

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2012-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT, KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON, IN HONOR OF EMPLOYEE ARLAN ELMS AND HIS SEVEN PLUS YEARS OF SERVICE AS THE PARK SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR.

WHEREAS, Arlan Elms began employment with the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District on December 1, 2004, and has served in the position of Park Services Division Director for the past seven and one half years; and

WHEREAS, he is retiring from his position with the Park District in June of 2012, following a culmination of over forty years of service to the park profession; and

WHEREAS, he has spent long hours envisioning, developing and overseeing the Park Services Division, and as a result achieved remarkable improvements in the District's overall park and trails network systems; and

WHEREAS, under his tutelage, numerous changes for the better have been implemented, including the development of a long term capital improvement plan, a vehicle and equipment schedule, infrastructure and maintenance upgrades, raised standards for the overall care and appearance of District parks, and significant upgrades to island-wide trails; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure the Park District has grown substantially in its number of parks including an increase in park land to over 1400 acres, and

WHEREAS, some of these additional parks or expansions to existing parks have included the acquisition of Fay Bainbridge and Fort Ward Parks, Rockaway Beach, Forest to Sky Trail, Hidden Cove Park, T'Chookwap Park, Nute's Pond, Yama, Aaron and Madison Avenue Tot Lots, West Gazzam properties, Williams-Olson Park, Hilltop property, Seabold Hall, and the expansion of Ted Olson Nature Preserve; and

WHEREAS, additional accomplishments achieved under his direction include improvements to the Battle Point Park maintenance area, installation of artificial turf fields at Battle Point Park, renovation of the Camp Yeomalt log cabin, ballfield improvements at Hidden Cove and Strawberry Hill Park, upgrades to park entries including new signs, and construction of Hawley Cove, Peters, Kallgren and Forest to Sky trails, and


WHEREAS, Arlan Elms was instrumental in all aspects of this growth and leaves behind a legacy that enhances the community and enriches the lives of countless Bainbridge Island residents now and into the future,

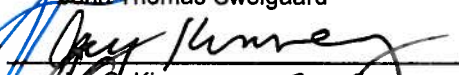
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District, Kitsap County, Washington, that Arlan Elms be commended for his outstanding years of service to the Park District and the community of Bainbridge Island.


PASSED by the Board of Commissioners of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District, Kitsap County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof held this 21st day of June, 2012, the undersigned commissioners being present.

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

BY: 
Kenneth R. DeWitt

BY: 
John Thomas Swolgaard

BY: 
Jay C. Kinney

BY: 
Kirk B. Robinson

ATTEST: 
Lee Cross – Secretary