

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT  
BOARD WORK SESSION OCTOBER 30, 2019  
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

**WORK SESSION TOPIC: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**CALL TO ORDER** A quorum being present, the work session was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Kinney.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dawn Janow (had to leave early), Jay Kinney, Michael Pollock, Tom Swolgaard. Absent: Ken DeWitt

**DISCUSSION**

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CHAPTER 4 PLAN ELEMENT-LAND & FACILITIES:** Senior Planner Perry Barrett presented Chapter 4 Goals & Objectives for the board's second review. The initial board review of this chapter was done at the 10/10/19 board work session. Staff has included in this most recent draft the board input provided during the first review and any input received from the public. Staff will revise the draft again to include the revisions provided by the board during this second review.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CHAPTER 5 PARK EXHIBITS:** Senior Planner Perry Barrett presented Chapter 5 Park Exhibits for the board's second review. The initial board review of this chapter was done at the 10/10/19 board work session. Staff has included in this most recent draft the board input provided during the first review and any input received from the public. Staff will revise the draft again to include the revisions provided by the board during this second review.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN APPENDIX HISTORIC SITES:** Senior Planner Perry Barrett presented the Appendix for Historic Sites for the board's second review. The initial board review of this appendix was done at the 10/10/19 board work session. Staff has included in this most recent draft the board input provided during the first review and any input received from the public. The board had no additional revisions during this second review.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CLIMATE CHANGE:** Senior Planner Perry Barrett introduced a document titled "Climate Change Action Plan" drafted and proposed by Commissioner Pollock for possible inclusion in the comprehensive plan. Commissioner Pollock said he drafted the document using the Trails Vision Plan as a template, and said it provides a vision and an option for moving forward into the future relative to climate change. Chair Kinney questioned whether the document exceeds the Park District's responsibilities as outlined by the legislature and the Park District's own mission statement. He said much of the language opens the Park District up to becoming responsible for more than it should be, saying a park district is a relatively small and defined agency and is not a city or county. Other board members agreed that the document needs more work, and at the same time felt there is need for the Park District to be responsive to climate change issues. Chair Kinney agreed that the Park District has climate change responsibilities in areas pertinent to Park District business such as forest management and impacts of climate change related to park properties, facilities, and vehicles. Commissioner Janow would like an additional educational component on climate change incorporated into Park District programming. Commissioner Swolgaard suggested addressing climate change more fully through a policy rather than the comprehensive plan, saying a policy is easier to revise if later changes are needed.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** for a break at 7:05 pm and **RECONVENED** at 7:10 pm.

Further discussion led to the following board input on addressing climate change in the comprehensive plan. Commissioner Pollock will draft several sentences on three essential climate change elements that will be added to the Climate Change Section that is already in Chapter 1. A future board work session will be held to discuss climate change/sustainability as it relates to the Park District in more detail. During this work session Commissioner Pollock's

proposed Climate Change Action Plan will be discussed more thoroughly and in the context of other Park District documents such as the District's current policy on Sustainable Green Practices and materials developed by the Park District's Environmental Stewardship Committee, a staff committee charged with researching climate change/sustainable issues. This will allow the board to integrate all the Park District's efforts into a new and more comprehensive document.

**WORK SESSION ADJOURNED** at 7:23 pm.

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