

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MARCH 7, 2013
STRAWBERRY HILL 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, Jay Kinney, Kirk Robinson, and Tom Swolgaard. Absent: Ken DeWitt

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: Add potential litigation and personnel to the executive session for real estate at the end of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Doug Hatfield, island resident, asked to keep the conversation going regarding two sites: 1) the one acre site of the original John Nelson park; 2) Strawberry Packing Plant, suggested by some to be named John Nelson Park since the original John Nelson site was exchanged for this site by the City. He said the WA State hydraulic permit for the overwater viewing platform at the packing plant site was approved and is still valid until June 2014. He wanted the Board to know there is still interest in this and that hopefully some action will be taken before the permit expires.

Jerry Elfendahl, island resident, referred to the Harbor Commission's recent hearing with the City Council, saying the Commission's suggested use for the WSF funds has never mentioned using a portion of it for Cannery Cove (Strawberry Packing Plant). He said the permit for the overwater viewing platform is due to expire soon and has asked the City to spend one eighth of the WSF funds on the Strawberry Packing Plant. He said it might be helpful if the Park District writes a letter in support of this to the City Council. He said several things are needed for the park, some of which include: a proper name, historic marker, picnic benches, and use of the small building for programs. He would like to see the City and Park District work together on this, and questioned why the City is in the park business in the first place when the Park District is better equipped to care for the island's parks and is the designated agency on the island to deal with them. Commissioner Robinson provided an update on the District's progress on the trail at the original John Nelson site saying the survey work has just been completed. He also noted that when approached by the City to take on the project at Waterfront Park, the Park District was agreeable to this provided that due to issues of accountability the park be transferred to the District. In an effort to be consistent with community sentiment to have all the island's parks turned over to the Park District, the District was also willing to accept the transfer of Strawberry Packing Plant and Pritchard Park (all but the EPA site). The City was not interested in this overall package involving the transfer of three parks. Jerry Elfendahl also questioned having a public boat launch in town due to the congestion it causes and suggested Pritchard Park as a better location. He said the goal tonight is to indicate that there is still public interest in these items, and that it is time to take a look at where things are going.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon making the following revisions to the minutes of the February 21, 2013 regular board meeting, Chair Swolgaard stated the minutes stand approved as corrected: p. 2, under Recreation Services Director: delete "great".

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: Cross/Robinson: 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 | Batch Date | Batch Amt | Fund No. | Fund Name | Fund Amt | Pre-Approved |
|--------|------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 022613 | 2/26/13 | 42,285.48 | 94952 | General | 40,697.70 | |
| | | | 94955 | Capital Improvemnt | 1,587.78 | |
| 022713 | 2/27/13 | 1,698.46 | 94952 | General | 1,698.46 | |

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recreation Services Director: John DeMeyer: Teen Center power usage is now tracked by a meter and paid for by the Park District; planning is underway for summer programs; the annual egg hunt is coming up. He introduced the new Aquatics Manager, Mark Benishek, who arrived from Indiana last week, said he is glad to be here and has found everyone to be very welcoming.

Park Services Superintendent: Mike Mejia: Bre Ganne recently got her herbicide application license and will be getting her playground certification soon; staff is working to clean up the garden plot site at Battle Point Park; the Fay Bainbridge septic system is getting underway; a neighbor has offered to do some landscaping and put up a new fence at T'Chookwap Park and a hazardous maple tree will be taken down there; several community groups will be putting in a patio at Hilltop behind Prue's House; an eagle scout will be painting the small barracks at Fort Ward Park; mowing, planting, and bench repairs are all going on.

Park Services Superintendent: Dan Hamlin: a PAC meeting was held on Monday to discuss an overall layout of recreational trails and nominated trail connections; Prue's house at Hilltop is almost done and looks very nice. He met recently with Mariah Mason and Dale Spoor to review the District's records on herbicide applications and discuss an incident involving a staff member who did not post while spraying. Preliminary steps for the Rotary Park renovation project are underway, including tracking down documents to verify that the Park District has a free hook-up into the City's sewer system as outlined in a past agreement, and to establish ownership of a strip of land along the property.

Executive Director: Terry Lande: Is back from vacation after being gone several weeks.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS: March 12: Senior Center Retreat.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Cross noted that the Shoreline Management Plan was not discussed at the City Council meeting last night as expected. It has been moved to next week.
- Commissioner Robinson said a good meeting of the dog committee was held yesterday with all members present. Both he and Commissioner Kinney attended. An off leash dog park at the Vincent Road site is supported by several City Council members. Discussion of a dog park at Pritchard Park has been suggested but this could be contested since the park's designation as passive use was a condition of its purchase. Some willingness has been expressed to amend the City statute on dogs to say dogs in District parks and on school grounds must be on leash unless in a designated off leash area.
- Commissioner Swolgaard said the opening of The Waypoint went very well and was attended by a wide array of community members, many of whom were involved in making the project happen.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A letter dated 2/17/13 from Paul Skeffington was received complimenting the District on its trail work and offering suggestions regarding goats. Executive Director Lande said Park Services Superintendent Mike Mejia will respond to it since he oversees the District's use of goats in parks.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:05 pm for discussion of real estate, potential litigation, and personnel with announced time to reconvene at 7:50 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 7:50 pm and **ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 7:51 pm for continued discussion of the above items, with announced time to reconvene at 8:10 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 8:10 pm and **ADJOURNED** at 8:12 pm.

Elizabeth R. Shepherd
Terry M. Lande
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN
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BY: 
John Thomas Swolgaard

BY: 
Jay C. Kinney

BY: 
Lee Cross

BY: _____
Kenneth R. DeWitt

ATTEST: 
Kirk B. Robinson