



MEETING SUMMARY

Parks & Recreation Commission

6:30 PM - April 3, 2019

City Hall Council Chambers, Sammamish, WA

Commissioners Present:

Eirlys Vanderhoff, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 1
Katherine Low, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 2
Cheryl Wagner, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 3
Sid Gupta, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 5
Seth Van Grinsven, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 6
Sarvinder Marwaha, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 7
Nancy Way, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 8
Jodi Nishioka, Human Services Commissioner, Position 1
Joyce Bottenberg, Human Services Commissioner, Position 7
Rita Badh, Community Services Coordinator
Stanley Gunno, Human Services Commissioner, Position 3
Larry Wright, Human Services Commissioner, Position 4
Tom Ehlers, Human Services Commissioner, Position 6
Mike Sugg, Management Analyst

Commissioners Absent:

Sara Houpis, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 4
Hank Klein, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 9

Staff Present:

Angie Feser, Director of Parks & Recreation
Anjali Myer, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation
Belle Stanley, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Gupta called the Sammamish Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was called.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Nancy Way moved to approve the April 3, 2019 meeting agenda as distributed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

TOPICS

Introductions of Commissioners of the Parks & Recreation Commission and Human Services Commission

Each commissioner shared their name, a little bit of their background and involvement in the City.

Sammamish Youth Board Annual Report

The SYB leadership presented an overview of the mission and membership. They detailed recent completed projects, attended events and planned projects for the future. The SYB leadership also encouraged both commissions to support and attend SYB meetings or events. They expressed an interest in more involvement and participation in connectivity between the commissions and the SYB.

Parks & Recreation Department - Overview

The department overview was presented by Angie Feser, Anjali Myer and Chris Jordan. It covered park properties including trails, park planning and land acquisition and then recreation, encompassing events and programming in the community. Park Planning projects include improving existing parks and designing and constructing new parks, preserves and open spaces with amenities to support the mental and physical health of residents and serve a growing community. The Recreation division provides cultural and recreational opportunities, including special events, that promote healthy lifestyles and a sense of community. They manage facility rentals and the City's volunteer program. The Maintenance division provides routine maintenance for our growing parks and recreation facilities to ensure longevity of assets, a positive aesthetic and sensory experience, preservation of habitat and natural systems and safety for park patrons.

Human Services Commission Presentation

Rita Badh, Human Services Coordinator and Mike Sugg, Management Analyst, presented an overview of the Human Services department and the role of Parks & Recreation in Human Services. Human services in Sammamish are administered through an indirect model, which means the City funds agencies who provide services to residents, instead of the City providing those services directly. These agencies are carefully selected through a competitive grant process. In return, they offer services that are affordable (low cost, adjusted according to income, or free) and accessible. Services provided by the funded agencies vary widely, from cultural navigator programs to domestic violence legal services. In addition to managing the grant program, the Community Services Coordinator connects residents with services, raises awareness of community needs and services, advocates at the regional level, coordinates volunteer opportunities for residents, serves as the City liaison to community groups, and participates in a variety of meetings, programs and events on behalf of the City.

Collaboration Opportunities Discussion

This discussion was facilitated by Angie Feser and encouraged the joint commissions to answer and brainstorm these two questions: 1. Where might the work of the Parks & Recreation and Human Services Commissions overlap? 2. How might the Commissions work to support and assist each other? A robust discussion followed with feedback being recorded for future referencing and plans to increase the collaborative efforts of commissions' efforts.

OTHER

MEETING CALENDAR

[Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Calendar](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Sid Adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.