

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OF BROOKSHIRE ESTATES  
ON AUGUST 7, 2014**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Brookshire Estates was convened on August 7, 2014. In attendance were Dick Lheureux, President, Mike Foss, Vice-President and Judy Moschetto, Secretary. Yvonne Tichelaar, Treasurer and Jeff Cao, Board Member At Large, were absent.

1. **Directory Update.** Mike and Yvonne have been assembling and proofing the 2014 Brookshire Estates Directory, which is ready to print and which will be delivered to HOA residents in the coming weeks. Mike reported that a few residents requested that their personal information not be included in the Directory, which request the Board will respect; however, the Board is retaining said information and same will be used only by the Board for dissemination of information to Brookshire homeowners.
2. **Sammamish Annexation.** Mike and Dick attended an August 1, 2014 meeting re annexation. Notes of said meeting were previously forwarded to all Brookshire homeowners; thus, hard copy of same is not attached to these Minutes but the same is incorporated herein.

Dick, Mike and Judy attended an Annexation Open House on August 6 at Faith Church, at which all City of Sammamish departments were represented and at which hard copies of information about the Annexation and the various City of Sammamish departments were offered. Attached to these Minutes are (1) FAQs about the Klahanie PAA and (2) Klahanie PAA/City of Sammamish website information, both of which Brookshire residents can use to access information about Sammamish annexation, and both of which are incorporated into these Minutes.

The next Sammamish Annexation Open House meetings are scheduled for September 10 at Faith Church and October 15 at Sammamish City Hall. The Board encourages all Brookshire residents to attend one of these meetings and/or to avail themselves of Sammamish Annexation website information to help inform themselves and make informed decisions regarding said Annexation.

3. **Home Break-In & Car Prowls in Brookshire.** As was reported via homeowner emails recently, there have been a home break-in and garage and car prowls and break-ins in the past few weeks, and some reports re same made to King County Police. The President reported that after these homeowner emails re property crimes, he contacted Capt. Greg Thomas of the King County Police, who has agreed to attend a neighborhood Q&A and discussion of home and neighborhood safety at a date to be scheduled. Dick advised the Board that he will contact Capt. Thomas and Fire Station 83 to schedule a meeting and then advise/invite/encourage all homeowners to attend. An email blast regarding this meeting will be sent to all Brookshire residents as soon as date and time are secured.
4. **Bear Update.** There have been no recent or reported sightings of bears in Brookshire. Residents are reminded and encouraged not to leave dog/cat food outside and to secure their garbage cans, especially the evening before/morning of garbage pickup day.
5. **CamWest Update.** Construction is well under way. We have been advised by CamWest that the traffic light at the entrance to Brookshire should be activated by the end of August. Homeowners will also see that the traffic light at SE 46<sup>th</sup> has been installed but not yet activated. We have been advised that the two traffic lights will be synched.
6. **Website Update.** The domain name of “Brookshireestates.com” has been secured, and it is anticipated that the same will be up and running by the end of Fall 2014 if not sooner. Vice-President Mike Foss will be Webmaster. The website will be available and accessible to all Brookshire Estate residents. The Board has voted to include on the website the names of Board members, a link to the Minutes of Board meetings, a link to Brookshire CCRs, and a link to information affecting Brookshire

Estates which is submitted to the Board and Webmaster. The Board will keep residents apprised of the website and let everyone know when it is up and running.

7. **Neighborhood Property Concerns.** Recently a resident emailed concerns to the Board about properties which were close to her property which she felt were not being kept up to Brookshire standards. Board members went by said properties soon after the neighbor's concern was voiced to the Board and determined that the properties were brought up to standard well within thirty (30) days of the resident's email. The President indicated he would contact the resident, thank her for her caring about our neighborhood and report that the properties had been cleaned up.
8. **Report of Boat On Street.** A resident recently reported to the Board that a boat on a trailer had been parked on blocked on the street close to her home. The Board members at this meeting went up to the area the evening of this Board meeting but the boat was no longer in the area. The Board indicated it would secure the facts and specific information of this report from the resident and discuss the same as a Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by the President.

Respectfully submitted on August 11, 2014.

*Judy Moschetto*, Board Secretary



# FAQ's

## Frequently Asked Questions on Klahanie-area Annexation

Q: In summary, what are the primary benefits of annexation to Sammamish?

A: Lower taxes, better services.

More specifically:

- More police, better coverage, faster response
- Major road improvements (Issaquah-Fall City Road, Issaquah-Pine Lake Road)
- Better road maintenance
- Better road clearing during snow storms
- Better parks maintenance
- Self-governance close to home
- Lower taxes: (\$420 less on a \$500,000 home)

Q: When will the annexation vote take place?

A: The city hopes to have the election in April of 2015. It's possible some process delays could push the election out a bit farther, but April of 2015 is the target date.

Q: If Klahanie-area residents vote in favor of annexation to Sammamish, when would they officially become residents of Sammamish?

A: After the election result is official, the city will pass an ordinance establishing the official date of annexation. If possible, the city would like that official date to be August 1, 2015, or earlier.

Q: Why is August 1, 2015, an important date?

A: Because we want Klahanie residents to see a reduction in their property taxes in 2016. If the official date of annexation falls after August 1, 2015, the reduction won't kick in until 2017.

Q: Does the city have control over the official date of annexation?

A: Not really. There will still be some process hoops to jump through with the county after an election, and the city can't control how quickly those happen. If the election result is positive, though, the city will do its best to meet that August 1 deadline.

Q: How much of a reduction in property taxes will there be?

A: In 2014, Klahanie-area residents are paying \$13.27 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Sammamish residents are paying \$12.43 per \$1,000. On a \$500,000 home, that's a difference of \$420 per year.

Q: What accounts for the difference in the property tax?

A: Property taxes pay for a lot of different things – schools, emergency medical services, libraries, etc. Most of those charges will remain the same after annexation. But Klahanie-area residents, once they're part of Sammamish, will no longer pay for the King County Road Levy and the Fire District Levy, charges that amount to \$3.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Instead, they'll pay a smaller city charge of \$2.41 per \$1,000.

Q: Will the Fire Benefit Charge that Klahanie residents pay go away if annexation takes place?

A: Yes. That charge, which varies from home to home, will disappear.

Q: Does Sammamish have a utility tax like most cities do?

A: No

Q: What impact will the annexation have on the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Tax?

A: Nothing will change. Residents in the annexation area already pay the RTA tax and will continue to do so after annexation.

Q: Will homeowners' association fees go down because annexation would eliminate the need for the HOA to pay for extra police coverage?

A: That would be up to the HOA.

Q: How many additional police officers will be hired if the annexation takes place?

A: The plan is to hire six additional officers – one sergeant and five patrol officers.

Q: What road improvements will the city make?

A: The city has already committed to spending \$3 million designing improvements on Issaquah-Fall City Road. It has also promised to pursue grant money to fund the construction of the improvements. The city will also make improvements to Issaquah-Pine Lake Road.

Q: How soon will these major road improvements be made?

A: There is no exact timeline at this point due to a number of variables, but the city recognizes that these are high-priority items.

Q: What about improvements to neighborhood streets?

A: Over time, the city will bring Klahanie-area streets up to the same standards that exist in Sammamish. That means resurfacing, and more preventative maintenance and patching.

Q: How quickly will the improvements to neighborhood streets happen?

A: Some will happen shortly after annexation, but Klahanie-area roads will become part of the city's pavement management rating system. All roads in the city are evaluated, ranked and then wait for their number to come up.

Q: How much does Sammamish spend annually on resurfacing roads?

A: In recent years, the city has invested \$3 million annually. By way of contrast, King County has spent only \$2 million – for the entire county.

Q: What parks and recreation facilities will be taken over by the city?

A: The city will take over the maintenance and care of Klahanie Park. No other facilities will transfer to the city.

Q: Will Klahanie still be known as Klahanie, or will there be a name change?

A: Klahanie will be a neighborhood name, just like all the other neighborhood names in Sammamish. But the people who live there will be residents of the city of Sammamish.

Q: Will mailing addresses change for residents of the annexation area?

A: The current mailing addresses will work indefinitely because it's the street address and zip code that dictate delivery. So, even if someone puts down Issaquah instead of Sammamish, the mail will still get there.

Q: So, if people have an address stamp or a bunch of address labels that say "Issaquah," they can keep using those?

A: Yes

Q: When will Klahanie-area residents be eligible to run for Sammamish City Council?

A: As soon as the annexation becomes official.

Q: Will annexation bring any changes to fire and emergency services?

A: No. Residents will be served in the same way by Eastside Fire & Rescue.

Q: What else will be unaffected by annexation?

A: Animal control, garbage, schools, water and sewer – those won't change at all.

# Klahanie Annexation

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“Klahanie Annexation” tab.



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