

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT  
 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AUGUST 18, 2016  
 BAINBRIDGE ISLAND AQUATIC CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER** A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Swolgaard.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lee Cross, Ken DeWitt, Jay Kinney, Kirk Robinson, Tom Swolgaard.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:** Add real estate to executive session.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Charles Schmid, with Association of Bainbridge Communities, is requesting that the City and Park District change the zoning at Pritchard Park from WD-I, water dependent industrial to residential. This would make it consistent with the residential zoning of other island parks. He is aware that the Park District has requested a new zoning category specifically for parks but has been told by the City this has been postponed. Because of this, he is asking that the re-zone of Pritchard Park be done independently from the park zoning efforts.

Commissioner Robinson questioned if this extra step to pursue residential zoning for Pritchard Park is necessary since the issue would be addressed if and when a park zoning is in effect; he asked why the issue has been postponed by the City. Executive Director Lande said the new planning director would like to research the matter more thoroughly to determine if this is the best option for the Park District. Commissioner DeWitt commented on the possible transfer of the City's partial ownership of Pritchard Park to the Park District, saying how it is zoned could have SWM fee implications. The board asked that this topic be addressed at a future board meeting.

**BOARD CONSENT**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Upon hearing there were no corrections to the minutes of the July 21, 2016 regular board meeting, Chair Swolgaard stated the minutes stand approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: Cross/DeWitt: Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that has been made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board, by a unanimous vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the above list and summarized as follows:**

Batch Dated	Batch Amt	Fund No.	Fund Name	Fund Amt	Pre-Approved
7/27/16	38,665.86	001	General	38,665.86	
7/28/16	26,542.41	001	General	22,587.38	7/28/16
		300	Capital	3,955.03	
8/15/16	94,746.88	001	General	73,012.26	7/22/16
		300	Capital	21,734.62	
July Payroll		001	General	410,140.44	

**WORK GROUP PRESENTATIONS FROM SAKAI PUBLIC PROCESS**

Bob Linz, facilitator of the Sakai public process that has been on-going since January, introduced the three remaining work groups unable to attend the July 21 board meeting when the other work groups made their presentations to the board.

**1) WORK GROUP: SURVEY:** The community's response to the survey was very high, with close to 2000 respondents. This high number validates the survey results and makes them fairly representative of the island. The survey was

developed by volunteers from the community, was not agenda driven, and was designed so people could not duplicate responses. The intent of the group was to provide a broad brush picture and get to the heart of what people want for the Sakai property. It was conducted as an online survey with paper copies also available at the Senior Center. The overwhelming majority of people were in favor of mixed use on the property, combining passive use with an active sports and recreation center. Given the central location of this site, people see it as a great hub for the community and the Park District that merits some development of the property while leaving other parts more passive. A large interest was indicated in having a gathering place that families and seniors could walk to.

**2) WORK GROUP: CREATE A TABLE:** This work group took the information generated by the different work groups and compiled it into one table. The table provides an overall picture of what the community would like at the Sakai property, and summarizes what the community came up with during this public process.

**2) WORK GROUP: COMMUNITY CENTER:** A community center is viewed by this work group as a place that provides social, recreational and educational opportunities for people of all ages. Initially the group toured Park District facilities, and then toured off-island facilities to see what community centers in the region have. They identified the following Park District facilities as lacking and would like to see them included in a community center on the Sakai property: 1) Teen Center: It is on School District property and will be taken down when construction begins; 2) Park District office: Was built in the late 1940's and remodeled three times to maximize use of the crowded facility. The bathrooms are outside, and the infrastructure is unsafe, outdated, and unable to handle the demands of current technology; 3) Gymnastics facilities: Gymnastics, one of the District's largest recreation programs, is housed in an undersized school facility with insufficient heating and cooling, and in the Transmitter Building, a facility with low ceilings suitable for small gymnasts only; 4) Senior Center: To meet the island's expanding senior population, more space with parking is needed for recreation programs. Some other uses that could be included in a community center include a dividable gymnasium, commercial kitchen, indoor track, and dividable conference rooms. Construction of a facility this large would most likely require a bond measure.

## **CONCLUSION:**

Facilitator Bob Linz provided a letter to the board in which he presented the community's list of recommended uses for the Sakai property, the intended outcome of this public process. This list includes in no particular order the following: trails; picnic shelter(s); multi-use outdoor complex with lighting; community recreation center; multi-use indoor complex; fifty meter pool; mountain bike/trails; tennis court(s); playground; passive use(s).

Facilitator Bob Linz thanked the work groups for their tremendous work the past 6-7 months. He commended staff for all they did to bring about this public process, and expressed appreciation to the board for being open to trying a process that has not been done before. He thinks all the effort has paid off with good results.

The park board also expressed their appreciation to the community, saying it is amazing what the work groups did and that the information they have provided is not only useful but worth a lot.

Meeting adjourned for a break at 7:15 pm. Meeting reconvened at 7:25 pm.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2016-16: SURPLUS PROPERTY:** Recreation Services Superintendent Bryan Garoutte asked the board to authorize the sale of the pottery studio's electric kiln, saying the additional donation of Rosemary Hawk funds has made it possible to purchase a new electric kiln and replace the old one. **MSC: Robinson/Cross: That Resolution 2016-16, authorizing the sale of the electric pottery kiln, be adopted.**