

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2019
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To interview finalists for the board vacancy.

CALL TO ORDER A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Kinney.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken DeWitt, Jay Kinney, Michael Pollock, Tom Swolgaard. Absent: Lee Cross

INTRODUCTION: Chair Kinney said there were many qualified applicants for the board position that will be vacated by Commissioner Cross and commented on how nice it was to see so much interest in the Park District. The applicants were narrowed down to the following four finalists at the 2/21/19 board meeting: Victoria Rielly, Rachel Pritchett, Dawn Janow, and Bill Touchette. Chair Kinney said there was a fifth person, Kristina Johnson Avery, who was invited to be interviewed tonight since her application got lost in the shuffle. She called this afternoon to decline, saying her work would interfere with a possible commissioner appointment.

INTERVIEWS: Chair Kinney explained the interview process saying possible questions had been posted on the website and will be asked finalists at the same time. A decision could be made at the end of the board meeting. The interviews got underway with questions asked by the commissioners and responses provided by the finalists. The candidates were asked about their interest in the position, what experiences they had that qualified them to be on the park board, expectations, personal work style, how they deal with conflicting viewpoints, and their understanding of a commissioner's responsibilities. When the interviews were done, there was a round of applause for all the applicants. The board commented on how excellent each of the candidates were and how difficult the decision would be. Chair Kinney said there would be a short break with discussion of the candidates following. He welcomed everyone to stay.

MEETING ADJOURNED for a break at 8:24 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 8:35 pm.

Chair Kinney entertained a motion from Commissioner Pollock. **MSC: Pollock/DeWitt: To adjourn to executive session for discussion of candidate qualifications.** The Park District's attorney Hayes Gori spoke to what is allowed under the Open Public Meetings Act, saying the board can evaluate candidate qualifications but cannot compare, rank, or make any decisions in executive session. The board asked that Hayes Gori be present during the discussion.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:38 pm for discussion of candidate qualifications with announced time to reconvene at 8:55 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 8:55 pm.

Chair Kinney said the decision is very difficult since all the finalists are very qualified, good people. He asked for board input. Each commissioner commented on how impressed they were with all the candidates, and then narrowed it down to their top two candidates. Discussion was held. Commissioner Pollock noted that all four of the commissioners had included Dawn Janow in their top two selections. **MSC: Swolgaard/DeWitt: That Dawn Janow be selected as the replacement for Commissioner Lee Cross.** Having made this decision, the board indicated their hope that all the candidates would continue to be involved in some capacity with the Park District. Chair Kinney said they are all amazing people.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:06 pm.

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ATTEST: Michael Pollock
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