

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2017
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND AQUATIC CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chair DeWitt.

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Lande, Perry Barrett, Mark Benishek, David Harry, Lori Mejia, Elizabeth Shepherd, Amy Swenson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Ron Piland, island resident, thanked the board and staff for facilitating meetings between the Park District and various tax-funded entities like the BI School District and City of BI, saying collaboration between agencies will be the way to get the best possible scenario for the community.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon making the following revisions to the minutes of the September 7, 2017 regular board meeting, Chair DeWitt stated the minutes stand approved as corrected: p. 2: replace "property insurance" with "title insurance". Other revisions submitted by Commissioner Cross prior to board meeting: p. 1: replace "Strawberry Hill Center" with "BI Aquatic Center"; p. 4: correct spelling of Rauh; p. 5: add "from the State" after "secure grant funds".

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: Robinson/Cross: 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
8/30/17	104,081.25	001	General	71,667.28	8/30/17
		300	Capital	32,413.97	
9/6/17	105,687.82	001	General	94,355.73	9/6/17
		300	Capital	11,332.09	
9/8/17	223,006.23	001	General	217,310.28	9/11/17
		300	Capital	5,695.95	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SAKAI PARK SITE PLAN OPTIONS: Johnpaul Jones, Jones & Jones Principal, said this is the last of three presentations regarding site plan options for Sakai Park. As requested by the board, the community's input into what is wanted at the park has been considered, and the options have been narrowed down to the two that will be presented this evening. He summarized some of the bigger issues that surfaced through this process, saying over half the site consists of slopes and wetlands, and that with restrictions and buffers only 2.1 acres are available for impermeable surfaces. The challenge has been how to best utilize this footprint given that a number of the recommended uses would require large buildings or impervious surface. Senior Associate Duane Dietz said consideration of a 50 meter pool at the Sakai site has been taken off the table due to a recent decision by the board to locate any new pool at the site of the existing aquatic center. Both options presented this evening include: 1) Driveway moved to align with driveway across street per City requirement; 2) All buildings clustered in south end of park with bottom story of two

story building tucked into slope so view from street is of a one story building; 3) Placement of buildings in south end so better able in future to integrate site's current structures; 4) Use of pods connected by covered walkways providing integration with landscape including existing orchard; 5) Placement of meadows, lawn, picnic shelters and nature area in north end of park. Both options also include: 1) Indoor recreation complex for indoor soccer, tennis and basketball, with a separate area for gymnastics; 2) Activity and office pods that share restrooms and mechanical space; 3) One hundred parking spots; 4) Forested buffers along Madison Avenue. Option 2 varies from Option 1 in that the buildings in Option 2 are oriented differently, a taller structure is included, and an outdoor tennis court is placed in the north end. Option 2 would require a variance since it exceeds the amount of impermeable surface allowed by 10,875 square feet. Commissioner DeWitt asked if a tennis or pickleball court could be put on top of the building. Johnpaul Jones said it could go on top of the smaller gymnasium, but it would have a big impact since it would require a chain link fence around it. Jones & Jones provided the following in response to questions from the audience: turf fields are an impervious surface; due to the lack of space for a multi-use outdoor athletic facility, Jones & Jones focused on indoor recreation facilities; given the community's priority for walking and jogging trails, there is not sufficient room for a mountain bike course. In response to a question about what is envisioned for the senior center shown in the drawings, Executive Director Terry explained that this is a conceptual plan and that the use of the pods as defined in the drawings are examples of multi-use functions that could go in them. Nothing at this time is definitive. Ron Piland, a community member, confirmed with Jones & Jones that storm water limitations were what determined the 2.1 acres available for impervious surfaces. He expressed concerns that the options presented don't consider potential variables that could increase the amount of developable acreage. Johnpaul Jones said the designs are based on what is here now. They reflect what is known at this time to be possible given the property's constraints. Pushing the envelope to gain more square footage for developable space would be a next stage that would require an extensive City process. Executive Director Terry Lande said he has talked with the City of BI and the BI School District about the whole corridor. They have discussed who owns what property with the intent of figuring out what is best for the community, not just individual agencies. Bruce Weiland, island resident, encouraged an extensive trail system in the park. Johnpaul Jones commented on the amount of plant and animal life in the pond area and the importance of bringing people down to see it through the use of trails and boardwalks. Executive Director Lande mentioned the importance of loop trails in the park, as well as trails that will connect Sakai Park to other parts of the island. Jon Benjes agreed that a full blown mountain bike course is not feasible for the site, but thought a more modest design would work. Jerry Elfendahl, island historian and former curator of the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum, spoke about the stories Paul Sakai (now deceased) had shared with him about the island's history, and expressed interest in relocating the museum to the Sakai property in either the bunker or the Sakai home. Several people commented on the need to have sufficient square footage for the gymnastics space so equipment does not have to be continually dismantled and there is room for spectator seating. Edith Hartmann said what Jones & Jones has come up with is very exciting, and noted that at the time the public process began for Sakai Park the senior center downtown had not yet separated from the Park District. She hoped the senior center in the drawings would complement and not compete with the downtown center. Johnpaul Jones said what they have done will provide a road map for the park's future and that while what has been laid out will be expensive to build, this work will serve as a guide. Bruce Weiland said he attended one of the first public meetings in 2016 and was blown away by the number of competing uses that were suggested for the park. He commended Jones & Jones for coming up with a plan that provides a balance between them. Executive Director Lande said there have been up to eight public meetings held to date for Sakai Park with several hundred people participating in the public process. At some point he said the options have to be narrowed down to something that can be done. Many thanks were exchanged between Jones & Jones and the Park District, with thanks also extended to the community for their participation.

MEETING ADJOURNED for a short break at 7:23 pm and **RECONVENED** at 7:35 pm.

FISCAL SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARK DISTRICT AND BAINBRIDGE ISLAND PARKS

FOUNDATION: Commissioner Robinson said part of the discussion around the Moritani property has included forming a Friends of Moritani Committee to which he and Commissioner Cross were appointed at the last board meeting. *to address Fiscal sponsorship. An ad hoc committee has formed* Since then, a meeting has been held which they attended along with Glenn Haber, Dan Hamlin, and Barb Trafton of the BI Parks Foundation. During the meeting they discussed a proposal to develop an overall fiscal sponsorship agreement between the Park District and the BI Parks Foundation that would define responsibilities between the two organizations in regards to projects and fundraising. Committees set up around various projects would then operate under the umbrella of this agreement such as Friends of Moritani. Glenn Haber said the challenge is to delineate the responsibilities in such a way that fundraising efforts are attributed to the Parks Foundation, and not the Park District which cannot by law be in the business of fundraising. The purpose of this agreement is to finance projects that the Park District could not otherwise do. If a project needs funds and there is a group of energized citizens with interest in the project, Glenn Haber said there is a good chance of this working. If there is no interest or energized group to spearhead the effort, it will not work. Glenn Haber noted that Friends of Moritani will be the first project to operate under this agreement, and will test the waters to see if this is a good model. Barb Trafton spoke in support of the proposed fiscal sponsorship agreement in concept, while noting the importance of getting the details clearly defined. She mentioned several projects that could fall under it, and said it will provide a great opportunity to tap into the enthusiasm of the community. Glenn Haber has engaged an attorney in Seattle who specializes in fiscal sponsorship, and who will draft the agreement dividing the responsibilities between the Park District and the Foundation so it is clear who is doing what. The agreement will serve as a master on-going agreement that could cover any project the two organizations agree would be appropriate for this structure.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recreation Services: Division Director Mark Benishek said the fall session has kicked off; the Springer house this summer was a great asset to the sailing program; swim classes are in high demand; Gymnastics is offering a family fitness program; the front cover of the fall catalogue featured pottery and has promoted awareness of the pottery program; an introduction class on pickleball has filled with many on the wait list.

Park Services: Senior Manager David Harry gave an update on the Fay Bainbridge cabin and electrical projects saying an opening ceremony will be held on September 30; horticultural staff are busy mowing and preparing for winter; installation of the disc golf holes at Battle Point Park is underway; staff member Bre Ganne submitted her resignation.

Administrative Services: Senior Planner Perry Barrett noted with excitement that the federal permit for the Hidden Cove dock project has arrived after years of working towards this effort. Division Director Amy Swenson said budget goals will be discussed at the next board meeting. Community Outreach Program Manager Lori Mejia said a barbeque at the Hillside Shelter will be held during the opening of the Fay Bainbridge cabins. Executive Director Lande said he is writing a letter to the Seattle Yacht Club to inquire into what is needed to acquire the Springer property. He will be attending the NRPA conference next week with Dan Hamlin and Mark Benishek.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS: September 30: Grand opening Fay Bainbridge Park cabins and campsite electricity; October 15: Grand opening Moritani Preserve.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Robinson commented on how nice the new trail is at Rotary Park, and said he attended a recent BI Parks Foundation projects committee meeting.


- Commissioner DeWitt relayed what had been discussed at a recent IGWG meeting, at which time the City Mayor brought up a joint resolution signed in 2004 by all the island's public agencies indicating a commitment to coordinate public taxation and develop a model for projecting tax forecasts. A City Council member wanted to know why this wasn't being followed. This led to a discussion during the IGWG meeting over the greater need for coordination from the City over more pressing issues such as code changes. Terry Lande asked why the City isn't asking for input from the agencies that will be affected by these changes. He cited the Critical Areas Ordinance as an example of this. The City is proposing changes to the CAO without discussing with the Park District what impact these changes will have on Park District daily operations. Under the proposed CAO, conditions for the Park District will be much stricter than conditions for a homeowner. For example, a code review will be required when the Park District wants to trim trees or remove invasive species. A letter regarding this has been drafted that will be sent from Chair DeWitt to the City Mayor.
- Commissioner DeWitt said he will miss the November 2 board meeting.

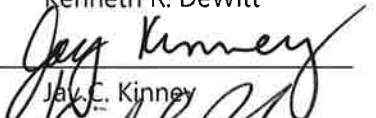
WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS


Several emails providing input into Sakai Park were distributed.


MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:22 pm.

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

BY: 
 Kenneth R. DeWitt

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ATTEST: 
 Lee Cross