



City of Sammamish  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
July 01, 2015 - 6:30-8:30 PM  
Sammamish City Hall 801 228<sup>th</sup> Ave SE

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## MEETING SUMMARY

### **Commissioners Present**

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

### **Commissioners Absent**

Sheila Sappington (alternate)

### **Staff Present**

Jessi Bon, Kyle Endelman, Janie Jackson

### **Call to Order**

6:32 p.m.

### **Approval of Summary**

The meeting summary for June 3 was approved.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Introduction of new Community Services Coordinator**

During the last biennial budget cycle, the city council approved funding for the new half-time position of Community Services Coordinator. Allison Gubata accepted the position and will be working with schools, Rotary, Kiwanis, HOA's and other community groups. Allison has worked in the Finance department for the past eight years and also provided administrative support to the Arts Commission.

### **Sammamish Landing Railroad Exhibit Proposal**

Former Councilmember Lee Felling gave a presentation about the history of the railroad in this area and its significance in Sammamish. He is spearheading an effort to display a railroad artifact near Sammamish Landing and feels that a piece of train track, a log car and interpretative signage would be of interest due to the history of logging in this area. Commissioners agreed that Sammamish would benefit from the historical perspective but voiced concerns that Sammamish Landing may not be appropriate for a large exhibit due to limited access and the original intent of the Sammamish Landing Master Plan to be a passive park. They agreed that perhaps a plan that included sections of track and interpretive signage could be a possibility. These concepts will be discussed at a meeting later in the fall.

### **Park Commission Liaison Reports**

#### Sammamish Friends – Mary, Sid and Nicole

- Emerald Necklace: King County was not awarded the Conservation Futures grant for the purchase of parcels north of Soaring Eagle Park as part of the Emerald Necklace. They will apply again next year. There may be possible funding options through the Trust for Public Lands.
- Kids Mud Run: The decision was made not to have the kids' marathon over the course of the year and instead focus on one race in August of 2016 for kids 5 to 10 years old with a maximum capacity of 200 kids. Sammamish Friends would still like to host mini events next year at the Sammamish Farmers Market, Summer Concert Series, and Kids First performances which would lead up to a mud-run perhaps coinciding with Sammamish Days.
- STEM Students Project Grant: The STEM Students submitted a grant application to Sammamish Friends for the Big Rock Park project and it is being reviewed at this time. Work parties for the restoration part of their project will start in October. They will make a presentation to the City Council on October 6. One of the STEM student interns, Maya Gupta is hoping to take an internship with Sammamish Friends this summer.
- Fourth on the Plateau: Sammamish Friends is once again hosting the Kids Zone at the Fourth on the Plateau event. There will be six bouncy houses. Tickets will be \$5 and provide full access to the bouncy houses between 6 and 9 p.m. Sammamish Friends will have an information booth as well. Volunteers are needed.

#### Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat – Kathe

This group is working on updating the content on their website and brochure. The Sammamish Friends group has been helping with this and will be funding the website. Many thanks Sean Smith for getting the website up and running. The web address is

<http://sammamishcommunitywildlifehabitat.org/>

#### Native Plant Stewards – Sid and Cheryl

Events were held May 31 at Beaver Lake Park, June 3 at Pine Lake Park, June 6 at Lower Commons and June 13<sup>th</sup> at Ebright Creek. There has been a high survival rate for plants. Irrigation is running strong at Lower Commons and in the works at Ebright. In total, 42 volunteers donated 73.25 hours. There will be family-friendly planting events every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday through August. Native Plant Stewards exceeded their 2014 volunteer hours goal. Nancy Way thanked parks maintenance department for watering the plants along King County trail.

#### Sammamish Walks – Hank and Loreen

Hank led last month's walk which was very well attended. The next walk is July 18 at Sammamish Landing, led by Nan Gordon, along the East Lake Sammamish Trail and will focus on area history.

#### Trail Stewards – Nicole

Work on the Soaring Eagle Blue Jay Way trail is slated for July 14 through 17 and is being coordinated with an Eagle Scout for building up the trail and possibly building a structure across a stream. Big Rock Park trail work is slated for July 29 through August 1. Trail Stewards are working to replace a smaller boardwalk. Beaver Lake Preserve trail work is postponed until next year.

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### Sammamish Youth Board – Doug

SYB does not meet during summer vacation. They will have a new liaison to the Parks Commission in the fall.

### YMCA – Doug

The Y is continuing to raise money for operation of the Sammamish Community and Aquatic Center and is also working on staffing.

### Historic Properties Inventory – Doug

Doug will share details of the earlier conversation regarding railroad heritage with the Sammamish Heritage Society group. The Historic properties inventory is currently taking place. They have identified as many as 160 potential parcels from pre-1940. The next step will be physically looking at those sites using the US Department of the Interior template as to what constitutes a historic structure.

### Farmers Market – Stephanie and Nicole

There is an Indian food truck alternating weekly barbeque truck. The market is doing well this year and all numbers are up. The Sammamish Chamber is promoting Sammamish Nights on August 22. Shelly and The Curves are playing.

### Community Garden – Stephanie

The new garden gates are done and may be installed July 9 but this needs to be coordinated with the artist. They would like to have a ribbon cutting event that could piggy-back with another event to draw more people. The garden manager reports that everything is going well. Missing spray nozzles have been replaced and dogs are under control. Kudos to Elby and Joanna. The garden will be locked on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **Other**

- Follow up on Movies in the Park: Kyle spoke with SYB staff liaison Lynne Handlos. The SYB would like to organize outdoors PG movies geared towards pre-teens next summer and is seeking feedback from the Parks Commission.
- Klahanie Welcome Event September 12: An event is being planned to commemorate the Klahanie area annexation and will include live music, food and bouncy toys. City departments, all boards and commissions and non-profits will be participating.
- Food Forest at Lower Commons: Kathe asked about the possibility of using the orchard in Lower Commons to collect fruit for the area foodbanks. The city is supportive of this and staff is checking into getting some help to manage the fruit trees.
- Discuss August Meeting: Due to the August recess of the City Council, a motion was made and seconded to cancel the August Parks Commission meeting.

### **Meeting Calendar**

Saturday July 4 – Fourth on the Plateau Fireworks Event

No August meeting.

Wednesday September 1 – next regular Parks Commission meeting.

### **Adjourn**

8:07 p.m.