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

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

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:  Executive Session for real estate and potential litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Edith Hartmann, Hawley Cove neighborhood resident, spoke in support of a possible connection between the Hawley Cove neighborhood and Hawley Cove Park; she is also concerned about the growing density in the downtown area and urged the board to pursue additional parks downtown.

Dick Haugan, island resident, asked the board about the status of the City turning over Waterfront Park to the Park District; he also asked what the board’s position is on the Shoreline Master Plan. Commissioner Kinney replied that the board will comply with the law, and that the City may turn over parks but it will be on their own schedule. Commissioner DeWitt agreed that the District would comply with the law but added that the board was not fully satisfied with the way the Shoreline Master Plan was developed.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  Upon making the following revisions to the minutes of the August 7, 2014 regular board meeting, Chair Kinney stated the minutes stand approved as corrected: Page 1, change “selected” to “would like to consider” and on page 2 insert “(Ed’s Shed)” and remove the word “new.”

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:  MSC: Robinson/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:

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioners Kinney and Robinson brought up a request from the Dog Advisory Committee on getting clarification from the board as to the concise reasons why the District supports a leash law. Commissioner Robinson read a proposed draft motion regarding this. The board tabled this topic for the next board meeting so that it can be added to the agenda and published before it is formally addressed.

AQUATICS CENTER BOILER UPDATE:  Mark Antonetti, the District’s insurance representative was not able to make the meeting tonight. He has submitted a letter regarding the warranty issue to the boiler manufacturer and the District is waiting to hear the response.
UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: There will not be a quorum of board members available until September 18, at which time the next board meeting will be held.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Park Services Superintendent: Mike Mejia: The boardwalk at Fay Bainbridge Park has been completed as well as improvements on the trail leading up to the boardwalk and an additional ADA parking spot. The Island Cup soccer tournament is this weekend at Battle Point Park and Sands Avenue Ballfield; work on pressure washing and repainting the Fort Ward Park barracks is underway by a volunteer, Collin Hansen; staff is waiting for bids on installing curb stops at Fay Bainbridge Park, PAWS Wagfest is September 7 at Battle Point Park; the Kiwanis bike race event is September 7 as well and will be utilizing Hidden Cove Ballfields and Fort Ward Park for rest stops. He is going to contact Dana Coggen, Noxious Weed Control Coordinator at Kitsap County, for help in addressing the burweed problem at Fay Bainbridge Park.

Senior Planner: Perry Barrett: He has been working with Ryan Vancil, District attorney, regarding real estate transfers and permitting; the Schel Chelb trail has been surveyed, more definition regarding the beach survey has been requested by Perry.

Park Services Superintendent: Dan Hamlin: A request has been received by the District from the Department of Ecology and the Navy to use Fort Ward Park as a training site for cleaning up oil spills, there will be a meeting next Tuesday for discussion of a proposed training on September 17. The storm water channel has been cut and improved at Blakely Harbor Park; Dennis Lewarch, archeologist and representative with the Suquamish Tribe, was there as required to monitor the digging; the plan is that by the end of September the trail will be rerouted, the bridge will be in place and the landscaping will be complete. Work on the bunk house at Hilltop is complete for now with the roof and foundation work finished. Ed’s Shed at Rotary Park will be placed on the new foundation soon; the Rotary field renovation project is continuing to go well; Owen’s Playground fundraising is going very well. The Strawberry Hill office roof has been fixed; the Battle Point water project will begin next week; the final plan for the Island Center Hall water project is currently being revised before it is put out to bid; work with Gordon Black continues for finding possible locations for the proposed pump track; trail permits have been received for Gazzam Lake Nature Preserve and Hilltop.

Recreation Services Director: John DeMeyer: The Fall brochure is online now and will be mailed Tuesday; the Ray Williamson pool is back up and running; staff is currently interviewing companies for a potential change in the District’s recreation management software. The sewage spill in Eagle Harbor last week affected many boating classes and the District has invoiced the City for revenue loss reimbursement. Two movies are being shown tomorrow night, one at the Aquatic Center as well as the last of the Movies in the Park movie series hosted by the Senior Center at Waterfront Park. Yesterday’s outdoor recreation roundtable went well; the power outage Tuesday at Strawberry Hill Park went smoothly and the park is now switched over to a new transformer; the Senior Center agreement with the District has been reviewed by the Senior Center non-profit Board with no major changes proposed, some wording will be clarified.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Cross attended, with John DeMeyer and Jeff Ozimek, a roundtable discussion with Congressman Kilmer regarding creating revenue from outdoor recreation. The focus was on gaining and promoting access to land which in turn promotes business and revenue for the county. Being part of the discussion is important so that Bainbridge Island doesn’t get left out of promotion as a destination for outdoor recreation.
• Commissioner Swolgaard asked for an update on Deerpath Lane, an access point to Gazzam Lake Nature Preserve. Dan Hamlin addressed this issue by informing the board that Deerpath Lane will likely be re-graded by the District, and a long term maintenance plan will be worked out with the neighbors.

• Commissioner DeWitt stated that he is now able to be in attendance at the October 23 board meeting.

• Commissioner Robinson attended the Dog Advisory Committee meeting Monday night, there was discussion of the potential for another dog park as well as education and enforcement regarding off leash dogs. He also attended the Fort Ward bakery building community meeting held to help gage community interest in supporting a restoration project. After reviewing vouchers he had a question regarding pest control being purchased and contracted by the District; Dan Hamlin will check and make sure the process is staying compliant with District policy. He inquired on the status of the John Nelson Trail and Ryan Vancil, District attorney, answered saying he is still working on getting the agreement finalized.

• Commissioner Kinney brought up the Dog Advisory Committee's idea for dog park stewards, it was agreed by the Board that staff can handle this program without board regulation. He commended the Dog Advisory Committee for all the work they have done.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:33 pm for discussion of real estate and potential litigation, with announced time to reconvene at 7:35 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 7:35 pm and ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:36 pm for continued discussion of the above items, with announced time to reconvene at 8:00 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 8:00 pm and ADJOURNED at 8:01 pm.

Helen M. Stone
John DeMeyer
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN
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