, January 20 | MLK, Jr. Day – Office Closed | |
| Wednesday, February 5 | Parks Commission Meeting | 6:30 pm |

Adjourn: 8:15 pm

Sammamish Parks & Recreation Capital Projects Status

January 2014

- Sammamish Community and Aquatic Center**
Staff updated the City Council on the project status at the November 18th meeting. Two possible scenarios were presented to Council – the current design at \$34.5M and a reduced scope design at \$30.7M. The council approved moving forward with the current design.
- Evans Creek Preserve Phase 2 Trails and Sahalee Connection**
The contract with the Washington Trails Association (WTA) has been approved by Council for trail construction in 2014. WTA will begin trail layout in January in preparation for construction. The parking lot improvements will be bid out to a contractor, with construction expected to start in May.
- Big Rock Park Master Plan**
The SEPA process is still underway. Upon completion of this, staff will return to the Council for plan adoption.
- Sammamish Landing**
The City Council approved funding for design of the parking lot and ADA access at Sammamish Landing. The design will not include a restroom. The Public Works Department will be taking the lead on this project due to lack of Park staff resources.
- Sammamish Commons Climbing Wall**
This project will likely go before the Council in the spring for approval.