

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting October 4, 2011

Mayor Don Gerend called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:30 pm.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Don Gerend, Deputy Mayor Tom Odell, Councilmembers Mark Cross, John Curley, John James, Michele Petitti and Nancy Whitten.

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Finance Director Joe Guinasso, Deputy Finance Director Chris Gianini, Communications Manager Tim Larson, Public Works Director Laura Philpot, City Engineer Jeff Brauns, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol, Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Richardson, Volunteer Coordinator Dawn Sanders, Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein, City Attorney Bruce Disend, and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Eastlake Student Liaison Felipe Concha led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember James moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Student Liaison Reports

Eastlake High School Student Liaison (Felipe Concha)

Students are planning Homecoming. The cost to attend has been reduced this year. The football team is 3 and 0 so far this year. A food drive was held in conjunction with the football game against Redmond High School. Eastlake plays Skyline on October 21, 2011.

Presentations/Proclamations

- *Presentation: Eagle Scout/Girl Scout Recognitions*
Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Richardson read the names of the many volunteer Eagle Scout and Girl Scouts who have worked on city projects. (Get the names from Dawn later)

Name	Award	Date	Project Location	Project Description
Gold Awards				
<i>Supriya Dublish</i>	Gold Award	8/20/2010	Sammamish Days	Created children's area, managed volunteers, helped with entertainment
<i>Sarah Hunter</i>	Gold Award	8/2/2011	National Night Out	Children's craft projects

<i>Nicole Atherly</i>	Gold Award	8/3/2010	National Night Out	
<i>Eagle Scout</i>				
<i>Jeffrey McNerney</i>	Eagle Scout	5/16/2009	Beaver Lake Park	GIS Mapping
<i>Stephen Patterson</i>	Eagle Scout	11/14/2009	Illahee Trail	Weeding, planting & mulching
<i>Carter Timm</i>	Eagle Scout	4/17/2010	Lower Commons Park	15 bird houses mounted on fence posts
<i>Max Benjamin</i>	Eagle Scout	5/1/2010	Illahee Trail	Distance markers along trail
<i>Mason Stillwell</i>	Eagle Scout	3/19/2011	Commons Park Ravine	Invasive plant removal in ravine, added 2 bird boxes, planting
<i>James Salmon</i>	Eagle Scout	3/26/2011	Storm Water Pond	Clearing brush, trees and blackberry from stormwater pond
<i>Cullen Owen</i>	Eagle Scout	5/14/2011	Pine Lake Park	Weeding, fencing and planting of garden designed by Pine Lake Garden Club
<i>Kyle Suver</i>	Eagle Scout	6/4/2011	Lower Commons Native Plant Garden	Weeding, mulching and planting
<i>Luke Reents</i>	Eagle Scout	9/24/2011	Evans Creek Preserve	Large scale planting
<i>Justin Suver</i>	Eagle Scout	10/15/2011	Pine Lake Park	Boardwalk
<i>Cliff Hagashi</i>	Eagle Scout	10/22/2011	Beaver Lake Park	Boardwalk
<i>Billy Allocca</i>	Eagle Scout	10/15/2011	Evans Creek Preserve	Viewing platform and trail work
<i>Martin Johnsson</i>	Eagle Scout	4/16/2011	Pine Lake Park	Bulletin board, painting, shelf installation, design of life jacket rack
<i>Spencer Patzman</i>	Eagle Scout	10/24/2009	Commons Park Ravine	Removal of invasive plants
<i>Dylan Parry</i>	Eagle Scout	11/7/2009	Beaver Lake Park	Widen and resurface trail, replace trees
<i>Grant Flindt</i>	Eagle Scout	2/28/2010	Lower Commons Park	Planted 18 fruit trees and berry plants in lower commons orchard
<i>Connor Bezzant</i>	Eagle Scout	3/20/2010	Ebright Creek Park	Clearing and planting

<i>Ryan Roth</i>	Eagle Scout	4/10/2010	Ebright Creek Park	Plant native plants in buffer area, invasive removal, mulch around newly planted plants
<i>Colin Wang</i>	Eagle Scout	4/10/2010	NE Sammamish Park	Planting of understory
<i>Sam Ethington</i>	Eagle Scout	5/15/2010	Lower Commons Park	Fence installation
<i>John Forsyth</i>	Eagle Scout	6/5/2010	Beaver Lake Park	Built and installed bird houses
<i>Austin Abendroth</i>	Eagle Scout	6/5/2010	Pine Lake Park	Boardwalk
<i>Andrew Millett</i>	Eagle Scout	10/30/2010	Lower Commons Native Plant Garden	Weeding, mulching and planting
<i>Chris Debenham</i>	Eagle Scout	11/13/2010	Beaver Lake Preserve	Removal of invasive english holly
<i>Alex Thompson</i>	Eagle Scout	4/16/2011	Pine Lake Park	Horseshoe pits
<i>Caleb Olson</i>	Eagle Scout	6/18/2011	Evans Creek Preserve	Viewing platform and trail work
<i>Ben Keller</i>	Eagle Scout	7/16/2011	SE 8th Park	Pedestrian Gate, bridge coverings, fencing
<i>Logan Nielsen</i>	Eagle Scout	2/28/2009	Beaver Lake Park	Fence installation
<i>Spencer Flindt</i>	Eagle Scout	3/28/2009	Beaver Lake Park	Fence installation
<i>Garrett Johnson</i>	Eagle Scout	10/11/2008	Beaver Lake Park	Installed 2 benches and trail maintenance
<i>Calvin Wiley</i>	Eagle Scout	2/14/2009	Beaver Lake Park	Fence installation
<i>Dave Lee</i>	Eagle Scout	4/25/2009	Beaver Lake Preserve	Plant understory
<i>Feyman Liang</i>	Eagle Scout	Jun-09	Illahee Trail	Fence installation and planting
<i>Connor Pomeroy</i>	Eagle Scout	3/15/2008	Beaver Lake Park	Planting of native plants
<i>Michael Flindt</i>	Eagle Scout	7-Oct	East Sammamish Park	Weeding and mulching
<i>Ian Engelbeck</i>	Eagle Scout	5/7/2011	Evans Creek Preserve	Viewing platform and trail work
<i>Trenton Price</i>	Eagle Scout	11/14/2009	Ebright Creek Park	Resurface trail, build additional trail, planting

- *Presentation: Trail Steward Recognition*
In conjunction with Washington Trails Association, the Trail Stewardship program was developed. The stewards volunteered for training that enabled them to coordinate and supervise enough volunteers to build a trail system at Evans Creek Preserve. In recognition of their immense contribution the following residents were awarded engraved Pulaski's: Pauline Cantor, Ace Evans, Brad Connor, Cliff Cantor and Korena Mafune . Anyone interested in volunteering for the Trail Stewardship program or to help build trails in the city go to <http://www.wta.org>.
- *Presentation: Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award (GFOA)*
Deputy City Manager Lyman Howard presented the Finance Department staff with the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award.
- *Special Presentation: City Manager Ben Yazici presented Volunteer Coordinator Dawn Sanders with the "City Manager's Special Recognition Award"* She received this award for her outstanding contribution, above and beyond her job description, recruiting volunteers for city events.
- *Presentation: Planning Commission Handoff – Housing Code*
Assistant City Manager/Director of Community Development Kamuron Gurol gave the staff report. He introduced Planning Commission Chair Joe Lipinsky who showed a PowerPoint presentation (*presentation is available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*). The Council will begin their review of the recommended code changes. Tonight, the Council was invited to ask any questions they may have regarding the recommendations. Councilmember James asked if the Planning Commission had considered limiting duplexes in residential neighborhoods to corner lots only. Mr. Lipinsky said the commission had not considered that. Councilmember Petitti questioned the reason behind the Cottage Housing pilot program. Why not just allow them outright? Mr. Lipinsky explained that the Commission felt the pilot program would give the city a chance to see if cottage housing will fit in with the existing community.

Public Comment

Rachelle Martel, 2400 239th Place NE, She is working on a Sister City Program for her Senior Project. She feels that having a Sister City will be beneficial to the city. She asked for Council support of her project. She has already begun gathering information about which city should be designed as our Sister City by asking attendees at the Farmers Market to put pins on a map showing their preference.

Nancy Baer, 20013 NE 42nd Street, She requested that the Council measure the steepest grade on NE 42nd Way and also measure the improper outward turn from NE 42nd Street to NE 42nd Way before any decision is made on removing the Opticom gate that is currently barricading NE 42nd Street. She also encouraged the Councilmembers to walk and/or drive along SE 42nd Street.

Ramiro Valderrama, representing the Citizens of Sammamish, He read a prepared statement regarding the removal of the NE 42nd Street barricade. This group was against the removal of the 32nd Street barricade and does not feel the mitigation efforts have been enough. The barricade removal process should be a two-step process: one to determine removal and the second step should be the consideration of mitigations. All processes should involve residents and should be open and transparent.

SE 32nd Street Barricade Removal Recap

Public Works Director Laura Philpot gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the process that the city went through in deciding to remove the barricade (*presentation is available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*). She shared some traffic data that shows 85% of the traffic on SE 32nd is moving at less than 30 miles per hour. Staff is recommending that additional traffic data be collected before making a decision to add more traffic mitigation. Sammamish Traffic Patrol Officer Julie Blessum provided her observations about traffic on SE 32nd Street. She said the traffic flow is minimal, the speed is low and there is not much traffic enforcement action going on. Council agreed to wait until the October data collection is performed before making any other changes to the road.

Jim Wasnick, 22613 SE 32nd St, He lives on 32nd Street where the barricade was recently removed. He concurs with staff that more data be collected before making any other improvements to SE 32nd Street.

Consent Calendar

- Payroll for period ending September 15, 2011 for pay date September 20, 2011 in the amount of \$249,898.55

 1. Approval: Claims for period ending October 4, 2011 in the amount of \$700,050.70 for Check No. 30299 through No.30409
 2. Resolution: Final Plat Greenbriar Subdivision (R2011-460)
 3. Resolution: Pine Creek Subdivision (R2011-461)
 4. Approval: Notes from September 13, 2011 Study Session
 5. Approval: Minutes from September 19,2011 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember James moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Council Reports

Councilmember Cross reported on the Growth Management Planning Council meeting. A committee will be formed to study the issue of schools being built near the Urban Growth Boundary. He would like Mayor Gerend to nominate him to this committee.

Councilmember James announced that the Economic Development Committee will meet on October 24, 2011 at 9:00 am in City Hall.

Deputy Mayor Odell reported that the Public Safety Committee will meet on October 6, 2011 at City Hall to discuss the recent fire in Sahalee.

Councilmember Whitten attended a seminar regarding growth management in Seattle today.

Mayor Gerend reported on the State budget problems.

City Manager Report

City Manager Ben Yazici reported that the 212th Avenue SE sidewalk issues are being corrected by the developer of an adjoining project and the improvements will only require \$5,000 in city funds.

- **Update of Lease Reard-Freed House**

Ms. Richardson gave the update. Next week a draft agreement between the City and the Sammamish Heritage Society for the lease of the Reard Freed House will be coming to council for review and direction. The City is then going to lease property for the location of the house. Right now the owner of the proposed lease property has required that the Heritage Society raise enough money to move the house to a permanent foundation.

Executive Session – Property acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (b)

Council retired to Executive Session at 8:35 pm and returned at 9:05 pm. Not action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor