



MEETING SUMMARY

Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting

6:30 PM - March 6, 2019

City Hall Council Chambers, Sammamish, WA

Commissioners Present:

Eirlys Vanderhoff, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 1
Cheryl Wagner, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 3
Sid Gupta, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 5
Sara Houpis, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 4
Nancy Way, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 8
Hank Klein, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 9

Commissioners Absent:

Katherine Low, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 2
Seth Van Grinsven, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 6
Sarvinder Marwaha, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 7

Staff Present:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Klein called the Sammamish Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

ROLL CALL

Role was called.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Summary of 020619 was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ana Yorba 25025 SE Klahanie Blvd, Sammamish

Klahanie Park Master Plan - cultivate its natural resources; focus on preservation, support current maintenance but no further expansion or intensification of use.

Sharon Steinbis, 24933 SE 14th St, Sammamish

Klahanie Park Master Plan - Focus on goal of minimal development. Save the Queens Bog which is a rare and unique Eco system in King County. Spoke to preservation and restoration of the bog. Minimal new disturbance to that Eco system. Recommend to redirect stormwater away from the bog. Maintenance of fields to focus on preservation and not degradation.

Karen Hobbs, 640 222nd Pl SE, Sammamish

Regarding the Balmoral property held by the homeowners. According to CCNR's, the City would need unanimous consent from the nine homeowners which they have not received. Taking an individual's private property is a serious offense. Condemning a piece of property requires the City to prove it is necessary. It requires that there are no other viable options. There are alternatives. There are a multitude of misrepresentations in the agenda.

Jan Bird, 3310 221st Ave SE, Sammamish

Seconds the comments of Ana and Sharon with regards to Klahanie Park Master Plan. Spoke regarding East Sammamish Park invasive plant removal in partnership with Margaret Mead School. Endorsed a connecting trail to Big Rock Park. Going around using 4th and other streets would be a safety issue without sidewalks.

Diane Weinstein 24116 SE 45th Pl, Sammamish

Klahanie Park Master Plan - Preserve the Queens Bog. Noxious weeds need to be controlled. The overall character of Klahanie Park should remain the same. Expanded use of the park would affect traffic and parking. Lighting would affect residents close-by. Artificial turf would limit the community usage of the park and cause an environmental impact.

Mary Wictor, 408 208th Ave, Sammamish

Klahanie Park Master Plan - Protective code for bogs. Low impact development to allow proper drainage. Even doing small changes look at code.

Bonnie Anderson, 24116 SE 45th Pl, Sammamish

Klahanie Park Master Plan - Natural setting is the most enjoyable part. Please don't commercialize the site.

Mary Wictor, 408 208th Ave, Sammamish

Non-agenda topic, addressing the traffic. Traffic to the schools. Trails to the schools, specifically Mead and Smith. Reduce traffic. Increase trail connectivity even if it needs to go through privately-owned property.

TOPICS

Klahanie Master Plan - Hopes, Dreams and Concerns

[Presentation](#)

Shelby Perrault, Park Project Manager

Juliet Vong, Project Consultant, Hough, Beck and Baird Inc (HBB)

Provided a complete presentation of project scope, existing conditions and timeline. Led into a time of discussion with the commissioners to provide their input. The presentation concluded with the next steps in the project planning.

Lower Commons - Big Rock Park Trail Easement Recommendation

[Presentation](#)

Monica Thompson, Parks Project Manager

Presentation provided background, trail options that have been evaluated over the last few years and the condemnation process. There is a possibility of condemnation of a trail

easement connecting Lower Commons Park and Big Rock Park. The focus of the presentation was to provide information to the Parks & Recreation Commission to consider a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the Condemnation Ordinance for the Lower Commons to Big Rock Park Trail Easement.

Sid Gupta moved to Recommend Route Option #3, from the presentation, for connecting Lower Commons Park and Big Rock Park.

Chair/Vice Chair Elections

Elections were conducted by paper ballot. By majority vote, with one abstention, Hank Klein was re-elected Chair with Sid Gupta elected as Vice Chair.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Angie Feser, Department Update - highlighted the Parks & Recreation Priorities document included in the agenda packet. There will be commissioner training offered in May, Jurassic Parliament. City Manager recruitment was completed by an agency. Narrowed it to 4 candidates. Interviews, tours and public meetings will take place over a three-day period, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Candidates will then be discussed at an executive session of Council with the hopes an offer and contract negotiations will begin shortly after. The projection is to have a City Manager in place in early May. Recap of snow and ice event , 1700 hours of overtime from a staff of approximately 25. An appreciation BBQ for the crews took place last Friday. Public outpouring of appreciation was also shared. Staff recruitment Management Analyst and a Parks Maintenance Lead. Earth Day coming up on April 27th.

Anjali Myer, Capital Update - Town Center Plaza project, mini master plan for the notch property at the north end of the Lower Commons Park. Looking for one commissioner to serve on a 4-hour charrette during the day. Hank Klein volunteered. Looking ahead, the discussion highlights will be brought back to the PRC on June 11th and to Council to weigh in on options and proposed plan for the notch property. ESP netting recommendation from PRC to Council was approved and has been sent out for bid. The projection is to have the custom netting ordered and installed by early Spring. In the future, Council would like user groups to contribute to one-off projects proposed. This is a process that will be looked at in the future.

PARKS COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

Sammamish Friends - Sid Barn Dance planning is in the works. July 20th is the date and Wally Perreya has offered his property once again. It is being planned with the support of the City. Sammamish Friends is looking for a manager/director for the 2019 Mud Run.

Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat - Kathe

No report

Native Plant Stewards - Cheryl/Sid

Some of the Native Plant stewards are working with the National Wildlife Federation. As a result of a training currently in process, a pollinator garden will be planted in the Lower Commons Park.

Sammamish Walks - Hank

Trail Stewards - Nancy

Sammamish Youth Board - Sara

Sammamish YMCA - Sarvinder

Sammamish Market - Seth

Community Garden - Eirlys

OTHER

MEETING CALENDAR

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.