BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 2, 2014
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER

6:00 PM: EXECUTIVE SESSION for real estate.

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:51 pm by Chair Kinney.

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

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: Add executive session to end of meeting for real estate.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon hearing there were no corrections to the minutes of the September 18, 2014 regular board meeting, Chair Kinney stated the minutes stand approved as submitted.

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

PARK USE POLICY REGARDING DOGS: Chair Kinney said the Dog Advisory Committee has requested that the Board lay out the reasons for why Park District policy requires dogs to be leashed in parks unless an area is designated specifically for off leash dogs. The committee wants clear guidance on this so everyone is on the same page when the committee members talk to the public. The board reviewed the draft document prepared by Commissioner Robinson explaining why the leash rule is needed. They made several changes that included reformatting the structure of the document. Commissioner Robinson will make the requested changes and bring it back to the board for approval by motion at the next board meeting on October 23.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Senior Planner: Perry Barrett: is working with Dan Hamlin and John Dancy to put together agreements with the Fort Ward Sewer District for the renovation and use of the Fort Ward Bakery Building; the BI Parks Foundation is interested in raising funds for the bakery project; continued efforts are underway to address tribal concerns about footbridges at Blakely Harbor Park.
Park Services Superintendent: Mike Mejia: a Cub Scout troop camped recently at Fay Bainbridge and did a beach clean-up; the PSE Baker Hill Road project has gone well, will be done tomorrow, and generated several cords of firewood for Fay Bainbridge Park.

Park Services Superintendent: Dan Hamlin: work on the Battle Point water system is on hold while the County and State finish their review of the design; last weekend’s dog class was very successful and drew more people than expected; another class will be held next week out of which five participants will be selected to do more training and become dog ambassadors.

Executive Director: Terry Lande: met this week with City Manager Doug Schulze and City staff at which time property transfers were among the items discussed. He told the City the Park District will accept the waterside portion of Manitou Beach but not the upland portion since the neighbors do not want this site used for parking spots. The other properties slated for transfer from the City to the Park District are Blossom Gazzam, Lumpkin, and Meigs. He asked the Board for clearance to accept them. The Board agreed to accept the transfer of the following four parks: waterside portion of Manitou Beach, Blossom Gazzam, Lumpkin and Meigs. The Board questioned whether the City should retain liability related to the creosote pilings at Lumpkin, but this concern was dropped after further discussion and Executive Director Lande pointed out a reverter clause comes with the property. After these four transfers are completed, the remaining properties that could be transferred to the Park District from the City include: Pritchard Park, Strawberry Packing Plant, and Waterfront Park. Terry Lande also said he has hired the part-time person who will run the District’s 50th anniversary celebrations, Lori Mejia.


BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- Commissioner Robinson attended two BI Perks Foundation meetings. The foundation has been re-structured with some new board members elected and some continuing on. Those administering the funds generated through One Call for All wanted to know if the grant funds awarded in a prior year for yurt electricity are still wanted. Park Services Superintendent Mike Mejia said they are, and discussed efforts he is making to obtain grants for the yurts.

- Commissioner Cross said she was invited to a Grange recent meeting because the Park District has done such a good job refurbishing old buildings. The Grange is celebrating its 100th anniversary next year and is assessing the use of its facility. She commended Travis Lande who administered CPR recently when a man suffered a heart attack while hiking with a group at Hilltop.

- Commissioner DeWitt said the new Meigs parcel will be a key link for the Sound to Olympics Trail.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO BOARD WORK SESSION at 7:33 pm for discussion of the 2015 budget.

MEETING RECONVENED at 8:50 pm and ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:55 pm for discussion of real estate with announced time to reconvene at 9:10 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 9:10 pm and ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:11 pm for continued discussion of the above item, with announced time to reconvene at 9:30 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 9:30 pm and adjourned at 9:32 pm.
Elizabeth R. Shepherd
Terry M. Lande
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

BY:  Jay C. Kinney
    Lee Cross
    Leg Cross
    Kirk B. Robinson
    John Thomas Swolgaard

ATTEST: ___________________________________  
Kenneth R. DeWitt