

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2017-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT, KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ACCEPTING THE PRIVATE DONATION OF THE "MORITANI PRESERVE" AND AUTHORIZING THIS PROPERTY TRANSFER.

WHEREAS, a parcel of land formerly owned by the Moritani family and its heirs and now known as the "Moritani Preserve", has been offered to the Park District as a private donation by its current owner, Fletcher Bay Foundation; and

WHEREAS, this valuable property, once associated with Bainbridge Island's Japanese-American berry farming, consists of approximately 8-1/2 acres of woodlands and fields in the center of Winslow; and

WHEREAS, prior to making this offer, the donor conducted an extensive and thorough clean-up of the site, removing dilapidated buildings, debris, and invasive vegetation; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the donor that this land be respected as open green space and a place of nature that will uplift and renew the spirit of those who pass through it; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the preservation of the donor's intent, and forever save the property from development, the donor and the Park District propose to enter into a property transfer agreement that will include various restrictive covenants stipulating that the Moritani Preserve shall be used exclusively as a passive public park and natural open space, open to the public for purposes of walking, jogging, sitting, nature viewing, and other similar passive recreational uses and activities; and

WHEREAS, accepting this property is consistent with the Park District's Comprehensive Plan, as well as the Greening of Winslow Report included as Appendix F in this document, and which calls for more green space in the Winslow corridor and notes the community's aspiration to preserve this specific parcel; and

WHEREAS, the proposed donation will enable the public to enjoy a significant new park in downtown Winslow without the expenditure of any public funds for the acquisition and initial clean-up and beautification of the property; and

WHEREAS, heartfelt thanks are extended to the donor for this generous, magnanimous, and gracious gift of a beautiful preserve in downtown Winslow that will be enjoyed by all for generations to come,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS by the Board of Commissioners of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District, Kitsap County, Washington, that:

- 1) The Park District accepts the private donation of the "Moritani Preserve" and authorizes transfer of the Preserve from the Fletcher Bay Foundation to the Park District; and
- 2) The Park District, after consultation with its counsel, accepts and shall enter into an Agreement Regarding Donation of Park Property and Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A; and
- 3) The Executive Director is authorized to sign the foregoing Agreement, and all other related transfer documents, and take all other actions reasonable necessary to accept the donation of the Moritani Preserve as a public park.

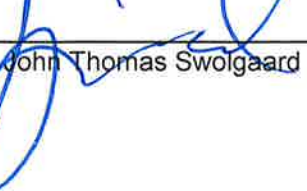
PASSED by the Board of Commissioners of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District, Kitsap County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof held this 7th day of September, 2017, the undersigned commissioners being present.


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BY: 
Kenneth R. DeWitt

BY: 
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BY: 
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Lee Cross, Secretary