



AGENDA

SAMMAMISH AND REDMOND CITY COUNCILS JOINT MEETING REVISED

June 8, 2010

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Council Chambers

Call to Order

- **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**
(*Mayors Gerend and Marchione*)

Topics

- **Parks District**
- **Sammamish Park Plan Update**
- **Transit/Transportation Issues**

Adjourn Meeting

8:30 pm

Open Study Session

8:40 pm

Public Comment

This is an opportunity for the public to address the Council. Three-minutes limit per person or 5 minutes if representing the official position of a recognized community organization.

- 1. Street Light Standards**
- 2. Parks Survey Questions**
- 3. Additional Topics**

Council Reports

City Manager Report

Executive Session – Potential Property Acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30110(1)(B)

Adjournment

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Date: June 8, 2010
To: Ben Yazici, City Manager
From: Jessi Richardson, Parks and Recreation Director
Subject: Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan – Community Survey

We are well underway with the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PRO) Plan update. Part of the update process includes a community survey that will be conducted in the next several weeks. Staff have been working with the Parks Commission and our survey team and have developed an initial draft for your review (see attached).

Survey Parameters:

Here are some general things to consider as you review the survey draft:

- Purpose of the survey. This survey serves two purposes; to gather information to support the PRO Plan update and to gather information to facilitate decision-making related to a potential Community Center/Aquatic Center. We've attempted to merge the two lines of questioning into one comprehensive survey that flows and is easily understandable.
- Length of the survey. 35 is the maximum number of questions we may include in the survey and at this point we are at the maximum (or slightly exceeding the maximum). If additional questions are desired, we may need to eliminate questions to make space.
- Keeping it simple (sort of). If a question is followed by a list of options, our goal was to keep the maximum number of options to 10 or less. If you desire to expand a list, we may need to drop an item or combine an item to ensure the question remains at a reasonable length.
- Purpose of the questions. All of the questions have a purpose, some of which may not be immediately obvious. Question 23a, for example, asks how far you would be willing to walk to a park with your family. We have included this question since "walkability" may be a new standard we use when developing the city-wide parks level of service standards. Staff are more than happy to discuss the various questions and the purpose thereof.
- Previous surveys. The questions that were asked in previous parks and recreation surveys (2002, 2006 and 2008) are highlighted in the draft. This may provide useful benchmarking information as we consider the trends over the past 8 years.

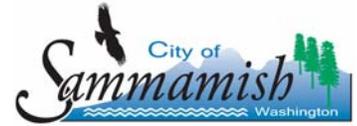
- Financing options for the community center and aquatic center. Questions 13 and 14 address financing for the community center and aquatic center. In previous surveys we identified an estimated cost for a facility and asked if someone would be willing to pay the additional taxes to support that facility. We're trying a different approach this time – simply assessing tax tolerance by asking how much in additional property taxes a homeowner is willing to pay. This is preferred over the alternative, because we do not know what will be built and/or how much it will cost.
- Prioritizing responses. Finally, it should be noted that the survey has been structured such that respondents have to prioritize their answers. It's very easy to select everything on a list, but with funding limitations we need to come away with a good understanding of the community priorities.

Additional Background Information:

Hebert Research was selected to develop and conduct this survey. We will be sampling a pool of 400 residents (minimum needed for statistical validation). The sample will be stratified by age of respondents to accurately reflect the opinions of the general population of the City and will combine cell phone and landline numbers for an integrated phone line sample within the City of Sammamish.

A preliminary draft of survey questions was presented to the Parks Commission for discussion on May 12, 2010. The Commissioners comments were incorporated into the draft survey. Hebert Research has refined this draft questionnaire for City Council's review and comment. The draft covers baseline general questions and questions pertaining to an aquatic/community center, trails, parks and cultural arts.

Staff will work with the consultant to incorporate the comments/suggestions received by the City Council. Once the survey questionnaire is complete, we anticipate conducting the community survey in late June, with results delivered to the City Council in late July or September. A web-based survey (same questions, but not statistically valid) will also be available to the general public.



Hello, my name is _____ from Hebert Research in Bellevue, WA, and I am calling on behalf of the City of Sammamish. We are conducting a survey regarding parks and recreation facilities and services in the city, to assist in updating the city’s parks, recreation and open space plan. This call is for research purposes only and does not involve sales of any kind. I can assure your answers will remain strictly confidential. May I continue with the survey? **[If NO, THANK AND TERMINATE]**

SCREENER:

S1. Are you currently a resident in the City of Sammamish?

- a. Yes [Continue to Q1]
- b. No **[THANK and TERMINATE]**

Note: The sample list will give us Sammamish phone numbers but we like to ask this question to make certain)

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is “very unimportant” and 10 is “very important,” how important are parks and recreation services and facilities in Sammamish to you and your family? **[RECORD RATING]**
[Question asked in 2006 and 2008 parks survey]
2. On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is “not at all satisfied” and 10 is “very satisfied,” how do you rate your overall satisfaction with Sammamish’s parks and recreation facilities and services? **[RECORD RATING]**
[Question asked in 2008 community survey]
3. On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is “not at all satisfied” and 10 is “very satisfied,” how do you rate the overall appearance of Sammamish’s parks and recreation facilities? **[RECORD RATING]**
[Question asked in 2008 community survey]
4. In the last 12 months, how many times did you visit a Sammamish park? **[RECORD NUMBER]**
- 4a. Which parks did you visit? **[Do not read, record all responses]**
 - a. Beaver Lake Park
 - b. Beaver Lake Preserve
 - c. East Sammamish Park
 - d. Eastlake Community Fields
 - e. Ebright Creek Park
 - f. NE Sammamish Park
 - g. Pine Lake Park
 - h. Sammamish Commons
 - i. Skyline Community fields
 - j. Other **[specify]**



5. Which sources of information do you use to find out about parks, trails, facilities, recreation programs, and cultural arts opportunities in Sammamish? **[Do not read, record all responses]**
- a. City Website
 - b. Television 21
 - c. Sammamish Library
 - d. City email alert
 - e. Recreation Guide
 - f. City Event/Volunteer Event
 - g. Newspapers
 - h. City Newsletter
 - i. Word of Mouth
 - j. Chamber of Commerce
 - k. Call to the Parks and Recreation office
 - l. Other **[specify]**

AQUATIC/COMMUNITY CENTER QUESTIONS

An aquatic facility could be built in or near the proposed Town Center. This centrally located aquatic center may serve both competitive and leisure swimming needs.

6. On a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 is “not at all interested” and 10 is “highly interested,” how interested are you in the development of an aquatic facility? **[RECORD RATING]**
[Question asked in 2006 parks survey]
7. If a new aquatic center were built, what would be the THREE MOST important elements to include in the facility? **[RECORD 1-2-3]**
- a. Competitive Swimming Pool with designated lanes for swimmers (minimum 6-lanes, 25 meters)
 - b. Water Slides
 - c. Splash/Spray Area
 - d. Warm Water Therapy Pool
 - e. Lazy River (a river-like water feature with a gentle current for tubing)
 - f. Zero-Depth Entry Pool (a pool with a gradual entry, similar to a beach)
 - g. Space for Birthday Parties/Special Events



- 7a. On a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 is “very unlikely” and 10 is “very likely,” how likely would you, or members of your family, be to use each of these elements in an aquatic center? **[RECORD RATING]**
- a. Competitive Swimming Pool with designated lanes for swimmers (minimum 6-lanes, 25 meters)
 - b. Water Slides
 - c. Splash/Spray Area
 - d. Warm Water Therapy Pool
 - e. Lazy River (a river-like water feature with a gentle current for tubing)
 - f. Zero-Depth Entry Pool (a pool with a gradual entry, similar to a beach)
 - g. Space for Birthday Parties/Special Events
8. If a new aquatic center were built, what would be the THREE MOST important programs to offer at the facility? **[RECORD 1-2-3]**
- a. Swim Lessons
 - b. Competitive Swimming/Swim Teams
 - c. Water Exercise Classes
 - d. Rehabilitation Programs/Water Therapy
 - e. Lap Swimming
 - f. Water Polo

A community center is a facility that would serve a broad range of citizens providing a wide array of activities. The facility would likely be centrally located in Sammamish and may or may not be constructed jointly with an aquatic center.

9. On a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 is “not at all interested” and 10 is “highly interested,” how interested are you in the development of a community center? **[RECORD RATING]**
[Question asked in 2006 parks survey]
- 9a. On a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 is “very unlikely” and 10 is “very likely,” how likely would you be to use a community center? **[RECORD RATING]**
10. If a community center were built, what would be the THREE MOST important elements to include in the facility? **[RECORD 1-2-3]**
- a. Fitness Center/Weight Room
 - b. Arts and Craft Facilities
 - c. Racquetball/Handball Courts
 - d. Gymnasium
 - e. Indoor Running/Walking Track
 - f. Dance Studio
 - g. Rock Climbing Wall
 - h. Commercial Kitchen (for Banquets or Classes)
 - i. Theater for Performances
 - j. General Purpose Meeting Rooms



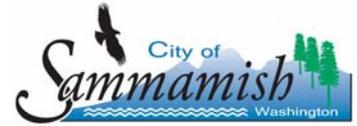
- k. Banquet Facilities (for Private Events)
 - l. Space for Childcare
11. A regional approach (partnership with our neighboring cities) may be considered as a cost saving measure for the construction and operation of a community center and/or an aquatic center. What is the furthest you would be willing to travel from your home to either of these facilities?
- a. 10 minutes
 - b. 20 minutes
 - c. 30 minutes
12. Select the THREE MOST important factors to you and your household in choosing recreational programs and facilities. **[RECORD 1-2-3]**
- a. Operating Hours of Facilities
 - b. Quality of Instructors/Programs
 - c. Proximity to Work or Home
 - d. Availability of Childcare
 - e. Overall Value for Programs/Services Received
 - f. Quality of Facilities/Equipment
 - g. Easy Access/Availability of Parking

One funding option for a community center and aquatic center is a parks bond and an accompanying operating levy, which would result in an increase in your annual property taxes.

13. What additional annual amount in property taxes would you be willing to pay to support the construction and operation of a community center and and/or an aquatic center? **[ROTATE -price elasticity]**
- a. Up to \$50 per month (\$600 per year)
 - b. Up to \$40 per month (\$480 per year)
 - c. Up to \$30 per month (\$360 per year)
 - d. Up to \$20 per month (\$240 per year)
 - e. Up to \$10 per month (\$120 per year)
 - f. None

13a. If you answered “none” to the previous question, please provide your reasoning. **[VERBATIM]**

14. What other options should be considered to support construction and/or maintenance of a community/aquatic center (i.e. partnerships, membership fees etc.?) **[BUILD LIST HERE, per Council Direction]**



TRAILS QUESTIONS

15. On a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 is “not at all interested” and 10 is “highly interested,” how interested are you in the development of ***new trails, bikeways, and paths in Sammamish?*** [RECORD RATING]

[Similar question asked in the 2006 and 2008 parks survey.]

16. How do you currently utilize the trails in Sammamish (public or private trails)? [RECORD ALL RESPONSES]

[Similar question asked in the 2002 Trails Survey]

- a. Walking
- b. Jogging
- c. Biking
- d. Hiking
- e. Walking the Dog
- f. Mountain Biking
- g. Horseback Riding
- h. Wheelchair
- i. In-Line Skating/Skateboarding
- j. Do Not Use
- k. Other, specify

17. Please select the **THREE MOST** important destinations your family would like to see trails connect to within the City?

[Similar questions asked in the 2002 Trails Survey]

- a. Parks
- b. Regional Trail Systems
- c. Schools
- d. Other Neighborhoods
- e. Commercial Centers
- f. Municipal Facilities
- g. Other

18. On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is “very unsatisfied” and 10 is “very satisfied,” how would you rate your overall satisfaction with the trail systems available to you and your family in Sammamish? [RECORD RATING]

18a. Why did you give this rating, and what could the City of Sammamish do to make improvements to the trail system? [VERBATIM]



PARKS QUESTIONS

- 19. On a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 means “not at all interested” and 10 means “highly interested,” how interested are you in potential ***land acquisition for open-space and conservation?*** **[RECORD RATING]**
 [Question asked in 2006 and 2008 parks survey.]

- 20. On a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 means “not at all interested” and 10 means “highly interested,” how interested are you in potential ***land acquisition for future development***, for example, new community parks, new recreation facilities, open-space areas, and expansion of existing parks? **[RECORD RATING]**
 [Question asked in 2006 and 2008 parks survey.]

- 21. On a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 means “not at all interested” and 10 means “highly interested,” how interested are you in improvements for ***athletic fields?*** In many cases this would mean installing synthetic turf and lights to extend playability at existing fields. **[RECORD RATING]**
 [Similar question asked in 2008 parks survey.]

- 22. Since incorporation Sammamish has continued to build new parks and renovate existing parks. As this work will be ongoing, please identify the **THREE MOST** important amenities you would like included in future parks. **[RECORD 1-2-3]**
 - a. Picnic Shelters
 - b. Sports Fields
 - c. Sports Courts (Basketball, Volleyball)
 - d. Open Space
 - e. Sculptures and Art Displays
 - f. Playgrounds
 - g. Walking Trails
 - h. Spray/Splash Parks
 - i. Zip Line
 - j. Disc Golf Course
 - k. P-Patch/Community Gardens
 - l. Off-Leash Dog Areas
 - m. Other **[specify]**

- 23. On a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 means “not important” and 10 means “very important,” how important is it for you and your family to be able to walk or bike to parks and recreation facilities in Sammamish? **[RECORD RATING]**

- 23a. How far are you and members of your family willing to walk to a park (from your home)? **[ROTATE]**
 - a. ¼ mile
 - b. ½ mile
 - c. 1 mile
 - d. 2 miles
 - e. None



- 23b. How far are you and members of your family willing to bike to a park? **[ROTATE]**
- a. 1 mile
 - b. 2 to 5 miles
 - c. 6 to 10 miles
 - d. 10 or more miles
 - e. None

HEALTH AND WELLNESS QUESTIONS

24. On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is “not unimportant” and 10 is “very important,” how important are parks and recreation facilities for improving and maintaining overall health and wellness for you and your family? **[RECORD RATING]**
25. Please select THREE activities that you and your family would be most likely to participate in. **[RECORD 1-2-3]**
- a. Exercise Classes (pilates, yoga, aerobics etc.)
 - b. Weight Training
 - c. Walking
 - d. Dance
 - e. Water Exercise/Lap Swimming
 - f. Cycling
 - g. Running
 - h. Martial Arts
 - i. League Sports (soccer, lacrosse, softball etc.)
 - j. Racquetball, Tennis & Other Racquet Sports
 - k. Gardening
26. In an average week, about how many hours do you spend exercising at the following facilities/places? **[RECORD NUMBER FOR EACH ITEM]**
- a. In home or on public streets (neighborhoods, jogging, etc.)
 - b. Private facilities like gyms or clubs
 - c. City of Sammamish parks and recreation facilities
 - d. Parks outside of the City of Sammamish system, such as state parks or other cities’ parks
 - e. Other public facilities including schools



CULTURAL ARTS QUESTIONS

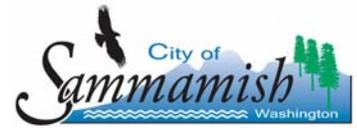
- 27. How frequently do you attend arts and cultural programs and/or events?
 - a. Weekly
 - b. Once a month
 - c. 2-4 times per year
 - d. Once a Year
 - e. Never

- 28. In the last 12 months, what specific arts and cultural programs and/or events have you and your family attended?
 - a. Dance Performances (ballet, jazz etc.)
 - b. Theater Performances (plays, musicals etc.)
 - c. Music Performances (jazz, orchestra etc.)
 - d. Other performing arts (lectures, reading, comedy etc.)
 - e. Visual Arts Events (art Walks, gallery/museum exhibition etc.)
 - f. Participatory Event (art class, choir, book club, band etc.)

- 29. Where were these events/programs offered?
 - a. Sammamish
 - b. Eastside (Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah – Not Sammamish)
 - c. Seattle
 - d. Other [**specify**]

- 30. What TWO arts and cultural programs would you most like the City of Sammamish and the Arts Commission to offer? [**RECORD 1-2**]
 - a. Theater Performances (plays, musicals etc.)
 - b. Music Performances (jazz, orchestra etc.)
 - c. Other performing arts (lectures, reading, comedy etc.)
 - d. Visual Arts Events (Art Walks, gallery/museum exhibition etc.)
 - e. Participatory Events (art class, choir, book club, band etc.)
 - f. Other [**specify**]

- 31. Please select the TWO types of public art you would most like to see included in the new Town Center? [**RECORD 1-2**]
 - a. Sculptures
 - b. Rotating Visual Displays
 - c. Hands-On Art for Children
 - d. Live Performances
 - e. Art Integrated into Infrastructure Design (i.e. art in roadways, sidewalks etc.)
 - f. Other [**specify**]



CONCLUSION

32. A number of potential park improvement projects have been identified for completion in future years. Please select the TWO MOST important park improvement projects for the City to focus on over the next 2 to 3 years. **[RECORD 1-2]**
- New Playground, and Shoreline and Parking Improvements at Beaver Lake Park
 - New Spray Park and Picnic Shelter at East Sammamish Park
 - Soft-Surface Trail along West Beaver Lake Drive
 - Athletic Field Upgrade at Eastlake High School or Pine Lake Middle School or Another Site
 - Development of Sammamish Landing Park (Lake Sammamish Waterfront)
 - Building Phase II of Beaver Lake Preserve to Expand Trails and Provide Waterfront Access
33. If you could pick only ONE of the following, what do you think the primary parks and recreation capital project focus should be for the next 2 to 6 years?
- Acquisition of Land for Parks and Open Space
 - New Sports Fields
 - Community Center/Aquatic Center
 - Construction of New Trails, Bikeways and Paths
34. Is there anything else you would like to share or comment on?
35. Are you interested in participating in a focus group on parks and recreation? Focus groups may be used by the City to further study and explore some of the concepts and projects introduced in the survey. **[If Yes, need contact information from caller.]**