



City of Sammamish  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
February 03, 2016 - 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, Kathe Low, Sid Gupta, Stephanie Hibner, Nancy Way, Glenn Bowers (alternate)

### **Commissioners Absent**

Cheryl Wagner, Sheila Sappington, Doug Eglington

### **Staff Present**

Jessi Bon, Kyle Endelman, Susan Cezar, Janie Jackson

### **Call to Order**

6:31 p.m.

### **Approval of Summary**

The January meeting summary was approved as presented

### **Public Comment**

Larry Crandall 4335 Issaquah-Pine Lake Road SE, Unit 1406, Sammamish – He welcomed old and new Commissioners and encouraged everyone to keep up the good work. He thinks 2016 will be a fabulous year. He invited everyone to attend the Planning Commission meeting tomorrow night.

Shelly Watson 4112 244th Lane SE, Sammamish - She is a member of the CERT team for Klahanie, working with Sammamish Citizen Corps. She was unsure whether the Parks Commission was aware of the work being done by the Sammamish Citizen Corps. They use a model called the Info Hub for disseminating and gathering information if and when there is a disaster. The Info Hubs are currently meeting in parks around the city of Sammamish. They are participating in the Cascadia Rising drills to keep up with disaster response skills. As they conduct their exercises, the teams are encountering issues in parks where there are no shelters, or are a bit off the road. It occurred to her there is probably overlap in disaster planning with the Sammamish Citizen Corps and the visioning exercise for parks the Parks Commission is doing. She doesn't have a list of what the parks would need to have in order to be a better fit for a disaster response but she would like Citizen Corps to have input into possible park improvements. For example, a shelter or covered area so that when the teams are meeting and citizens are arriving, a covered area would be more helpful than being out in the open while conducting exercises or in the event of an emergency. She feels this would be a great opportunity for connection. They conducted an exercise last weekend and discussed issues around using the parks. She noticed the Parks Commission had liaisons for various groups and wondered if Sammamish Citizen Corps could be added.

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Charles McCully 1714 211<sup>th</sup> Pl NE, Sammamish – He inquired about the status of the restrooms at Sammamish Landing. He also asked about how often the Sani-Cans at Sammamish Landing are cleaned out and what the maintenance schedule for the swings at East Sammamish park. Parks Deputy Director, Kyle Endelman responded.

### **Welcome New Commissioners**

Nancy Way and Sheila Sappington moved from alternate to regular positions. Glenn Bowers was added as an alternate. Glenn has lived in Sammamish 18 years, was on the original Sammamish Technology Board and has been a volunteer fire fighter.

### **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Cheryl Wagner was nominated as Deputy Chair and Hank Klein was nominated as Chair. Commissioners voted to re-appoint Cheryl and Hank.

### **Parks CIP**

In a previous meeting with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Parks Commission leadership was asked to come up with a vision statement to accompany the Parks Commission's recommendation to the City Council for the Parks Capital Improvement Plan update. Tonight's meeting will include a visioning exercise similar to one recently done during the City Council retreat. Commissioners were asked previously to write their own vision of Sammamish in 2040. Kyle Endelman and Susan Cezar began the conversation with a kick-off presentation outlining the visioning process and a look-ahead with milestone dates. Commissioners and staff shared their personal vision statements and then Chair Klein opened the floor to audience comments. Staff will identify common themes. Commissioners discussed public outreach strategies for the upcoming CIP discussions. Audience member Lance Baumen suggested communicating with area HOA's. Glenn Bowers suggested attending league sports meetings. Stephanie Hibner suggested including information in school newsletters. Audience member Debbie Lehrberger suggested newspaper articles in the Sammamish Review and Sammamish Reporter. Jessi Bon suggested going into school classrooms and virtual public meetings. Hank Klein suggested online surveys. Nancy Way reminded everyone that this is a visioning process and people should try not to get caught up in current needs. Hank suggested presenting at an upcoming Sammamish Youth Board meeting. Commissioners were encouraged to email additional suggestions. Public outreach will be discussed again at the next Commission meeting.

### **Park Commission Liaison Reports**

#### Sammamish Friends –

Planning for a Kid's Mud Run is proceeding. Obstacle designs have been submitted and Kiwanis is working to clear them with the insurance company. The event will take place on Sammamish Days on August 20 and will be capped at 200 kids. Their monthly meeting is next Monday.

#### Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat – Kathe

Sid reported there is a meeting on Tuesday the 9th at 9:30 with Tawni Dalziel, the city's stormwater engineer.

#### Native Plant Stewards –

Sid reported there were 30 volunteers at an event on the January 18 at Ebricht Creek Park. There was also an event at Lower Commons on the 18th where 250 plants were planted.

#### Sammamish Walks – Hank and Loreen

All previous walk leaders offered to continue leading walks in 2016. April 23 at Hazel Wolf Wetland Preserve, May at Pine Lake (history walk), June Beaver Lake Preserve, July at Yellow

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Lake and Sammamish Landing (history walk), August at Beaver Lake Park, September at Big Rock Park (Naturevision) and October at Soaring Eagle.

### Trail Stewards –

No report.

### Sammamish Youth Board – Doug

Doug sent the following report via email: The board met on Jan 27. Members heard a presentation by Helen Lui from Hand in Hand We Code an organization dedicated to computer literacy. The organization encourages people of all ages to learn and use coding.

Board members serve as liaisons to a variety community organizations including the chamber and local school districts. The board also heard that Tent City will be returning to Mary Queen of Peace. The board also raised \$800 for a literacy project it is sponsoring. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16.

### Sammamish Y – Doug

Doug sent the following report via email: The Y has completed its charter membership phase with 2,200 memberships representing approximately 6,500 - 7,000 people. The organization also compiled its Sammamish volunteer hours for 2015: 1,500 volunteers performed 10,000 service hours for our community.

### Sammamish Market – Stephanie

There was a planning meeting on January 27. The Market will start on May 11. Master Gardeners will attend each week. They will also host talks at city hall.

### Sammamish Community Garden – Stephanie

Stephanie spoke with Elby. She is in process of relocating plots. A food bank donation box will be installed and on Farmers Market days will be given to the Foodbank.

## **Other**

### **Parks Commission Bylaws**

Kyle asked Commissioners to review the bylaws.

### **Assign Parks Commission Liaisons**

There is a need for a liaison for trail stewards. Nancy Way volunteered. Loreen will join Sid in support of Sammamish Friends. Glenn will join Doug in support of SYB.

### **Sammi Awards Recognition**

Sid received the Sammi award for Environmental Stewardship. Congratulations Sid!

Stephanie and Sid met with Lynne Handlos to evaluate AWC scholarship applications.

### **Meeting Calendar**

Wednesday March 2 – Regular Parks Commission Meeting

Thursday March 17 – Joint Meeting with Planning Commission

### **Adjourn**

8:15 p.m.