

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2016
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, Ken DeWitt, Jay Kinney, Kirk Robinson, Tom Swolgaard.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: Add to Unfinished Business: Rotary Park Fencing Contract

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon hearing there were no corrections to the minutes of the January 21, 2016 regular board meeting, Chair Swolgaard stated the minutes stand approved as submitted.

Upon hearing there were no corrections to the minutes of the January 23, 2016 public meeting for planning the Sakai property, Chair Swolgaard stated the minutes stand approved as submitted.

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 Dated	Batch Amt	Fund No.	Fund Name	Fund Amt	Pre-Approved
1/20/16	27,093.92	001	General	23,928.93	1/14/16
		300	Capital	3,164.99	
2/3/16	78,719.79	001	General	74,226.57	2/1/16
		300	Capital	4,493.22	
2/4/16	34,462.13	000	000	114.67	2/1/16
			001	34,462.13	

GENERAL BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2016-01: HONORING PAUL COOPER: Park Services Director Dan Hamlin said Paul Cooper has retired after eighteen years of employment with the Park District and that this resolution is a way to honor his many contributions. Applause for Paul Cooper followed after the resolution was read. Chair Swolgaard thanked him and said he will be missed. **MSC: DeWitt/Kinney: That Resolution 2016-01, honoring Paul Cooper for his eighteen years of service to the Park District, be adopted.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ROTARY PARK TRAIL EASEMENT: Executive Director Lande informed the Board of an easement at Rotary Park that was recorded incorrectly when the junior district changed over to a metropolitan park district. He said it came to the attention of the District recently when a neighbor of the park wanted to sell her house and learned there was an odd easement across her yard clouding her title. The District's attorney Ryan Vancil is addressing the issue and it should be resolved fairly easily.

DEBRIEF SAKAI PUBLIC PROCESS: Executive Director Lande said he asked facilitators Bob Linz and Christina Hulet to come this evening so the Board could talk with them about the January 23 public meeting. Bob Linz reiterated the

goal of the public process, saying the intent is for the community to present to the Board a list of ten recommended uses for the Sakai property. He noted that currently the work groups generated out of the January 23 public meeting are conducting research that they will present at the next public meeting. Two of these groups have already posted their findings on the District's website. Bob Linz said this is a process that trusts the intelligence of the public to come forward. He asked the board for input on what they had observed at the first meeting on January 23. While the overall response of board members was very positive, some concern was expressed over the length of the meeting, saying the five hour time period lost people who could not stay that long. It was questioned whether the group that remained at the end of the day was representative of the larger group that was there in the morning. It was also noted some people left at lunch when they heard the steps in the afternoon would require more work and commitment. On the other hand, the turn-out of 175 people was believed to be significant and the completed evaluations indicated people were pleased with the process.

Discussion then turned to the next public meeting at which time the large list of potential uses that came out of the January 23 meeting will be narrowed down. Options for how to best do this were discussed. Christina Hulet spoke of the need to balance genuine community engagement with the need for expertise that would inform the public of any built in constraints related to the different uses. It was pointed out that consideration of the specifications generated at the January 23 meeting have not yet been vetted and could be a means for addressing this concern. Having a fact sheet at the next meeting identifying things that cannot be done due to legal, zoning or other constraints may be an option. Identifying possible resources could be helpful for people. Doug Rauh, convener of the financial feasibility work group, spoke of the need to address people's expectations which are not always realistic, as well as cash flow considerations.

The next steps were identified as: picking a date for the next public meeting; inviting the public to attend; and scheduling a meeting place. Limiting the meeting time to 2-3 hours was also suggested.

ROTARY FENCING CONTRACT: Park Services Director Dan Hamlin said one bid was received in this latest round of bids for the fencing contract for Rotary Park. The bid was submitted by Viking Fence Company at the price of \$52,510.97, which is within the \$50,000 range estimated in the District's budget. Dan Hamlin recommended that the bid be awarded. **MSC: DeWitt/Robinson: That the fencing contract for Rotary Park be awarded Viking Fence Company.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Park Services Director: Dan Hamlin: with Paul Cooper's retirement, a Maintenance 2 position has opened up that will require strong building skills; he has offered to meet with City Council members to update them on what the Park District has done to address dog issues; the Dog Advisory Committee is developing a mission statement. He and Terry Lande mentioned that the City Manager has indicated the City may want to transfer Pritchard Park soon and that dogs are allowed there under the current SMP provided the use is not changed. This created some ambiguity for the Board since while the park rules require dogs to be on leash, the park is used as an off leash dog area. The District is waiting for something in writing from the City to clarify whether timed use for off leash dogs at Pritchard Park is permissible under the SMP. The mill pond at Blakely Harbor Park is identified as navigable waters by the Coast Guard and the related federal regulations will require a significant increase in height to the jetty bridge to make the pond accessible for motor boats. These requirements would cause a significant change in design and costs for the small pedestrian bridge and could prohibit the project from continuing. The route of the Sound to Olympic Trail coming from the ferry will have a large impact on The Waypoint pedestrian park and will cause a large portion of the wall to be removed.

Recreation Services Superintendent: Mark Benishek: recruitment is underway at the Senior Center to line up some new volunteers; Sue Barrington will be attending a training session next week on aging; a recent Float & Float Movie Night

at the pool brought in approximately 180 people; the Diving Club has been fundraising to replace a diving board and just presented a check for \$2000 marking the half-way point; Heart 2 Heart valentine cards made at the Teen Center will be distributed soon to people in the community.

Recreation Services Superintendent: Bryan Garoutte: work is underway to line up summer programs; the number of gymnastics birthday parties have doubled; several grants have been received for upgrading gymnastics equipment in the Transmitter Building; the WA Men's State Championship for gymnastics will be hosted by the District on March 19 and 20 here on the island; Jeff Ozimek, Outdoor Programs Manager, attended a recent risk management course with Recreation Services Superintendent Mark Benishek.

Executive Director: Terry Lande: monthly meetings with District staff and Barb Trafton Executive Director of BI Parks Foundation have started up to ensure clear communication between the two organizations; facility rentals under Lori Mejia have doubled since last year at this time; work is underway to line up summer events and concerts; the annual Girl Scout camp-out held in past years at Battle Point Park is moving to a park that will better accommodate overnight camping such as Fay Bainbridge or Camp Yeomalt; Recreation Service Superintendents Mark Benishek and Bryan Garoutte will be attending a Rectrac conference in Vermont to prepare for the District's upgrade to the latest Rectrac version in March; Terry Lande will be away on vacation from February 14-28.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS: Executive Director Lande will miss the February 18 board meeting; a quorum of the board was confirmed for that meeting.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Cross attended a BI Parks Foundation Trails Committee meeting and said they are moving along enthusiastically with their projects.
- Commissioner Robinson turned in a trails nomination for the WRPA conference and attended a COBI Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.
- Commissioner Dewitt attended an IGWG meeting on Monday night and said the school bond was the main topic discussed.
- Commissioner Kinney expressed concern over an off-leash dog group that wants the fines for off-leash dogs lowered to \$25, saying such a change would cause the City ordinance to lose its teeth. Executive Director Lande said the City Manager has indicated that a \$25 fine is not realistic since it would not cover the City's costs to process the fine. It was suggested that if the proposed reduction in fines goes to the City Council, the Board may want to issue a statement saying that as an entity that is heavily affected by off leash dogs but won't benefit from the fines, the Park District believes the current amount to be fully appropriate as a deterrent to off leash dogs.
- Commissioner Swolgaard said he and Commissioner Robinson presented the District's proposal for the Suzuki property at the first City meeting on January 26, and will present it again at the next two meetings the City has scheduled on February 9 and 23.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:15 pm.

Elizabeth R. Shepherd
Terry M. Lande
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN
PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

BY: _____

John Thomas Swolgaard

BY: _____

Kenneth R. DeWitt

BY: _____

Lee Cross

BY: _____

Kirk B. Robinson

ATTEST: _____

Jay C. Kinney