

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT  
 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MAY 16, 2013  
 STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER** A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Chair Swolgaard.

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

**ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:** Unfinished Business: Postpone to another board meeting: "Fay Bainbridge Park Boardwalk Update" and "Name Strawberry Hill Park Field #3". Add: Blakely Harbor Park/SMP Next Steps.

**BOARD CONSENT**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Upon hearing there were no corrections to the minutes of the May 2, 2013 regular board meeting, Chair Swolgaard stated the minutes stand approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: Cross/DeWitt: 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
050813	5/8/13	1,442.08	94952	General	1,442.08	5/3/13
051413	5/14/13	49,489.52	94952	General	47,487.26	5/3/13
			94955	Capital Improvemt	2,002.26	
052113	5/21/13	46,985.47	94952	General	31,340.82	
			94955	Capital Improvemt	15,644.65	

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**COBI PROJECT: NORTH MADISON SHOULDER IMPROVEMENT AT TED OLSON NATURE PRESERVE:** Executive Director Terry Lande introduced COBI Engineer, Chris Hammer, who presented the City's plans to widen the shoulder on the east side of North Madison Avenue. The project would run from Valley Road to Winters Road and a portion of it would front the Ted Olson Nature Preserve. He showed an illustration of impact, said no significant trees would be affected and that the project would include a 5' paved shoulder. Access to the park would be maintained throughout the project. He asked for agreement from the board that there would be no significant impact on the park due to the proposed construction. Executive Director Lande said Commissioner Robinson who is out of town emailed his comments today in support of the project. **MSC: DeWitt/Cross: That the Park District support the non-motorized project for the North Madison Avenue shoulder as described by COBI Engineer Chris Hammer.** Commissioner Cross noted that this project will make the park more accessible for both pedestrians and cyclists.

**SHEL CHELB PARK CONCEPTUAL PLAN:** Park Services Superintendent Dan Hamlin said staff has been working with Jim and Vicki Reilly on their proposed project to create a play structure at Schel Chelb Park. He presented to the Board the conceptual design of the park/play structure that was produced by landscape architect Chris Cain with the firm Studio Hanson/Roberts. Partner Becca Hanson has indicated any design work from this point on will be provided by the firm without charge. Dan Hamlin said the play structure is intended to encourage nature play with its use of driftwood, logs, netting and sand, as well as creativity with its sea serpent and shipwreck theme. The project includes parking for eight cars, a trail connection to the beach, and picnic amenities. Jim Reilly talked about the Community Market they have set up as a non-profit in order to raise funds for the play structure. He is comfortable with their goal

to raise \$30,000, and said everyone who has come to the market is in favor of the project. Dan Hamlin noted that with parking and the development of other park features, the overall project should cost approximately \$40,000-50,000. Several members of the audience spoke. Cathy Blossom said she is very pleased with the design, saying it is exactly what she envisioned in terms of a place where children can access the sand, water and sun. Mimi Stewart asked several questions regarding access to the park from Baker Hill Road. Peter O'Connor who is involved with designing the renovation of the old Lynwood Center buildings commented on the need for something kids can do given the increased activity at Lynwood Center and thinks the design is great. **MSC: Cross/DeWitt: That the conceptual plan for Schel Chelb Park be approved.** Commissioner Cross mentioned that it was the Blossom family that made it possible for the community to obtain the Schel Chelb open space parcel and expressed her gratitude for this.

**SUMMER BOARD MEETING DATES:** Executive Director Lande pointed out that the first board meeting in July falls on July 4th and asked if the board wanted to make any changes to the summer board meeting dates. Following discussion, the Board agreed to the following dates: July 18, August 1, and August 15. Commissioner Cross will miss the August 1 board meeting. Commissioner DeWitt will miss the August 15 board meeting.

**BLAKELY HARBOR PARK/SMP NEXT STEPS:** Commissioner DeWitt noted that the City Council last night voted 4-3 to pass the SMP onto the State Dept. of Ecology. He said this means the designation for the mill pond at Blakely Harbor Park is still designated "natural" despite the Board's attempts to have this designation changed to "island conservancy". He said the Board has the option of appealing this to the State, and noted that the "natural" designation will significantly prohibit what the District can do along the shoreline. Commissioner Cross said she re-read the SMP's definition of "natural designation" and said it has been modified since the original draft. However, she said it is very vague, and that anything the District might want to do along the shoreline, would have to be mitigated. Board members agreed that changing the designation should be pursued at the State level, and want to address this at the next board meeting. At this same meeting, they also want to discuss whether permits for projects at Blakely Harbor Park should be turned in now while the existing regulations are in effect.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**


Recreation Services Director: John DeMeyer: Most all the summer staff has been hired; the high school sailing program won Northwest and is off to Tampa Florida for the Nationals; this Saturday the Woodworkers will be holding a sale of old woodworking equipment at the Transmitter Building; Greg Fallon at the pool has been working to get the new heat recovery coils better protected; Aquatics Manager Mark Benishek has developed an interactive map of the pool for the District's website; there will be lots of representation from the Park District during the 4th of July parade this summer including an umbrella routine by the Senior Center.

Senior Planner: Perry Barrett: He has been working with Dan Hamlin to get a boilerplate ready for the bid process; comments for the Hidden Cove Park/Dock project will be accepted through May 28, after which staff will come back to the board with a recommendation.

Park Superintendent: Dan Hamlin: Trail work is underway on at the Grand Forest West pond; the pay station at Fay Bainbridge Park has been installed and is awaiting hook-up; the upper septic system at Fay Bainbridge Park is completed; the water at Seabold Hall has improved; David Harry started work this week.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:** May 20: IGWG meeting.

### **BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:**

- Commissioner Cross saw lots of neighborhood parks while on a recent trip to Boston and said the BIMPRD parks look great. *in comparison,* 

- Commissioner DeWitt attended the reception to celebrate The Waypoint volunteers and said it was fun and amazing to consider what can be accomplished when everyone is going in the same direction.
- Commissioner DeWitt went to the PAC meeting on May 13 and said the committee would like to have a title search done for Tani Creek with payment coming out of the \$40,000 allocated for PAC to work with during this budget cycle. **MSC: DeWitt/Cross: That staff be directed to conduct a title search on the trail that runs from the end of Tani Creek Road to the Fort Ward Park fence.**
- Commissioner DeWitt said PAC also wants to move forward with planning for a connection from the end of the berm at Hawley Cove Park to Hawley <sup>Way</sup> ~~Cove Road~~ <sup>to Lee Rd</sup>. The Board considered whether discussion of this might be held in conjunction with the sewer project the City has proposed for Hawley Cove Park.
- Commissioner DeWitt noted that Commissioner Robinson who could not attend the meeting this evening sent an email today to the Board with his comments concerning agenda topics. Commissioner DeWitt asked that his comments be added to the record.
- Commissioner Swolgaard asked that the Forest to Sky Trail board walk be added to the June 6 agenda.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Email correspondence dated 5/15/13 was sent to Commissioner Kinney from Gary Smith regarding dog parks.

**MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 8:32 pm for discussion of real estate, with announced time to reconvene at 8: 55 pm.

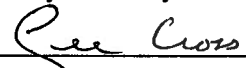
**MEETING RECONVENED** at 8:55 pm and **ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 8:56 pm for continued discussion of the above items, with announced time to reconvene at 9:15 pm.


**MEETING RECONVENED** at 9:15 pm and **ADJOURNED** at 9:16 pm.

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