

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2020
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

PURPOSE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Interview Finalists for Board Vacancy & Unrelated Bid Award

CALL TO ORDER A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Swolgaard.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken DeWitt, Dawn Janow, Jay Kinney, Tom Swolgaard.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: Add executive session for potential litigation and personnel with possible action to follow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

INTERVIEW BOARD FINALISTS: As a member of the Personnel Committee, Commissioner DeWitt introduced the four finalists Tom Lindsley, Karl Fritzsche, Kristine Cox, and Kate Durand. He said the board will ask each candidate the same questions in different order. The term of the position was first clarified. The person appointed will be serving in the term vacated by Commissioner Pollock and will serve as an appointee for approximately two years (2020-2021). The 2021 election will determine who will fill the final two years (2022-2023) of Commissioner Pollock's six-year term. All candidates expressed interest in running in the 2021 election. The process for the evening was reviewed. Per WA State law, the interviews will be conducted in open session. The board will then adjourn to executive session to discuss candidate qualifications. Any ranking or decisions must be done in open session and will follow the executive session. As the second member of the Personnel Committee, Commissioner Kinney asked the candidates to introduce themselves and provide a brief statement. The board then took turns asking the candidates questions. When all the questions had been asked, the board thanked the candidates and commented on the high caliber of each one, saying this would be a difficult decision.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:19 pm for discussion of candidate qualifications with announced time to reconvene at 7:35 pm. **MEETING RECONVENED** at 7:42 pm.

Chair Swolgaard said candidate qualifications were discussed in the executive session with no ranking or decisions made. He said each board member will now write down their top two candidates and pass these down to the Park District's attorney Hayes Gori. Hayes Gori read off the names and board deliberation was held. Again, it was noted how difficult the decision was since all the candidates were excellent. **MSC: Kinney/DeWitt: That Kristine Cox be appointed to fill the board vacancy.**

BATTLE POINT PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS BID AWARD: Park Services Director Dan Hamlin invited Clay Roberts with the pickleball group to participate by phone since unable to attend the meeting tonight. Dan Hamlin said there were two bids in this last round for the Battle Point Park pickleball courts that differed from each other in cost by approximately \$3000. As he had reviewed with the board at the 2/20/20 board meeting, the lowest bid still exceeded the \$265,000 budgeted amount by approximately \$85,000. He said the board had asked staff at the 2/20/20 board meeting to meet with the pickleball group to see if the group could offset at least half if not more of the \$85,000 overage. Since then staff has met with the pickleball group, and while the group does not want to commit to a specific amount since they're not a formal organization they have suggested holding annual tournaments to raise the additional funds over time to make up the shortfall. The tournaments would be run each year by the Park District with assistance from the pickleball group and could generate \$8000 a year. Clay Roberts noted the pickleball group has already raised \$78,000 for Phase 1 and 2 and recently committed to an additional \$17,500 for Phase 1 it did not initially plan to take on, making their current commitment roughly \$100,000. The funds brought in by the tournaments

would be on top of this. Clay Roberts said the pickleball group is committed to the tournaments as well as to continuing to raise funds through brick and hat sales. He said the group has not backed off or slowed down. Dan Hamlin said staff is prepared to recommend to the board that the bid be awarded to the low bidder with the understanding pickleball will continue to raise funds. The Park District would advance the \$85,000 the project is short and tournament revenues would be used to pay it back over time. It was emphasized that all funds from the tournaments would go to the Park District. The tournament funds would be used to reimburse the Park District for the advanced funds and also for maintenance and running the tournaments. Commissioner Janow said that while the look of building these courts may seem to be at the expense of other courts, she noted the uniqueness and importance of this project since pickleball as a sport was founded here on Bainbridge Island. **MSC: Kinney/Janow: To accept the bid from Nordland Construction in the amount of \$321,909.00 (plus WSST) to construct the pickleball courts at Battle Point Park.**

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:20 pm for discussion of potential litigation with announced time to reconvene at 8:55 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 9:00 pm.

MSC: Janow/Kinney: To declare an emergency based on the cyber attack that occurred some time on 2/23/20 with first notification to the Park District on 2/24/20.

RESOLUTION 2020-06: EMERGENCY FUNDING: MSC: DeWitt/Kinney: That Resolution 2020-06 temporarily revising the fund limit of the Park District's imprest fund (General Operating Account) and expanding its uses due to emergency funding needs, be adopted.

Executive Director Terry Lande spoke to the spread of the coronavirus noting precautionary measures the Park District is taking and saying all the public agencies on the island will be meeting to ensure a coordinated effort.

Chair Swogaard said he will not be able to attend the 3/5/20 board meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:04 pm.

Elizabeth R. Shepherd
Terry M. Lande
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN
PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

BY: _____

John Thomas Swolgaard

BY: _____

Dawn Janow

BY: _____

Board Vacancy

BY: _____

Jay C. Kinney

ATTEST: _____

Kenneth R. DeWitt