

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING JUNE 21, 2012
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair DeWitt.

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

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: Add executive session for real estate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Joan Hockaway, Port Madison resident, hoped to receive advice from the Board on preserving a historic lane in Madison Park that is slated by the City to be paved. She suggested it as a possible link to other trails in the area as well as to the water. The Board referred her to the City since it concerns a right-of-way and also suggested she contact Dan Hamlin who oversees the District's trails.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Debbi Lester, City of Bainbridge Island Mayor, expressed appreciation for the Park District's collaboration over the Unocal site, and asked for help working out a technical glitch related to the naming process. Since there is nothing in writing related to how a name for the site will be determined, either in the City's resolution in support of the project or the interlocal agreement which is not yet done, she suggested the Board select a name for the park this evening and present it as a recommendation to the City Council.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon making the following revisions to the minutes of the June 7, 2012 regular board meeting, Chair DeWitt stated the minutes stand approved as corrected: p. 2, change "refurbished" to "restored".

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: Kinney/Robinson: 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
05082012	5/8/12	83,860.20	94952	General	53,261.14	5/7/12
			94955	Capital Improvemt	11,178.56	5/7/12
			94956	Land Acquisition	19,420.50	5/7/12
061312	6/13/12	46,212.23	94952	General	32,961.84	5/25/12
			94955	Capital Improvemt	11,974.89	5/25/12
			94956	Land Acquisition	1,275.50	5/25/12
061312B	6/13/12	3,619.30	94952	General	3,619.30	
	June	Payroll	94952	General	253,641.99	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NAMING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NAMING UNOCAL SITE: Senior Planner Perry Barrett said the Park District was asked to lead the naming effort for the Unocal Park site, and introduced members of the naming committee who were charged with soliciting public input and recommending several names to the Park Board as outlined in the District's naming policy. The community offered a number of suggestions through a variety of means,

some of which included a public hearing, email and the task force website. The committee also contacted the Historical Society and Suquamish Tribe for input. The name of Junkoh Harui was suggested by several community members, but while the family appreciated the thought, they preferred that Bainbridge Gardens be remembered as his legacy. The committee reviewed the community's suggestions in accordance with criteria outlined in the District's policy, and came up with three recommended names: Winslow Waypoint, Gateway Corner, and Bainbridge Landing. A fourth was added as an afterthought: Community Cornerstone. The committee has since modified "Winslow Waypoint" to "The Waypoint" to make it indicative of a larger community. Executive Director Lande said when task force member Bruce Weiland came to a recent board meeting, he asked the District to come up with a name for the park and indicated approval from the City had been received for the Park District to do this. The Park District was asked to do this because it had a naming process in place. Debbi Lester expressed interest in creating a track record so it is clear how this all came about, and requested that the City Council address the site's name at their next meeting on June 27. Discussion was held over whether this would be soon enough for the task force, since it has been waiting to print its fundraising publicity until after the name was decided upon and has planned a big fundraising effort for July 4. The Board agreed that as an owner of the site, it is important that the City Council consider the site's name. Commissioner Swolgaard made an initial motion to table the discussion and then modified it as follows. **MSC: Swolgaard/Cross: To review the suggested names this evening and make a recommendation to the City Council.** Discussion of the four names suggested by the committee followed, with the committee's first choice being The Waypoint. Waypoint is a name that reflects navigational orientation as people arrive on the island, as well as a name with larger significance pointing to the navigation of a community. It is also reflected in a symbol included in the site's design which is a circle with a compass rose set directionally as the center point. Committee members spoke of possible signage explaining the significance of the name. **MSC: Robinson/Kinney: That the name "The Waypoint" be recommended to the City Council as the name for the Unocal site.**

DOG PARK SITES AT BATTLE POINT PARK: Executive Director Lande said staff was asked at the last board meeting to come back with costs for dog park options. Park Services Manager Dan Hamlin presented costs for the two options presented at past board meetings for Battle Point Park, three options for Eagledale Park, and the two options for the Vincent Road site. The options at Eagledale Park include: 1) Expand the current park to the crest of the hill; 2) Make the entire upper area a dog park; 3) Make the entire upper area a dog park but fence in the labyrinth. The two options at the Vincent Road include two configurations of the site, one consisting of five acres and one consisting of 11.4 acres. Executive Director Lande suggested the following next steps: 1) Table making a decision about a dog park at Battle Point Park; 2) Address the situation immediately by expanding the dog park at Eagledale Park; 3) Pursue the Vincent road site subject to City approval; 4) Hold a public hearing for input on expanding the dog park at Eagledale Park, and if City approval has been given, the Vincent Road site. The Board could then make a decision on how it wants to proceed. Board Members discussed whether a broader public hearing is needed to address other issues that have come up such as providing off leash times in parks and certifying dogs to be off leash. Executive Director Lande said staff at this time has been directed to explore fenced off leash dog areas, and that a public hearing on these other off leash ideas should only be held if the Board is willing to entertain them as viable options. The Board opted to go ahead with a broader public hearing since they wanted to hear from everyone. At the same time they wanted to move ahead with pursuing a fenced area for a dog park and agreed to continue looking into the options presented for Eagledale Park, and the Vincent Road site subject to City approval. **MSC. Cross/Kinney: To table further consideration of a dog park at Battle Point Park at this time.** The following dates were set to address dog park issues: July 17: Public hearing on overall dog issues; July 19: Recap of public hearing at regular board meeting; August 2: Public hearing on expanded dog area at Eagledale Park before regular board meeting; August 16: Entertain

decision on next steps at regular board meeting. The Board will structure the July 17 public hearing so comments will be grouped according to topic with time allowed for the Board to ask questions.

GENERAL BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2012-17: AMENDED 2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET: Executive Director Lande reviewed the reasons for amending the 2012 Capital Improvement Fund Budget again this year. He said the budgeted play structure for Rotary Park has been delayed until 2013, and play structures for the two tot lots are planned for 2013. This amended budget reverses these two projects, allowing something to get done in 2012. It also allows the District to take advantage of a sale on play equipment this month which will involve a cost savings of approximately \$18,000 for the two tot lot structures. **MSC: Swolgaard/Robinson: That Resolution 2012-17, amending the 2012 Capital Improvement Fund Budget, be adopted.**

RESOLUTION 2012-18: HONORING ARLAN ELMS: Chair DeWitt read aloud the resolution commending Arlan Elms for his seven and a half years of service to the Park District as Park Services Division Director. He is retiring from his position with the District this month, following a culmination of over forty years of service to the park profession. Arlan Elms expressed gratitude to the District and especially the Park Services staff. He said he enjoyed bringing vision to the District, and that while it takes time to turn a big boat around, it takes a good crew to make it happen. **MSC: Cross/Robinson: That Resolution 2012-18, honoring Arlan Elms, be adopted.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recreation Services Director: John DeMeyer: Summer activities are off and running; park programs are being advertised through Inside Bainbridge; Concerts in the Parks will be coming soon; several grants were secured today for outdoor program equipment; an Aquatics Center auction is coming up to raise funds for a pool toy; the District will be represented through floats, booths and exhibits on the 4th of July.

Senior Planner: Perry Barrett: The archeological digs for the Hilltop property have been done with nothing of archeological significance found. The RCO grant application for Rotary Ballfield is unique since other ballfield applications involve synthetic turf. Staff met with an RCO grant representative to view the Hidden Cove Park site and costs appear prohibitive for replacing the current dock with a barrier free structure; other concerns include the impact such a massive structure would have on the tidelands and overall design of the park.

Park Services Manager: Dan Hamlin: Police are investigating the explosion of a third toilet at Battle Point Park; a road end trail project at NE North Street is getting underway and will give people access to view the petro glyphs; the permitting process for the Hilltop trail is beginning; three quarters of a loop trail at Nute's Pond has been laid out; preparations will begin at Fort Ward Park next week for boating season. Executive Director Lande said that as the neighbors were told, staff has been observing the traffic patterns at Fort Ward Park for the past year, and it's been determined that moving the bollards further back to allow the turn-around area will increase safety at the park. This reflects a change of view on the part of the Park District; State Park vehicles will park their vehicles in another part of the park when Blake Island access is needed.

Park Services Manager: Mike Mejia: The goats have come and gone from Fort Ward Park, the Student Conservation Corp will be doing work at Fort Ward Park, Blakely Harbor Park, and Pritchard Park this summer; the Park Services Division transition is going well and staff is working hard; upcoming events in parks include Paddle Around Bainbridge, the Little League Tournament, and Kiwanis function Bike for Pie; a District safety committee is forming; Park Services staff completed CPR and first aid training last week.

Executive Director: Terry Lande: Asked the Board's Program Committee to meet with Gordon Black to discuss the direction of mountain biking programs in parks; the Kids-Up entity is likely to disband and is interested in donating

play equipment and the balance in their account to the Park District for maintenance of the Kids-Up playground at Battle Point Park; he will be touring off leash dog parks in Portland on Friday.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS: Board meetings will be held in the Strawberry Hill Mini-Gym on 7/19, 8/2 and 8/16. A public meeting to gather the public's input on dogs in parks will be held on 7/17.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Kinney mentioned a prominent person with Little League who died of cancer a year ago and said some parents would like to commemorate him by naming a field after him.
- Commissioner DeWitt spoke at the City Council meeting last night regarding the Shoreline Management Plan. He told the Council that the Park District wants to be able to control what is going on in its shoreline parks since the District represents the whole island, and for many people their only access to the water is through public parks. Several Council members have since spoken to him and indicated a possible need for park zoning in the SMP.

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAPITAL FACILITIES: Commissioner Cross met recently with the Artisans Group. The other committee member Commissioner Robinson was not able to attend.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

An email was received from Jerry Elfendahl concerning the provision of camping sites for homeless people at Fay Bainbridge Park.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:12 pm for discussion of real estate negotiations, with announced time to reconvene at 8:30 pm.

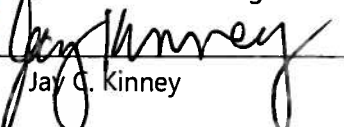
MEETING RECONVENED at 8:30 pm and **ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 8:31 pm for continued discussion of the above items, with announced time to reconvene at 8:55 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 8:55 pm and **ADJOURNED** at 8:56 pm.

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