

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2018
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

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

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

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: Add executive session for real estate for 15 minutes.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon making the following revisions to the minutes of the February 1, 2018 regular board meeting, Chair Kinney stated the minutes stand approved as corrected: on page three remove “d” from the end of “foraged” in two locations.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: DeWitt/Swolgaard: Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that has been made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board, by a unanimous vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the above list and summarized as follows:

Batch Dated	Batch Amt	Fund No.	Fund Name	Fund Amt	Pre-Approved
2/6/18	49,615.98	001	General	43,412.85	2/6/18
		300	Capital	6,203.13	
2/15/18		300	Capital	450,533.34	
2/13/18	55,876.50	001	General	30,411.38	2/13/18
		300	Capital	25,465.12	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SAKAI PARK CONCEPT PLAN: Commissioner Kinney introduced tonight’s Sakai Park agenda topic with the prelude that nothing will be decided tonight and furthermore that the public will decide what if anything is done at Sakai Park. Senior Planner Perry Barrett recapped how the Sakai Park concept plan effort endeavored to include as many of the top ten community ideas gathered during the 2016 public process as possible. The final concept plan from Jones & Jones was presented in December 2017. Perry Barrett presented through Power Point the site constraints in regard to wetland buffers and storm water management due to low permeability of the soil; leaving the amount of developable land at Sakai Park to 2.1 acres. Major takeaways from the comments about the Jones & Jones concept plan included: fact checking data ahead of any funding decisions, cooperative agreements in regard to decreasing parking and increasing non-motorized access, encourage dialog with user groups, look at ways to decrease noise at Highway 305 and to protect and preserve wildlife and natural site components. The highest ranked comment favorably supported the Jones & Jones concept plan, open space and passive uses were expressed secondly and third was mention of mountain biking.

John Benjes, President of Bainbridge Island Mountain Biking Club and coach for the Gear Grinders Mountain Bike Team asked the Board to consider how mountain biking can be included in the development of Sakai Park, perhaps even on the adjacent city parcel.

Marsha Kilbane said that due to the age of our population here, an indoor walking rink would be highly beneficial for older people.

Tom Kilbane asked for clarification on the location of the city property adjacent to Sakai Park, and whether the concrete building would be staying, which it is. He asked if the Park District will be putting trails in to which the answer was yes. He

inquired as to if the pond would be staying, which it is. He then asked for clarification on what area would be developed, and Senior Planner Perry Barrett showed on the map where building would be allowed which is no more than 2.1 of the 6.1 useable acres. The life estate was reviewed, upon death or long-term absence of the occupant it reverts to the Park District. Tom Kilbane inquired about the Sound to Olympics Trail and Executive Director Terry Lande addressed this saying there is an ongoing conversation currently about moving the trail into the park.

Rob Miller spoke to say that he voted for the Sakai bond measure and was alarmed at the plan being proposed, saying he doesn't see a need for development, but would rather preserve land. He does not see the need for an indoor athletic field facility as put forth in the concept plan.

Marcy Burkel said she voted for the Sakai bond because she lives in that area and hoped to use a park without having to get in a car and drive and noted that there are a lot of people who will be able to walk or bike to it. She hopes that Sakai Park will not be built up as she would rather that it be preserved.

Richard Kurse mentioned a list of cost ranges associated with each item in the concept plan and said that if you add them all up it is an expensive proposition at 18-25 million dollars and asked how the Park District expects to pay for them. He also had concerns about information being available to the public, as he only recently received an invitation to review the plan. It was noted that the Park District website has been kept up to date and that emails have been sent to the Park District registration software database and to those people who have previously attended any Sakai planning process meeting.

Executive Director Terry Lande clarified that the original bond measure did not specify that there would be no development on the land. He said the point of the concept plan is to find out what it would cost to build and also operate the top ten ideas gathered during the public process. It was noted that the Jones & Jones concept plan shows the maximum amount of buildable space.

Joan Chandler said that she expected Sakai Park to be open space and trails, she believes it is important for people in the downtown area to be able to walk to an area with hiking trails and is also concerned about the traffic in the area and minimizing the amount of people who will be driving there.

Commissioner Swolgaard mentioned that at this time the board has committed to nothing for Sakai Park other than trails, which staff is in the process of designing and permitting.

Susan Johnson said that this is the first time that dollar amounts have been viewed by the public and that perhaps the reality of price tags is turning public opinion to doing less rather than more development.

Executive Director Terry Lande said that the Park District is keeping in mind the School District master plan.

Kirk Robinson commented that he believes the concept plan did a good job of figuring out what could exist rather than what will the Park District do with the site as a community. Jones & Jones created the concept plan by using the list of ten top community ideas gathered during the 2016 community process. The Park District needs to consider a pool replacement as a part of this process. The Board agreed that any new pool would remain at the current Bainbridge Island Aquatic Center facility. He asked that the Park District make sure they do a detailed analysis of what is needed and what it will cost to build and maintain. At the first public process meeting there were about 80 separate uses for Sakai that people came up with and he urged the board to not forget this list during the concept plan process. If structures are put in, can solar power and geothermal heat be considered? He noted that he liked the idea of locating any buildings in the southwest corner of Sakai Park, which would allow any two-story buildings to appear lower in height from Madison Avenue.

MEETING ADJOURNED for a short break at 6:48 pm and **RECONVENED** at 6:55 pm.

HIDDEN COVE PARK DOCK: Park Services Director Dan Hamlin thanked and credited Senior Park Manager David Harry and Senior Planner Perry Barrett for all their work on the Hidden Cove Park dock project. Executive Director Terry Lande noted that this has been a ten-year project and the onsite work only lasted one week. There was only one change order for \$2,000 and it ended up saving a cedar tree and there were no delays. Dan Hamlin showed a video staff made documenting the project. The park is open but there will be additional work for ADA trail access and a self-contained restroom will be added next year. Terry Lande noted there will be a ladder and a throw ring installed on the dock. There are no cleats on the deck as it is not meant for people to tie up their boats, but rather for swimming and human powered watercraft. Signage including an interpretive sign will be added. Publicizing this accomplishment was discussed and audience member Frank Stowell noted this project as an example of how competent the Park District is.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recreation Services: Recreation Services Director Mark Benishek introduced Nick Prevo, a current intern who is a senior at Indiana University. Staff has been busy with the summer catalog and looking at new recreation software.

Park Services: Park Service Director Dan Hamlin said there was a Parkland Acquisition Committee meeting Monday after the Trails Committee meeting, and they will be bringing a couple things to the next board meeting including a trail naming agenda item and nominations for PAC. The grand opening for the Islandwood trail project will be March 18 from 2:00-4:00pm at Islandwood. April 14 will be the grand opening for the Hidden Cove Park dock. There will be a grand opening in May for the Caregiver statue at Owen's Playground at Rotary Park. The Williams-Olson Park informational meeting will be March 5 at 6:00pm. The Wyatt to Shepherd trail connection neighbors will be invited to a March 12 meeting about access. Senior Park Manager David Harry said the Kids Up Playground tower restoration is underway, concrete footings have been poured and throughout the next week they will be manufacturing the needed legs and deck parts to reset the original roof structures sometime the first week of March. They will rejoin what is left of the old structure to the new structure with the goal to reopen as soon as possible. Dan Hamlin said there has been some drone scouting of Meigs Park by the Trails Committee for where to put trails in, an active beaver dam was found during this process. Gazzam Lake Nature Preserve and Grand Forest parking is being discussed for improvements and expansions. The BIJAM committee project signage has been put in, the Park District will assist in the landscaping associated with added signage. He again thanked Perry Barrett and David Harry for all their work on Hidden Cove Park dock.

Administrative Services: Senior Planner Perry Barrett said that Chris Hammer and Chris Munter from Public Works with the City of Bainbridge Island will be at the next board meeting to talk about the Miller Road widening proposal. It was noted that they are balancing competing interests such as bicycle safety and saving trees. The Fort Ward Bakery building project is moving forward including discussion of moving the first phase forward, a grant agreement and a lease arrangement with the Sewer District. Community Outreach Program Manager Lori Quick-Mejia said that the Islandwood trail project opening will be March 18, Hidden Cove Park dock grand opening will be April 14 and the Caregiver Statue at Owen's Playground at Rotary Park dedication is May 6. Community Outreach staff had a two day retreat last week. Summer planning is underway with work on the catalog, movies and concerts. Executive Director Terry Lande said that he had a phone call asking if the Navy has notified the Park District of expanded drill areas. It was noted that drills are conducted on public land and the Park District is aware of this.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

The Islandwood trail project opening will be March 18, mEGGa Hunt will be March 31, Hidden Cove Park dock grand opening will be April 14 and the Caregiver Statue at Owen's Playground at Rotary Park dedication will be May 6.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner DeWitt congratulated the Fc2007 Blue and Fc99 Blue for their state championships last weekend. He also congratulated the High School Boys Swim Team who won the Metro league, and the Girls Gymnastics Team who earned second place in the Metro league. He asked for an update on the Blakely Harbor Park bridge and Senior Planner Perry Barrett said he will follow up.
- Commissioner Swolgaard said that Fay Bainbridge Park Coordinator Mike Mejia and Community Outreach Program Manager Lori Quick-Mejia, who have both turned in letters of resignation, will be greatly missed.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:36 pm for discussion of real estate, with announced time to reconvene at 7:54 pm. **MEETING RECONVENED** at 7:55 pm and **ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 7:56 pm for continued discussion of the above item, with the announced time to reconvene at 8:15 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 8:15 pm and **ADJOURNED** at 8:16 pm.

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Terry M. Lande
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN
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ATTEST: _____

John Thomas Swolgaard