

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2015
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

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

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

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon hearing there were no corrections to the minutes of the February 19, 2015 regular board meeting, Chair Robinson stated the minutes stand approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: DeWitt/Swolgaard: 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 No.	Batch Date	Batch Amt	Fund No.	Fund Name	Fund Amt	Pre-Approved
021015	2/10/15	44,432.31	001	General	44,432.31	2/9/15

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GRANT ENDORSEMENT OF COBI CHIP SEAL PROJECT: Executive Director Terry Lande said the City of Bainbridge Island is asking the Park District to endorse a chip and seal project that will include roads fronting several District parks. He introduced Chris Munter from COBI who said the City is seeking a federal grant to resurface roads on the island, and that grant stipulations require Park District support for the project. He said the work will have no impact on the parks other than affecting access during actual construction. **MSC: Swolgaard/Cross: That the Park District agrees with the City's proposal and concurs that the 2015 Island-wide Chip Seal project has no impacts relative to the 4(f) resource review for the proposed road segments and are de minimis.**

SAKAI PROPERTY BOND MEASURE: ELECTION RESULTS: Executive Director Terry Lande announced the final results of the recent election, saying voters approved the Sakai property purchase by 69.8%. He commended the campaign committee for their efforts to bring about the passage of the bond measure. He reviewed the next steps, saying Senior Planner Perry Barrett has been working his week to schedule a Phase One Environmental Assessment. The outcome of Phase 1 will determine whether a Phase Two Environmental Assessment is needed. Once this has been completed, the District will talk with the Sakai family about an interim agreement to have in place until the property purchase has closed on or before August 1. This agreement would address tentative parking and trail access to the property in an effort to direct members of the public who may be inclined to visit the property prior to the closing date. Terry Lande requested and was given approval by the Board to place a sign on the property identifying it as a future park, thanking island residents for approving its purchase, and indicating when the park will be open to the public. He mentioned how pleased the Sakai family was with the election outcome, and indicated their interest in helping to assemble historical information related to the property. Discussion took place around the need for both short term and long term planning efforts, and that the pace of efforts to move forward will be determined by the outcome of the environmental assessment. Executive Director Lande noted that long term planning efforts will need to be considered carefully and will require expertise in landscape and design by someone with solid expertise not only in these areas but also in the area of conducting sound public process.

OPEN GOVERNMENT TRAINING: SESSION 3: OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT: Administrative Manager/Public Records Officer Elizabeth Shepherd introduced the third Open Government training session, Open Public Records Act, which was presented by watching a video on the WA State Attorney General's website. The following were present for this third training session: Commissioners Jay Kinney, Lee Cross, Kirk Robinson, Tom Swolgaard, and Ken DeWitt; and staff members Terry Lande, John DeMeyer, Perry Barrett, Dan Hamlin, Mike Mejia, and Mark Benishek. Elizabeth Shepherd commended everyone for their commitment to this training process, and said three out four training sessions have been completed with one session remaining.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Park Services Superintendent: Dan Hamlin: met recently with Schel Chelb neighbors to discuss park access; the new chipper has arrived; a number of agencies are working together to provide the County with new GIS mapping information; the horticultural position has been filled and the new staff member will begin on Monday; the building at Rotary Park is ready to use; Little League has teamed up with the Park District to improve the ballfields at Hidden Cove Park; the second Dog Ambassador program is underway and has been well received.

Park Services Superintendent: Mike Mejia: a work party of volunteers will be held at Fay Bainbridge Park this weekend to remove scotch broom; the Chilly Hilly bicycle event is this Sunday; a hearing test for staff will be held on March 20 as part of the District's safety program.

Senior Planner: Perry Barrett: he is working on getting the environmental assessment underway for the Sakai property; a public meeting for Schel Chelb will be held in March; the permit amendment for the jetty bridge at Blakely Harbor Park has been submitted to COBI; on February 23, a public meeting will be held by the City of BI regarding the Madison Cottages development and its proposal to the Park District regarding the Madison Avenue Tot Lot.

Recreation Services Director: John DeMeyer: a positive and productive Senior Center Board retreat was held last week; the Senior Center fashion show was outstanding; the Fly Fishing extravaganza will be held May 3; a staff committee has developed a formal intern program including housing that will be launched soon; an HVAC motor at the Aquatics Center burned up recently with staff responding quickly and efficiently to address the fire and replace the damaged equipment; new lane lines at the pool were done through funds provided by the BI Parks Foundation and Rosemary Hawk Fund; the Master's Program swim coach April Cheadle was selected as the National Team Coach for northwest swimmers; the youth swim team has two boys who ranked number one in the nation for the breast stroke and butterfly stroke.

Executive Director: Terry Lande: the Madison Cottages development mentioned above by Perry Barrett would like to trade the lot it owns on the corner of Madison and Wyatt for the Madison Avenue Tot Lot owned by the Park District. The development would pay to design and develop the new park. It would include a playground and street parking, and would be a better location for the community since the park would be more visible and accessible.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS: Feb. 26: Gathering to honor prior board members, directors, and staff members; March 7: BI Chamber of Commerce Awards Ceremony.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Swolgaard expressed concern about the Battle Point Park restrooms saying he's heard some complaints about them. Park Services Superintendent Dan Hamlin said vandalism has become a regular occurrence and it is common for the fixtures to be ripped off walls with damage to sheetrock. Repairing the damage is costly and extensive, and with this happening almost every two weeks it was decided to stop replacing the fixtures during the winter season when the restrooms are not used as often. He also noted that the restrooms are old and were not well built initially. Ideally they would be replaced, but it is very expensive

to do this. Commissioner Swolgaard asked that the BPP restrooms be placed as a priority on the list of capital improvement projects that need to be done.

- Commissioner Swolgaard commented on the Grand Forest parking lot off Miller Road saying it is too small to accommodate the number of people who go there.
- Commissioner Swolgaard suggested looking into the website Just Serve as a way of posting volunteer and community service opportunities.
- Commissioner Cross said she has heard concerns about people using Gideon Park as an off leash dog park and that there is frustration over people not picking up their dog waste.
- Commissioner Cross inquired into whether the Park District should have a formal policy on recycling.
- Commissioner Cross said the BARN is asking the Park District for a letter of support as it pursues a grant for its building. This was briefly discussed with hesitation expressed over providing this prior to an assessment of the organization's relationship to the Park District and gaining an understanding of its overall business plan.
- Commissioner Cross commented on there not being a porta potty at Point White Dock. Executive Director Lande said the District must plan strategically on where to put porta potties since each one costs \$100 month.
- Commissioner Cross said that while the City is unwilling to put a crosswalk on Miller Road where the Grand Forest connects to the Forest to Sky Trail, perhaps they would be willing to install pedestrian crossing signage.
- Commissioner Robinson said he attended the recent City Council meeting when discussion of revising the dog ordinance was held. The City Council decided to create a new committee to review the comments.
- Commissioner Kinney suggested looking into Stanley Park in Vancouver BC which has a high success rate in getting people to walk with their dogs on leash in the park.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:28 pm for discussion of real estate with announced time to reconvene at 8:50 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 8:50 pm and **ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 8:51 pm for continued discussion of the above item, with announced time to reconvene at 9:30 pm.

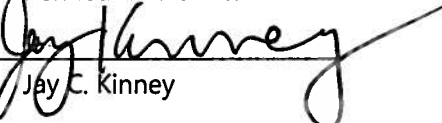
MEETING RECONVENED at 9:30 pm and **ADJOURNED** at 9:31 pm.

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Terry M. Lande
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN
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BY: 
Kirk B. Robinson

BY: 
Lee Cross

BY: 
Kenneth R. DeWitt

BY: 
Jay C. Kinney

ATTEST: 
John Thomas Swolgaard