

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
 REGULAR BOARD MEETING JULY 19, 2012
 STRAWBERRY HILL MINI-GYM**

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:03 pm for discussion of real estate, with announced time to reconvene at 6:35 pm. **MEETING RECONVENED** at 6:35 pm

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: Add General Business: Resolution 2012-20 Operational Policies

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon making the following revisions to the minutes of the July 5, 2012 regular board meeting, Chair DeWitt stated the minutes stand approved as corrected: p. 2, change spelling of "Corp" to "Corps".

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
071012	7/10/12	66,882.39	94952	General	49,623.13	7/6/12
			94955	Capital Improvemt	17,259.26	7/6/12
071712	7/17/12	29,266.69	94952	General	26,549.57	7/17/12
			94955	Capital Improvemt	2,717.12	7/17/12
	March	Payroll	94952	General	289,380.21	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OFF LEASH DOGS: RECAP/NEXT STEPS: The Board discussed the July 17, 2012 public hearing held earlier this week on dogs in parks, and viewed it as informative and well received by the public. They noted that the majority of those who spoke were in favor of increasing opportunities for dogs to be off leash in parks. This was offset by the written comments received to date, the majority of which opposed dogs being off leash in parks. Designated hours in specific parks for off leash use were seen by some on the Board as a possible solution with questions of enforcement a primary concern. The Board reviewed the District's parks to see if any were appropriate for designation as off leash dog parks or candidates for having specific hours set for off leash dogs. Legal restrictions, grant acquisition requirements, and water related environmental concerns narrowed down the options to a minimal number of possibilities. Some on the Board were concerned over how many people feel excluded from using certain parks because of the number of off leash dogs that are in them. Given the number of legal ramifications and liability concerns the District is researching, the development of a large parcel of land solely for off leash use was viewed by the Board as one of the more viable options. Executive Director Lande suggested a board committee be formed to approach the City Council on whether or not the Vincent Road site is an option for a dog park. This site has advantages in that it has few neighbors, several meadows, is large, wooded, and publicly owned. A board committee was formed consisting of Commissioners Robinson and Kinney. The Committee will also address the following issues with the City Council: *the need to mesh rules between City & District parks* **off leash dogs at Pritchard Park**; ambiguity of current leash law. Chair DeWitt outlined the next steps: 1) Aug. 2: Staff presentation on expanded dog area at Eagledale Park and possible other options; 2) August 16, Board decision on whether to move

forward with options presented on August 2; 3) Upcoming months: implementation of education component, explore with City Council whether the Vincent Road site is an option for a dog park.

BATTLE POINT ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION SUNDIAL AGREEMENT: Chair DeWitt noted this agreement has been in process for a long time, and that it still doesn't address the overall agreement between the Park District and Battle Point Astronomical Association. Commissioner Robinson said he was comfortable with the sundial agreement as written provided it is addressed in the context of updating the District's overall agreement with BPAA.

Commissioner Swolgaard requested one small change, asking that "structure" be changed to "sundial". The Board asked that the sundial agreement go back to staff for review within the context of the overall agreement with BPAA.

OPERATIONAL POLICIES: SECOND READING: Commissioner Robinson said he was gone during the first reading at the last board meeting and offered the following input. 1) Volunteer policy: something to consider for the future is a section for those doing community service work as a means to fulfill school or other requirements; 2) Small and attractive assets: questioned the exception for small tools. He was willing to adopt the policy, but asked that staff use their best judgment in determining when a small tool should be excluded or included as part of the inventory.

GENERAL BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2012-20: OPERATIONAL POLICIES: MSC: Swolgaard/Kinney: That Resolution 2012-20, adopting new and revised operational policies, be adopted.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Park Services Manager: Mike Mejia: 500 tickets have been pre-sold for the July 28 Bluegrass festival; the newly formed safety committee is up and running with chair Brea Gagne doing a great job; over 500 people were at the concert in the park on Wednesday at Fay Bainbridge Park; a request from the Sewer District to mow a section of grass by upper Fort Ward Park turned into a fun conversation about the site with the neighbors when staff went to look at it.

Park Services Manager: Dan Hamlin: the Hilltop roof project is starting next week; the roof at Seabold Hall has been cleaned off and has a longer lifespan than originally thought; the buildings at Strawberry Hill Park have all been painted; a trail is going in at Blakely Harbor Park that accesses the south jetty; the permit for the Hilltop trail should be in next week; the permit application for the parking area at Gazzam Lake Nature Preserve is being submitted soon; Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island has officially committed \$203,000 to the Rotary Park project; Little League has close to \$200,000 ready to contribute to the project.

Senior Planner: Perry Barrett: grant work continues; stewardship walks required by the conservation easement holders are scheduled for next week at the Peters and Meigs properties.

Executive Director Lande: Terry Lande: it has only recently been learned that a safety committee is a Labor and Industries requirement, and that while the District is working hard to get into compliance, there may be a few small fines since the District was not aware of the need to have such a committee; District staff is getting educated on prevailing wage laws and specific requirements related to metropolitan park districts; applications for the Senior Center Coordinator position are coming in; Laura Sachs is donating a big storage building to the Park District that will be placed at Battle Point Park for sports user groups to use for storing their equipment; he will be on vacation from July 27 through August 13.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS: Aug. 2: Staff presentation/public hearing on Eagledale dog park expansion.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Robinson went to the concert-in-the park last night and said it was well attended. He commended Georgia Browne for her enthusiasm and ability to bring about these amazing events.

- Commissioner Swolgaard asked for the status of property transfers from the City. Executive Director Lande said the transfer of Schel Chelb is complete and under Park District ownership. The Lovgren Pit is the next property slated for transfer.
- Commissioner DeWitt said he is drafting a letter to the City Council addressing concerns the Council had about the naming process for the Unocal site.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

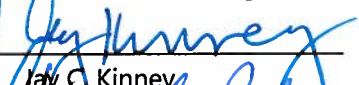
Chair DeWitt noted that he received an email from Council Member Ward.


MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:05 pm.

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Terry M. Lande
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN
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BY: 
Kenneth R. DeWitt

BY: 
John Thomas Swolgaard

BY: 
Jay C. Kinney

BY: 
Kirk B. Robinson

ATTEST: 
Lee Cross