



City of Sammamish  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
January 06, 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, Doug Eglington, Mary Doerrer, Kathe Low, Sid Gupta, Stephanie Hibner, Sheila Sappington (alternate), Nancy Way (alternate)

### **Commissioners Absent**

None

### **Staff Present**

Jessi Bon, Kyle Endelman, Janie Jackson

### **Call to Order**

6:36 p.m.

### **Approval of Summary**

The meeting summary for November was approved (the December meeting was cancelled)

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Celebrate Mary Doerrer**

Commissioners and staff honored Mary Doerrer for her 10 years of services to the Parks Commission.

### **Parks CIP Walkthrough**

Deputy Director Kyle Endelman provided a presentation on the Parks CIP and a variety of projects under consideration for future funding. This information was provided in preparation for the upcoming work on the Parks CIP, which will take place over the next several months.

### **Park Commission Liaison Reports**

#### Sammamish Friends – Mary and Sid

Sean Smith, a member of Sammamish Friends, provided a report on the most recent meeting of the operations sub-committee. Topics of discussion included the group's identity as well as micro-grants and the grant application process. Sammamish Friends has received some donations that are dedicated funds as well as grants that were made to Sammamish Wildlife Habitat. They are working on a marketing plan and getting material for booths. They are also talking about fundraising. Sammamish Friends helped the Habitat group establish a web page for a new group called the "Storm Water Stewards." The new group will be working to promote rain gardens. Sammamish Friends' monthly meeting is Monday January 11. The stormwater group will have a meeting on January 13. The next operations meeting will be January 20.

Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat – Kathe

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In addition to getting more homeowners to sign up to become certified backyard wildlife habitats, the group would like to designate some stormwater ponds as wildlife habitat. They are focusing on one by Big Rock Park. Mark Cross and William Way, who are experts in stormwater management, came and spoke to the group. The group will host Aaron Clark to speak about rain gardens and storm water management on January 13.

Native Plant Stewards – Sid and Cheryl

On December 5 a group of eight people worked at Ebright Creek Park; mulching in the rain. On Martin Luther King Day from noon to 3:00 p.m. there will be a work party at Ebright Creek Park. A total of 16 hours were volunteered at the Lower Commons in December.

Sammamish Walks – Hank and Loreen

The 2016 walks will be announced in March.

Trail Stewards –

No report.

Sammamish Youth Board – Doug

The SYB met last month for social time.

Sammamish Y – Doug

The Y is recruiting for new staff. They interviewed over one 135 people over two days at a recruiting fair. There are 1800 memberships at the new facility. They are meeting tomorrow, so more information will be available next month.

Sammamish Market – Stephanie

No report.

Sammamish Community Garden – Stephanie

Notifications were sent to last year's gardeners to see if they want to renew their plots this year. There are 37 people on the waiting list.

### **Other**

AWC Student Scholarship – Park Commission Recruitment

Lynne Handlos has asked for volunteers to review AWC scholarship applications. Stephanie and Sid volunteered.

Entertainment for Concerts in the Park – Park Commission Recruitment

Lynne Handlos has asked for volunteers to help evaluate bands for concerts in the parks. Kathe and Sid volunteered.

Lower Commons Orchard Expansion

There is room at the Lower Commons Orchard to add six to twelve more fruit trees. The city would like to work with an expert to learn how to maintain the fruit trees and would like to find a volunteer to teach pruning techniques. Last year, hundreds of pounds of apples were donated to the local foodbank.

Impact Fee Update

New Parks Impact Fees were adopted and are now in effect. These are the fees collected on new development that are to be used to support new parks projects.

User Fee Update

The City Council decided to postpone the discussion of increasing facility rental fees. This topic will be rescheduled and is tentatively planned to go to Council in February.

Hope Festival Discussion

At the November Nourishing Network meeting, Sid met with a high school student who stepped up to run a local harvest festival. The student would like the Parks Commission to manage a collection spot for books, food and clothing which he will then hand out to families in need. After a short discussion the Commission decided it was beyond their scope as a group to provide direct support of this project.

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**Meeting Calendar**

Wednesday, February 3 – Regular Parks Commission Meeting

**Adjourn**

8:21 p.m.