

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2014-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT, KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON, IN HONOR OF JACK O'NEILL AND HIS FORTY PLUS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PARK DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, John Christopher O'Neill (Jack) began working for the Bainbridge Island Park & Recreation District over 40 years ago and is now retiring from the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District in June of 2014; and

WHEREAS, out of all the Park District employees over the years, Jack O'Neill has worked the longest with his first paycheck from the Park District issued in August 1977, and his approximately six years of work for the Park District prior to this paid with federal CETA funds; and

WHEREAS, he has contributed significantly to the District through his tireless work as a park maintenance person and has improved the island's parks through his many contributions performed day in and day out for over four decades; and

WHEREAS, he has been known over the years for his ability to wield a shovel and swing an axe, and is personally responsible for splitting the logs and building the split rail fence at the entrance of Battle Point Park, and constructing the boardwalk at Manzanita Park using planks he hand-split; and

WHEREAS, he worked on many park structures including the south "wing" of the administrative building at Strawberry Hill Park, the original Grand Forest Bridge including a miniature model of it, and the Hawley Cove Park boardwalk; and

WHEREAS, he will be remembered in particular for his love for rock work and his masonry throughout the parks including the entrance rockery at Strawberry Hill Park where he sculpted the original District logo into stone; and

WHEREAS, he has an uncanny ability to find water lines in parks and resuscitate distressed picnic tables and benches; and

WHEREAS, he has endeared himself to all through his many traits and characteristics including his dry wit and humor, his philosophical utterances and occasional orneriness, his humble demeanor, his laughter and his crossword puzzles; and

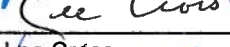
WHEREAS, Jack O'Neill has been an honest, hardworking employee who has dedicated himself to the Park District and gone about his work in a straight forward, pleasant manner, doing what needed to be done with patience and perseverance,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District, Kitsap County, Washington, that Jack O'Neill be commended for his outstanding years of service to the Park District and the community of Bainbridge Island.

PASSED by the Board of Commissioners of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District, Kitsap County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof held this 19th day of June, 2014, the undersigned commissioners being present.

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

BY: 
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