

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING: PUBLIC MEETING ROTARY PARK IMPROVEMENTS, APRIL 18, 2013  
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chair Swolgaard.

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

**INTRODUCTION:** Senior Planner Perry Barrett welcomed everyone and provided background on Rotary Park and the proposed project. The park first came to the District in the 1960's and has been remodeled once many years ago. In 2011, the Park District began conceptualizing the project and presented it to the community in a public meeting on May 26, 2011. The District is coming back to the public this evening to provide an update on the project prior to the permit application. The project renovates the two ball fields and relocates one of them. It includes a new play area, trails, a picnic shelter and it replaces the restrooms. Pledges totaling over \$400,000 have been made by the Rotary Club and Little League, and WA State grants funds in the amount of \$500,000 are likely. The work will be done by contractors, volunteers and District staff.

**PROJECT PRESENTATION:** Park Services Superintendent Dan Hamlin provided more details on the project saying it will add more parking and rain gardens will be installed to handle run-off. There will be no lights on the ballfields, other than those needed for security and the scoreboard. Much of the impermeable surface in the park will be eliminated. He said that at this point whether or not to include the meeting room facility is still under discussion since the cost to build it is almost one third of the project's cost and grant funds cannot be used for this purpose. The building's capacity is estimated at 40 people. Phase 1 will include the upper ball field and area next to it. July 1, 2013 is the scheduled start date with the end of September 2013 targeted for completion of Phase 1. Work on Phase 2 will include the lower ball field and is scheduled for July 1, 2014. Several comments from those attending included: 1) Can the storage building be moved so it will add more buffer? Staff agreed that this is a good idea. 2) Will there be garden plots in the park? While this is not included in the design, Executive Director Lande said he will check into it although cannot guarantee it will be done. 3) How can people be discouraged from parking along on Alford Place while at the park? Dan Hamlin said the District can provide signage, and Little League President Roberto Gurza said he can put out a notice to Little League participants asking that they not park there. 4) The area where trees were dropped last year is a mess. Dan Hamlin said he will have staff go back in to clean it up. Executive Director Lande checked in with the audience to see if the District is on track with the project. The overall attitude was very positive.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** at 6:45 pm.

Elizabeth R. Shepherd  
Terry M. Lande  
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN  
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BY:   
John Thomas Swolgaard

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Jay C. Kinney

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Lee Cross

BY:   
Kenneth R. DeWitt

ATTEST:   
Kirk B. Robinson