



Study Session January 25, 2005

Mayor Don Gerend opened the study session of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:40 pm.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Don Gerend, Deputy Mayor Michele Petitti, Councilmembers Jack Barry, Mark Cross, Lee Felling, Kathleen Huckabay and Nancy Whitten.

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Director of Parks and Recreation Jeff Watling, Community Development Director Bob Horne, City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Public Comment

John Lambe 205 224th Avenue SE, Has followed the meetings of the Special Task Force. He emphasized the importance of buffers between any new commercial development and existing homes, some where around 50 feet, to protect current residents

Marybeth Lambe, 101 224th Avenue SE, She lives on SE 4th. Currently the neighborhood is comprised of small farms and forested areas. She wants it to remain that way. She is concerned with the erosion of the two shopping areas. The businesses should be contained in those two areas. She would like the Council to preserve the rural nature of the City.

Ilene Stahl 21555 SE 28th Street, She has three complaints about the City's land use policies. (1) SEPA begins too late in the process. (2) Land use decisions are all made by the City staff and take no input from the citizens. (3) The hearing examiner process is not objective. She believes that there should be independent hearing examiners.

Erica Tiliacos 1130 Lancaster Way SE, The Commons property is a very sensitive environmental area and requires more mitigation than most developments. She is encouraging the Council to leave the southern end of the property in its natural state to prevent further run off problems.

Mary Santoni, 22028 SE 2nd ST, She encouraged Council to leave their neighborhood as residential.

Topics

1) Park & Recreation Commission Applicant Interviews

- **Selection Process**

Pauline Cantor and Dr. Vincent Santoro were interviewed by the City Council.

2) Special Area Task Force Final Report

Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus, Co Chairs David Misakian and Gail Twelves gave the final report of the Special Area Task Force. They accomplished all the goals that were set by the City Council. A written report is available upon request from the City Clerk or on the city website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us.

3) Community Events

Park & Recreation Director Jeff Watling gave the staff report. Council considered what types of events the city staff was supporting, what the cost of this support was and whether the Council wanted to continue to support these events, and if so, to what level. The Public Works Committee will discuss this issue and bring back a procedure for Council to consider.

4.) Banner Standards

Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus gave the staff report. Banner poles have been recently installed along 228th Avenue. It is necessary to develop regulations and fees before allowing the public to place banners on the poles.

5) Concurrency

Public Works Director Delora Kerber gave the staff report. The Council had a brainstorming session to try and determine what the end product is they hope to achieve with concurrency funding.

6) Sound Transit RTID

Councilmember Huckabay asked for Council input on what their position would be for a supporting a bond to finance the RTID projects. She is going to attend the PSRC meeting and she would like to give them Council's position on this issue.

Executive Session – Litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) (i)

Council retired to Executive Session at and returned at 10:45 pm. No action was taken.

Public Comment - None

Mayor Gerend closed the study session at 10:45 pm.