

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION 2016-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT, KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON, IN HONOR OF PAUL COOPER AND HIS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PARK DISTRICT.**

**WHEREAS**, Paul Cooper began working for the Bainbridge Island Park & Recreation District on September 1, 1998 and is now retiring from the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District on January 31, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, he has contributed significantly to the District through his steady and reliable work as a park maintenance person and has improved the island's parks through his many contributions over the past eighteen years; and

**WHEREAS**, he participated in the construction of ballfields on the island including Sands Avenue Ballfield, Hidden Cove Ballfield, and the ballfields at Rotary Park, all done with considerable adeptness as he survived the legacy of nine Little League boards; and

**WHEREAS**, he played instrumental roles in the challenging repair of the Battle Point Park north pond outflow project, and the renovation of the Grand Forest West bridge with its innovative Egyptian-style construction process; and

**WHEREAS**, he played a major role in the construction of the first ever dog park on Bainbridge Island at Eagledale Park, forever endearing himself to dog owners for his hard work and rather peculiar handling of the cement mixer; and

**WHEREAS**, by following in true form the style of his predecessor and friend Jack O'Neill, he made his presence well known to all on the day he knocked out the power at Strawberry Hill Park while digging a ditch; and

**WHEREAS**, the signage he constructed throughout District parks will be a long standing tribute to his skills as a builder and craftsman; and

**WHEREAS**, he will be especially remembered for his wit, east coast humor, and calm demeanor; and

**WHEREAS**, Paul Cooper has been an honest, hardworking employee who has dedicated himself to the Park District and performed his work in a straight forward, pleasant manner, doing what was needed with patience and perseverance,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District, Kitsap County, Washington, that Paul Cooper be commended for his outstanding years of service to the Park District and the community of Bainbridge Island.

**PASSED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District, Kitsap County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof held this 4th day of February, 2016, the undersigned commissioners being present.

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

John Thomas Swolgaard

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Kenneth R. DeWitt

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Kirk B. Robinson

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Jay C. Kinney – Secretary