

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 2014
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

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

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

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: Add executive session at 8 pm for litigation and real estate.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon hearing there were no corrections to the minutes of the January 16, 2014 regular board meeting, Vice-Chair Cross stated the minutes stand approved as submitted.

Upon making the following revisions to the minutes of the February 6, 2014 regular board meeting, Vice-Chair Cross stated the minutes stand approved as corrected: 1) p. 2: Change "Aquatics Manager" to "Aquatic Center Administrator"; 2) p. 2: Revise sentence under Director's report to say: "a fundraiser featuring the Evergreen Singers this weekend to raise money for the Senior Center Non-Profit"; 3) p. 3: insert "update" after "Shoreline Management Plan" in two places.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: Robinson/Swolgaard: 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	Batch Date	Batch Amt	Fund No.	Fund Name	Fund Amt	Pre-Approved
021914	02/19/14	28,280.30	94952	General	27,475.80	2/19/14
			94955	Capital Improvemt	804.50	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ROTARY PARK PLAYGROUND: Park Services Superintendent Dan Hamlin said discussions about an inclusive playground at Rotary Park have continued since the February 6 board meeting when the concept was first introduced to the Board by Stacey Marshall. As the mother of Owen, a little boy with disabilities who has passed away, Stacey Marshall and her husband hope to create a play area that will benefit and be enjoyed by all children regardless of age or ability. She provided a Power Point presentation of Harper's Playground, an inclusive playground in Portland, which is serving as the inspiration for "Owen's Playground" at Rotary Park. After visiting Harper's Playground earlier this week with the Marshalls and Landscape Architect Chris Cain, Dan Hamlin expressed enthusiasm for the project saying Rotary Park is the perfect spot for a playground like this. It has the space, it is centrally located, and it is near the schools. Chris Cain presented preliminary drawings showing the various elements envisioned for the playground. These include a welcome area, an area for swinging, water and sand play, a sensory garden, a slide mound, a blank wall for drawing on with chalk, and a quiet area. It will include the use of natural materials, as well as sculptural and artistic elements. The entire area will be conducive for play and imagination, as opposed to a typical playground where play tends to occur only at specific points where the play equipment is. Dan Hamlin said the next steps include: forming a committee with community members, public meetings, fundraising and marketing. He distributed a tentative budget with anticipated costs of \$220,000 for the first two phases, and \$100,000 for the third phase. The target date to begin the playground is September 2014, once renovation of the lower ball field has been completed. He said the Marshalls

and other proponents for this project would like to see the playground named "Owen's Playground" with a plaque at the entrance telling the story about how the play area came about. It was noted the District has a policy for naming parks that will need to be referred to. Dan Hamlin said once the name has been determined, marketing efforts can begin. The Board expressed enthusiasm for the project. Stacey Marshall shared her excitement for the project and thanked the Park District for its support.

GAZZAM LAKE & NATURE PRESERVE TRAILS: Park Services Superintendent Dan Hamlin reviewed proposed trails for the Gazzam Lake complex and asked the Board for approval of the conceptual locations.

MSC: DeWitt/Swolgaard: To approve the Gazzam trail conceptual improvements as presented.

VINCENT ROAD OFF LEASH DOG AREA: Executive Director Terry Lande said the Park District turned in the permit application for the dog area at Vincent Road, and that the City has declared it is incomplete until the Park District provides a number of additional items such as engineered plans for fencing and as built drawings. In addition, District staff is concerned over some of the items included in the lease agreement for the site that the City has drafted. He asked that this topic be addressed in executive session since it involves real estate negotiations.

HAWLEY COVE PARK SEWER LINE EASEMENT: This topic was deferred to executive session for discussion of real estate negotiations.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Park Services Superintendent: Mike Mejia: several trees at Fay Bainbridge Park and Ted Olson Nature Preserve were recently assessed by arborist Katy Bigelow for potential risk hazards; he along with staff attended a recent pruning seminar at the Bloedel Reserve; he and Dan Hamlin met last week with Fire Chief Hank Teran to discuss forest fire safety; potential park projects were discussed at a recent boy scout meeting; Bre Ganne and Matt Miller have just completed an herbicide seminar.

Recreation Program Manager: Shannon Buxton: in the absence of Recreation Services Director John DeMeyer, she introduced Alex Wisniewski who in addition to working on trails for the District and serving as a PAC member is now working as an intern for the Recreation Division. He has worked in parks and recreation for 15 years, has recently moved to the area, and is working now on getting his MBA. By serving as an intern, he hopes to gain experience in recreation to add to his expertise in parks. He told the board his internship will consist of three projects: 1) organizing and putting on a landscape photography class; 2) assisting with skate shop concessions; and 3) gathering initial data he will compile into a readable document that explores matters related to the feasibility of a community recreation center. The Board expressed appreciation for his help and said the District is fortunate to have him.

Shannon Buxton continued with the recreation report saying the Aquatics Center was closed for much of the day Monday due to unexpected repairs that were needed; Sue Hylan's Cultural Arts Department will be participating the First Friday Arts Walk coming up; a fashion show at the Senior Center will be held tomorrow; an End of Life conference will be held this weekend at the Waterfront Park Community Center; the ski bus to Crystal Mountain will start up this week; she has three winter break camps going on right now; a German talk show crew is on the island and will be using the Camp Yeomalt Cabin to interview David Guterson in the morning.

Park Services Superintendent: Dan Hamlin: work is underway in the administrative office to revamp the back wing so it can accommodate more offices; the Parkland Acquisition Committee is energized after meeting this week to review what was done last year and what the upcoming year holds; the application for tying in Island Center Hall to the City's water line has been submitted.

Executive Director: Terry Lande: he met with Dana Weber who is doing preliminary sketches for a possible new office building at Strawberry Hill Park. The sketches will help the Board with decisions needed in the near future.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Swolgaard said he will not be at the next board meeting on March 6, and wanted it known that he is in support of naming the playground at Rotary Park, "Owen's Playground."
- Commissioner Robinson thinks a future discussion is needed regarding trails and appropriate uses. There may be some trails that due to terrain or other reasons should not be all purpose. Park Services Superintendent Dan Hamlin said the Trails Committee has looked into where there needs to be restrictions on trails and agrees this is something that needs to be addressed. The Board asked for a recommendation from the Trails Committee on this.
- Commissioner Robinson attended a recent City Council meeting and said the City will be doing a comprehensive review of its storm water utilities. He will keep informed on this item and relay what he learns back to the Board.
- Commissioner Cross said the recent fundraiser held by the Senior Center Non-Profit was very successful.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:50 pm for discussion of real estate and potential litigation, with announced time to reconvene at 8:45 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 8:45 pm and **ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 8:46 pm for continued discussion of the above items, with announced time to reconvene at 9:30 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 9:30 pm and **ADJOURNED** at 9:31 pm.

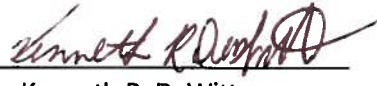
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