BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2013-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT, KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING FUNDS TO BE BUDGETED EACH YEAR FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO FINANCIALLY DISADVANTAGED BAINBRIDGE ISLAND RESIDENTS AND IDENTIFYING HELPLINE HOUSE AS THE DISTRICT’S SOLE ADVISOR IN DISBURSING THESE FUNDS

WHEREAS, participation in recreation activities brings personal benefits to the individual participants such as an increased sense of wellbeing, lifelong learning, and enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, public recreation programs also bring benefits to the entire community such as increased community involvement and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the public interest is furthered in ensuring access to public recreation for groups experiencing barriers to participation; and

WHEREAS, certain financially disadvantaged individuals may be unable to participate in programming due to inability to pay for program user fees; and

WHEREAS, identifying financially disadvantaged individuals and issuing discounts or scholarships to provide access to recreation programs requires experience in an area of social service which is outside the background and expertise of District staff; and

WHEREAS, Helpline House, a local community-funded non-profit agency which provides a full range of social services, has a long history of working cooperatively with the District and has expressed interest in continuing a close working relationship with the District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District, Kitsap County, Washington, that the District after consulting with Helpline House staff, will budget funds each year to be used for scholarships and discounts to be credited to financially disadvantaged Bainbridge Island residents in order to enable their participation in certain recreation programs and activities; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution supersedes Resolution 2001-3 and identifies Helpline House of Bainbridge Island as the sole advisor for disbursement of the District’s budgeted funding for discounts and scholarships which are based on financial need.

PASSED by the Board of Commissioners of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District, Kitsap County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof held this 7th day of November, 2013, the undersigned commissioners being present.

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

BY:

John Thomas Swolgaard

BY:

Jay C. Kinney

BY:

Lee Cross

BY:

Kenneth R. DeVitt

ATTEST:

Kirk Robinson – Secretary