



City of Sammamish
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
October 5, 2016 - 6:30-8:30 PM
Sammamish City Hall 801 228th Ave SE

MEETING SUMMARY

Commissioners Present

Hank Klein, Sid Gupta, Sheila Sappington, Loreen Leo, Kathe Low, Cheryl Wagner, Nancy Way, Glenn Bowers

Commissioners Absent

Doug Eglington, Stephanie Hibner

Staff Present

Angie Feser, Kyle Endelman, Janie Jackson

Call to Order

6:34 p.m.

Approval of Summary

The September meeting summary was approved as presented.

Public Comment

Sean Smith - 1605 218th Ct. SE showed a presentation highlighting the Kids Mud Run on August 20. The event was supported by the City, sponsors, volunteers, kids and parents and was a great success.

Non-Motorized Plan Update

Five firms submitted proposals in response to the RFQ for the Non-Motorized Plan update, however the project has been put on hold. There have been discussions of completing the full Transportation Improvement Plan before the update of the Non-Motorized Plan. Trail corridors and land acquisition will also be addressed within the upcoming Land Acquisition Strategy project as well as the update to the PRO Plan in 2017.

PRO Plan Update

The PRO Plan update will kick off in January 2017 and is required to be completed by March 1, 2018. Commissioners were asked to familiarize themselves with the PRO Plan document.

Land Acquisition Strategy Update

Otak has been selected as the consultant for the Land Acquisition Strategy which will create an evaluation process for properties that become available for sale, ascertain possible deficits in the Parks system and possibly identify trail corridors.

Sammamish Landing Update

The docks at Sammamish Landing are being removed and repaired and will be placed back in the water in the spring. A series of ramps from East Lake Sammamish Parkway to the docks will be designed and built to provide ADA access. A restroom building was purchased and will be installed this spring along the ADA trail. It includes men's and women's restrooms and an outdoor shower.

Park Commission Liaison Reports

Sammamish Friends – Sid

Sammamish Friends staffed a booth September 14 at the Sustainable Sammamish event. They will be hosting a meeting at the Y on November 10 at 7p.m. and will be discussing plastic bag bans. Their next monthly meeting is this coming Monday at 7p.m.

Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat – Kathe

Work is progressing on the Lancaster Ridge stormwater pond. Salvaged plants will be planted at a work party on October 22. The group is working to secure grant money and Sammamish Friends has provided some money for plants as well. The new Stormwater Plan is allowing for eligible stormwater ponds to be converted to rain gardens.

Native Plant Stewards – Cheryl and Sid

There will be a work party to remove blackberries and spread mulch at Ebright Creek Park on October 29 from 9a.m. to noon. There was a work party in early September at Sammamish Landing to remove purple loosestrife. The group is hosting a talk at Bellevue Botanical Gardens on October 12 at 7:00 p.m. on gardening with native plants.

Sammamish Walks – Hank and Loreen

Walks are over for the season.

Trail Stewards – Nancy

WTA will be helping at Evans Creek Preserve and Beaver Lake in October. Eagle Scouts are working on a turnpike at Soaring Eagle and widening the gravel trail at Beaver Lake to make it ADA accessible.

Sammamish Youth Board – Doug

Doug sent a report via email. The Youth Board had their first meeting on September 14 followed by an all-day retreat on September 17th. At their first meeting, new officers were introduced, there was an ice-breaker exercise to get acquainted and a discussion on teen issues with a focus on high school stress, lack of teen activities and events. There will be a meeting on teen suicide on September 29 from 6:30 to 8p.m. at the Sammamish Library. The Parks Commission may want to address concerns about teen activities and events.

Sammamish Y – Doug

Doug sent a report via email. The Y/City partnership committee has begun a community center walkthrough activity to detect possible maintenance issues or safety concerns.

Sammamish Market – Stephanie

No report.

Sammamish Community Garden – Stephanie

No report.

Other

Pine Lake Park Tree Removal

Kyle reported that several trees fell last year in Pine Lake Park. Tree health reports were performed by a certified arborist who determined 19 of the trees were infected with laminated root rot and are considered dangerous. Those trees will be removed and/or wildlife snagged which is to cut the tops to an appropriately safe height. These trees will be replaced with trees that are less susceptible to root rot.

Proposed 2017/18 Budget

Angie showed a power point showing highlights of the Parks and Recreation proposed budget for 2017/18. The City Council reviewed the budget last week and next week's study session will focus on the budget in more detail.

Rental Fee Update

Rental fee increases for natural turf fields, artificial turf fields, picnic shelters and facilities have recently been approved by the City Council. Other changes to rental policies include eliminating non-resident rates, lowering the rental rate for Beaver Lake Lodge and removing Council Chambers from the list of available rental facilities.

Commissioner Appointments

The Parks Commission terms of Kathe Low, Cheryl Wagner, Loreen Leo and Glenn Bowers will expire in January 2017. They were asked to indicate their desire to either remain on the Commission or not by emailing City Clerk, Melonie Anderson.

Moratorium Update

The City Council recently discussed imposing a moratorium on Town Center development. Although there was no vote for or against, Council directed staff to study the possibility of a moratorium and will consider it again after 60 days.

Meeting Calendar

Monday, October 31 – 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Halloween Happening

Wednesday, November 2 – 6:30 p.m. Regular Parks Commission Meeting

Adjourn

8:09 p.m.