



## MEETING SUMMARY

### Parks & Recreation Commission

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**6:30 PM - May 1, 2019**

City Hall Council Chambers, Sammamish, WA

**Commissioners Present:**

Eirlys Vanderhoff, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 1  
Cheryl Wagner, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 3  
Vice-Chair 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  
Chair Hank Klein, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 9

**Commissioners Absent:**

Katherine Low, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 2  
Sara Houpis, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position 4

**Staff Present:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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Roll call was called.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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Agenda was approved as presented.

**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING SUMMARY**

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March meeting summary was approved as presented.

April meeting summary was approved as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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None

**TOPICS**

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**Galaxy Digital - Volunteer Management Software - Chris Jordan, Recreation Manager**

Galaxy Digital is a mobile-friendly volunteer management software for non-profit organizations of all sizes. It's the single best tool for promoting, managing, engaging and reporting an organization's volunteerism and community impact. The new software allows volunteers to review current and upcoming events, sign up and track hours. The Sammamish Galaxy site, Community Connect, will also include and promote other community non-profits offering volunteer opportunities, in-kind needs and special events. The target soft launch is for the second quarter of the year.

**Lake Washington School District - Athletic Field Scheduling - Chris Jordan, Recreation Manager**

Lake Washington School District (LWSD) approached the City of Sammamish to begin scheduling their athletic fields at local Elementary, Middle and High Schools for community use. LWSD is interested in standardizing procedures, where shared constituents go to reserve fields within the city they live in. The current issue for leagues, organizations and individuals is that they need to contact each individual school to find out availability and to reserve the athletic field on site.

The proposal is for the City to take over scheduling for 11 additional fields within LWSD schools in the City. LWSD will continue to provide all maintenance to the fields. The elementary and middle school fields would be scheduled without a rental fee to continue the existing model LWSD has implemented. Eastlake varsity fields will have associated rental fees attached as established by LWSD. Those fees collected would be returned to the district.

The financial impact to the city would be a small amount of staff time, however, this can be compensated by adding a processing fee for scheduling the fields through the city.

**MOTION: Vice-Chair Sid Gupta moved to The Parks & Recreation Commission recommends to the City Council to take over the scheduling of the Lake Washington School District's athletic fields within city limits, starting in the fall of 2019 and to not charge a processing fee. Nancy Way seconded. Motion did not pass 0-7 with Vice-Chair Sid Gupta, Nancy Way, Eirlys Vanderhoff, Cheryl Wagner, Seth Van Grinsven, Sarvinder Marwaha, and Chair Hank Klein dissenting, Katherine Low and Sara Houpis absent.**

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**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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Sid Gupta - Joint Meeting with the Human Services Commission went well with good dialog about how the two commissions can work together. Earth Day was quite well attended at Beaver Lake Park. Lots of activities and displays. Mud Run tickets are on sale and Sammamish Friends is looking for volunteers to assist with the event.

Hank Klein - Earth Day was a great event. Eggstravaganza, put on by the YMCA, was well organized and had a huge number of people attend.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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Anjali Myer - General Update- The new City Manager, Rick Rudometkin, will be joining us on May 16th. The Bonneville Power Administration, BPA is beginning to implement clearing of their easement which runs through Klahanie Park and Beaver Lake Park. This has created an number of calls to the City. The BPA is working with us to coordinate the clearing to avoid event timeframes and to take into consideration the sensitive areas.

Park Planning - Anjali highlighted three smaller parks projects which staff has taken on: Sammamish Landing historic railroad artifacts installation and interpretive signage depicting the logging history of the area. The signage was all designed in-house. The slope repair required additional slope stabilization with jute fabric and replanting. East Sammamish Park - Additional hood of safety netting was installed in response to the request from Eastlake Sammamish Little League. The new netting has been effective in stopping errant foul balls. Klahanie Park - The new practice cricket pitch was installed on the edge of the existing fields. The cricket organization contributed financially to the project. The practice cricket pitch will open up availability for other organizations to rent the fields.

Chris Jordan - Recreation Update - Next event will be Rig-a-Palooza on May 18th. This is in coordination with Public Works Week. The Skate Competition will be taking place on June 7th. We are recruiting for Pine Lake lifeguards. We changed the start date for lifeguarding at the park to June 22nd. This will accommodate most of our summer staff which tends to be high school and college students. We have 4 interns beginning in May/June. Two recreation and two restoration. WNPS Stewardship certification program is in the process of recruiting a coordinator to implement the with classes beginning in the fall. Athletic fields rentals and prep have been going well; we're halfway through the season.

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## **PARKS COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS**

Sammamish Friends - Sid

Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat - Kathe

Native Plant Stewards - Cheryl/Sid

### **Sammamish Walks - Hank**

Next walk is on Sat, May 18th at Big Rock Park with another at Pine Lake Park on June 1st. Complete schedule can be found on the City Events calendar.

### **Trail Stewards - Nancy**

No report

### **Sammamish Youth Board - Sara**

No report

### **Sammamish YMCA - Sarvinder**

Eggstravaganza was a huge success utilizing 115 volunteers and more than 30 community vendors. The YMCA is doing a program for Parkinson's and the affect of exercise minimizing the affects. Annual fundraiser was completed with more than \$180,000 raised. The fund will be invested back into community-based programming geared toward health, fitness, active lifestyle and teen leadership, counseling and program scholarships.

Sammamish Market - Seth

Community Garden - Eirlys

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## **OTHER**

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## **MEETING CALENDAR**

The June meeting will be a joint meeting with City Council. The July meeting is typically a walk-about. Currently, it is scheduled for July 3rd which may not be conducive with the proximity of the Independence Day holiday. It

was decided to reschedule the meeting for Wed, July 10th. It will be a tour of two or three parks to be determined at a later date.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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Hank adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.