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BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

PUBLIC MEETING FOR 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE JUNE 1, 2019 BAINBRIDGE ISLAND AQUATIC CENTER

The June 1, 2019 public meeting for the 2020 Comprehensive Plan update began at 10:08 am.

The meeting was attended by approximately 14 members of the public, Park Commissioners Tom Swolgaard, Jay Kinney, and Dawn Janow. Also attending were Executive Director Terry Lande and approximately 15 staff members

INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW OF MEETING

Facilitator/Consultant Susan Hayman with EnviroIssues welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the public process for the 2020 Comprehensive Plan update.

Introductions of Park Commissioners and management staff were made. The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming, mentioned some Park District accomplishments since the last comprehensive plan was done, and encouraged everyone to share their ideas.

Susan Hayman said there are four objectives for the comprehensive plan's public process: 1) Update the comprehensive plan; 2) Identify interests; 3) Identify unmet needs; and 4) Share information on two major projects. She also introduced the online forum and survey.

Senior Planner Perry Barrett asked participants to think long term and ask what direction they'd like the Park District to move in. He said the comprehensive plan update is a requirement of WA State, is needed for grant eligibility, and provides an opportunity to touch base with public. He mentioned a few Park District highlights, saying currently underway is a State clean-up effort at Blakely Harbor Park and the renovation of the KidsUp Playground at Battle Point Park. He also noted several projects completed in recent years such as the Rotary Park renovation, Owen's Playground, Hidden Cove Dock, and the Hawley Cove Park boardwalk.

Recreation Division Director Mark Benishek highlighted some of the recreation programs that have expanded. Some of these include active adult classes and aging seminars, sailing program growth with a new fleet of sailboats, and new all-day camps. Opportunities for people with special needs are also increasing.

Senior Planner Perry Barrett went over the timeline for the comprehensive plan update.

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BREAKOUT GROUPS

Staff served as notetakers for the breakout groups. Additional comments made during the larger group discussion that followed included:

- Go out after it rains and fill in the puddles on trails so you know where the trails need work.
- Meigs Park is being used as an off-leash trail system.
- Meigs Park trails are not being maintained.
- Want more cooperation between public entities.
- Gideon Park is an unusable grass area because its not flat, or put a pickleball court etc.

It was noted that these above comments pertain primarily to operations.

All comments provided will be passed on to the facilitator for inclusion in the final report consolidating public input.

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

Recreation Division Director Mark Benishek spoke briefly about the Aquatic Center project, saying the Ray Williamson Pool was built back in the 1960's. The pool is unable to meet program needs and its infrastructure is past its lifetime. One item that came out of the Sakai Park public process was the need to replace the Ray Williamson Pool. Since then a consultant has been hired to assess the pool's condition and provide options related to it. The three pool options can be viewed on slides when accessing the online forum. Several questions were asked about parking, the location of any new building, and repurposing the Ray Williamson Pool.

Senior Planner Perry Barrett reviewed the public process conducted in 2016 for Sakai Park, and the initial design work of Jones & Jones included in the concept plan adopted by the board in June 2018. He said the feasibility study for the concept plan is near completion and will be presented at the June 6 board meeting. He provided an overview of project elements/proposed facilities for Sakai Park, as well as an update on the Park District's efforts to get trails permitted and built at the park.

WRAP UP

Consultant Susan Hayman showed participants how to access the online forum/survey and provide input. Executive Director Lande encouraged people to go online to indicate their preferences related to parks and recreation programs. It was noted the online forum will run through June 30, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

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Flip Chart Notes, June 1

Scribes: Shannon Buxton, Jason Balanguie

DISCUSSION ROUND ONE ("Where" pins added to map)

- 32 Battle Point...**Jogging on path
 - 46 Blakely Harbor Park...**walking trail, history
 - 37 Fort Ward...**motorized/non-motorized, boat launch, trail connection -> Blakely, boat camping, (water trails)
 - 34 Nakata Pool...**lap swim
 - 38 Fort Ward...**motorized/non-motorized, boat launch, trails, bird watching, shore access
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- 160 Moritani Preserve...**Walking & dog walking
 - 195 Gymnastics Room at Bainbridge High School...**Gymnastics & gymnastics related programs/activities
 - 192 General non-specified location...**Forested areas used for walking & biking
 - 155 Blakely...**Walking & swimming
 - 154 Grand Forest Main Trail...**Walking
 - 163 North Grand Forest...**Walking & dog walking
 - 170 Fort Ward Park to Blakely (long trail connection)...**Dog walking
 - 158 Aquatics Center...**Masters program
 - 159 Pritchard Park...**Dog walking & picnicking
 - 161 Hawley Cove Boardwalk, Fort Ward, Fay Bainbridge...**General statement of the impressive work done by Parks at each of these locations
 - 175 Strawberry Hill Center...**Watercolor classes
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- 156 **Hawley Cove**...Low tide excursions
 - 179 **Battle Point Park**...Trails, playground, fields, gymnastics at Transmitter Building
 - 184 **Williams-Olson, Strawberry Cove, Hidden Cove**...Access to Manzanita, kayaking, Dog walking
 - 180 **Aquatics Center**...Large # of participants and lots of programs
 - **General Non-Specified locations**...ALL parks are great for photography
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DISCUSSION ROUND TWO (“Why” P&R is important to them, discussion only)

- **Proximity**...to Gazzam, Fort Ward, trails within walking distance, trails and partners, connections, maintained, multiple uses
 - **Battle Point Fields**...multiple fields in one place, turf option for rainy weather, near home
 - **Battle Point Fields**...soccer
 - **Intentional “Senior” Programs**...for those transitioning older
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- **Hawley Cove**...community member was married at that location
 - **Pickle Ball**...great social group, strong community building, joy & exercise
 - **Hawley Cove Park**...satisfaction of completion of boardwalk, overlooking harbor, great appreciation for Terry, Perry and Dan for their roles
 - **Parks, Trails, Rec Programs**...all enhance quality of life, so much growth, community building, partnering & working together with other organizations
 - **Gymnastics**...So much to offer with classes, birthdays, camps, etc, Bring up kids in a family-style environment, Supportive of kids and keeping them active
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DISCUSSION ROUND THREE (“Now What?” lettered stickers placed on map as input for the future)

A Lights at Battle Point...for active use after dark, double the opportunity v/BHS

A2 Fitness Stations ...reinstalled at Battle Point park, “I miss them”

- **Larger Pool 50m**...accommodate more user groups, allows flexibility w/bulkhead, increase safety – not crowding, better time of day for teams, free up Nakata Pool for rec use
 - **Other Boat Launches**...real ramp, motorized, etc, westside – Fay Bainbridge?, north end – Port Madison, something to tie too
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B Grand Forest West...connector to Meigs Park

F New Pool...Current facility is used greatly, community needs to come together to increase space

X All Forest Areas...Forest management plan, forest health, arborist, coordinating with other entities

AG Non-Specified Location...Stronger neighborhood groups to help with parks

BN City Core – Recreation...No facilities to walk to for recreation (basketball, tennis, etc)

H Lynwood Center – Recreation...No facilities to walk to for recreation (basketball, tennis, etc)

P Pickleball Courts...Indoor courts (priority), Outdoor courts (long term)

* **Parks...**Do more to show how the wishes of property owners gifting land is fulfilled, because the city fails

* **Meigs...**Develop more of the unused space

* **General...**Interagency cooperation between schools, parks and city

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The June 4, 2019 public meeting for the 2020 Comprehensive Plan update began at 7:10 pm.

The meeting was attended by approximately 8 members of the public, Park Commissioners Ken DeWitt, Jay Kinney, and Dawn Janow with Commissioner Michael Pollock arriving late. Also attending were Executive Director Terry Lande and approximately 15 staff members

INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW OF MEETING

Facilitator/Consultant Susan Hayman with EnviroIssues provided a brief overview of the meeting and comprehensive plan public process including the online forum and survey.

Introductions of Park Commissioners and management staff were made. The Commissioners welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. They reminded people of the importance of public input when a major project is undertaken and encouraged everyone to take the survey and invite their friends to do so as well.

Senior Planner Perry Barrett explained why a comprehensive plan is done and why public input is needed. Accomplishments since 2014 were reviewed which included among others the following: Hilltop and other trail connections; John Nelson Park trail, cabins at Fay Bainbridge Park; development of Williams Olson Park concept plan, Sakai Park purchase and public process; additions to Gazzam Lake Nature Preserve; the donations of Moritani Preserve and Red Pine Park; the renovation of Rotary Park including the addition of Owen's Playground; installation of Hidden Cove dock; Hawley Cove Park improvements; and the addition of trails.

BREAKOUT GROUPS

Staff served as notetakers for the breakout group. Additional comments made during the larger group discussion that followed included:

- It would be nice to have a boat launch off the Port Madison area for motor boats.
- Has issues with the Blakely Harbor Park kayak storage area and would like a place to tie off at Fort Ward Park.

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Senior Planner Perry Barrett provided a review of the Sakai Park capital project. The Park District held a public process in 2016 which generated community recommendations for the park that were incorporated into the concept plan developed by Jones & Jones and adopted by the board in June 2018. The related feasibility study will be presented by Jones & Jones at the June 6, 2019 board meeting. Perry Barrett mentioned the City lot next to the park, saying discussions about the City transferring this lot to the Park District have been held. This would help the Park District meet required impervious to pervious surface ratios.

A member of the public asked if these projects would be done in tandem or separately. Perry Barrett said no decisions have been made which is why public input is needed. It was noted both projects will need public funding.

Another member of the public commented on how much he appreciated the Park District's process for looking at these projects.

WRAP UP

Facilitator Susan Hayman went over the online forum and mentioned the questions on the site pertaining to the above two capital projects. Everyone was encouraged to participate. The online forum will run through June 30, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

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