



May 16, 2016

Dear Community Members,

We want to thank you for your participation in the public process the Park District is conducting for the Sakai property. We appreciate your involvement, time, and many contributions. To make sure we are all on the same page, we'd like to provide a recap of the process to date and provide some clarity on how it will continue to unfold.

Since the community voted in February 2015 to approve the purchase of the Sakai property, it has been the desire of the Park District and its Board of Commissioners to gather public input into how the Bainbridge Island community would like to see the Sakai property used. A method for public process was decided upon that is new to the District, and designed with an inclusive element intended to culminate in a community driven vision for the park.

Facilitators from outside the District were hired to conduct this public process. Board members and Park District staff have been present at all meetings as observers. They have listened carefully but have not participated other than to answer occasional factual questions.

Two public meetings have been held to date. Numerous avenues were used to inform the public of the meeting dates and the importance of community involvement in the process. A third public meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, July 16, 10am to noon. By that date, any work completed and submitted by the ten community work groups involved in this process will have been posted on the Park District's web site, including summaries of several public surveys developed by these groups.

To see a summary of the first two meetings, and an outline of what is anticipated for the upcoming third public meeting, please visit the Park District's website at www.biparks.org.

The goal of this public process will have been met when upon conclusion of the third meeting, the community has generated for the Park District a list of 10-12 recommended uses for the Sakai property.

The list of recommended uses will be presented to the Park Board at a subsequent regular board meeting, at which time the work groups will also be asked to present their findings. These presentations will formally transfer to the Board the input generated by the community out of the preceding public process, and the vision this conveys for the Sakai property.

It will then be the task of the Park Commissioners and District staff to address specific issues pertaining to the recommended uses such as related capital and operational costs, feasibility and benefit to the overall community, and applicable restrictions.

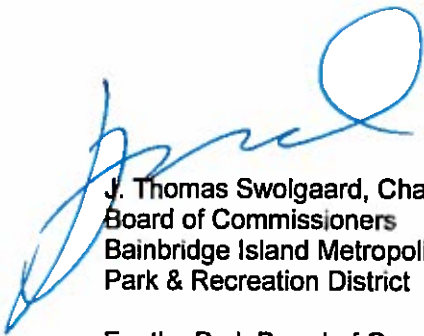
While the list of recommended uses will carry significant weight, it is not set in stone. It may not be feasible for everything from the list to be included in the park, and some things from the list may be more appropriate at other Park District locations. Other uses might be considered if they are determined by the Board to be needed. It is the Park Board's responsibility to make the final decision on what uses will be included on the Sakai property.

There will be many more opportunities for the community to provide input and get involved in the development of this park. Next steps will include the development of a concept plan, determining the scope of design, and implementing future phases. We imagine that development of the Sakai property will be spread out over many years.

We encourage you to stay involved both now and in the future. Together as a community we will create this new island park.

Thank you again for your participation.

Sincerely,



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