

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chair Kinney.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lee Cross, Ken DeWitt, Jay Kinney, Tom Swolgaard. Absent: Michael Pollock

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: Add personnel to executive session.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon making the following revisions to the minutes of the September 6, 2018 regular board meeting, Chair Kinney stated the minutes stand approved as corrected: p. 1: Change "background check" to "reference check"; p. 2: correct spelling of "Soutter".

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: Nothing presented for approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PRELIMINARY AQUATIC CENTER PLANNING PRESENTATION COATES DESIGN ARCHITECTS: Recreation Division Director Mark Benishek introduced Mathew Coates, principal of Coates Design Architects, and project lead Joe McRitchie, who are conducting a second feasibility study of options related to the aging Ray Williamson Pool. Matthew Coates said they were pleased to be here and show the progress they've made to date. At this point, they have discussed the project with the City of BI, the School District and aquatics focus groups. The City is most concerned with lot coverage and non-pervious surface. Both of these will increase with this project and will require a master plan for the entire site. The School District has just begun the process of developing a master plan, and while it will not be completed for some time, they have been willing to discuss concerns and parameters for the aquatic project. The School District's greatest concerns are not giving up options for the future and site security. They are interested in working with the Park District, and acknowledge that the two agencies serve parallel functions since they both provide space for kids and community facilities. Other factors that must be considered for the project are a fire access loop required by COBI, preservation of green space, and parking. He reviewed options for extending the aquatic facility out, saying going to the south and west are not possible due to School District constraints, and that going east is not viable due to a drop in site elevations. The highest priorities for the aquatic focus groups are more lanes and not shutting down the Ray Williamson Pool while a new pool is being built.

He went on present three options for a possible building design. All three options include: 1) A location that is north and adjoining the current aquatics center; 2) The repurposing of the current Ray Williamson Pool into a sports court or gymnastics room and offices. He then identified the three pool options: 1) 25 meter x 25 yard pool with locker rooms, multi-use rooms, and office space; 2) 52 meter x 25 yard pool with locker rooms, and elevator to second story mezzanine with multi-use rooms and office space; 3) 33 meter x 25 yard pool with locker rooms, and multi-use rooms and office space on a second story mezzanine with elevator, or everything on one floor. This pool option is sized for water polo meets, is shallow at each end, and doubles the current lanes. While the work done to date has focused on the big picture (i.e. locating, parking, etc.), the next steps will move toward programming options, cost estimates to build, and facility operating costs.

Questions were taken from the board and general public generating the following additional information: there are no plans for another dive tank; the biggest cost difference between the 33 meter and 52 meter pools is operational; the disadvantage of two stories is the cost of the elevator, while the advantage of two stories is a reduced footprint and keeping spectators separate from the pool deck; the 33 meter and 52 meter pools would address program scheduling

difficulties, while the 25 meter pool would not; designing a high performance building with energy efficiency is the goal. Executive Director Terry Lande mentioned that the design options presented tonight have just become available, and the School Board has not yet reviewed them to assess their impact on the school campus. It is still very early in the process. The board thanked Matthew Coates and Joe McRitchie for their presentation this evening and the work that has been done to date.

ADJOURNED at 6:57 pm for a short break. **RECONVENED** at 7:05 pm.

LITTLE LEAGUE REQUEST TO NAME ROTARY PARK BATTING CAGE & CONCESSION STAND: Park Services staff member Chris Andre introduced current and former Little League presidents, Kristoffer Anderson and Tim Duffy. Kristoffer Anderson said they were there to present a request to memorialize the legacy of two dedicated members in the sports community, Troy Biddle and his son Baden who died in a tragic automobile accident last year, and ask that the covered batting cage at Rotary Park be named after them. Tim Duffy said Troy Biddle served on the Little League board as vice-president when he was president and was instrumental in making the batting cage happen. Troy Biddle was involved in coming up with the initial idea, fundraising, getting an architect, exploring designs, and recruiting a construction firm when it became clear the \$130,000 project was too big to do with volunteers. His 12-year old son, Baden Biddle, was among the players who used the batting cage during the first season it was open. Naming the batting cage after these two members of the community who touched the lives of so many seems perfect. In addition to the batting cage, Tim Duffy said Troy Biddle's tenure on the Little League board was significant in stabilizing the organization's infrastructure at a time when volunteers were not coming forward. His efforts helped restructure the league and get people involved again. His involvement in the sports community also included coaching football and basketball. Tim Duffy then explained that when the batting cage was built, Kellen Bond volunteered to manage the project's construction as a tribute to his father, Louis Bond, another significant community member whose countless volunteer efforts and involvement in sports has touched all areas of the island. Until the death of Troy and Baden Biddle, the intent had been to name the batting cage after Louis Bond. It has since been agreed between Kellen Bond and Little League that it is appropriate to name the batting cage after the Biddles and to name something else after his father. To honor Louis Bond and his many contributions to Little League, the Park District, and the community they are requesting tonight that the new concession stand at Rotary Park be named after Louis Bond. Board discussion was held over the appropriateness of the request considering the Park District's naming policy. Chair Kinney noted that if the District is going to name something after someone, that person should have made a significant contribution to the item being named or the Park District as these individuals have. **MSC: DeWitt/Swolgaard: That the batting cage at Rotary Park be named after Troy and Baden Biddle, and that the concession stand be named after Louis Bond, and that the memorials be authorized appropriate to scale and subject to the Park District's approval.** Kristoffer Anderson said they are very grateful to the members of the park board for their willingness to do this.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Park Services Division: Senior Manager David Harry said the east and west sides of Hawley Cove Park will be connected tomorrow; the legs to the beach, railings, benches and interpretative signage have not yet been done. He explained the difficulty of driving the pilings into the swamp for the boardwalk and said they had to pass through many geological layers before they hit solid footing (a floating mat of vegetation, old trees, aquifer, gravel bed, sand layer, and glacial rock). He said the right-of-way permit for the bakery building (Fort Ward Community Hall) has been received from the City after twenty-two months and the project will resume next week with building the parking lot.

Recreation Division: Division Director Mark Benishek said April Cheadle, head coach of the Bainbridge Aquatics Masters swim team, was just awarded the national coach of the year award, an achievement only a handful of coaches receive. In addition, she now has the highest level of certification for coaches; only 29 others in the country are at this

level. The Nakata locker room floor project is scheduled for October 25-28; planning has begun for the Haunted Hayride scheduled for 10/22-24; a new "Sampler" program is getting kicked off so people can sample some of the many courses offered by the District; Outdoor Program Manager Jeff Ozimek will be receiving a Young Professional Award next week at the NRPA conference. Division Superintendent Bryan Garoutte said 5060 people participated in Park District programs from the end of June through August bringing in 3/4 of a million dollars in revenue. A record number of 99 kids came through the Teen Center on Monday this week. Gymnastics is offering a cheerleader class; fall sailing is the biggest ever this year; ski bus registration is starting October 1; there are two full volleyball teams this fall with 18 players on each; tot soccer is starting up this Saturday; the Rosemary Hawk foundation has donated \$2000 to Eagledale Pottery Studio.

Administrative Division: Senior Planner Perry Barrett said that after submitting the trail permit to the City last spring for Sakai Park and going through one round of comments, they've now been asked to do a second round of comments. Executive Director Lande noted that getting a trail permit has become very difficult, making it harder and harder to get trails built.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Swolgaard said he attended a recent Trails Advisory Committee meeting. He expressed concern over where the Teen Center would go given the pool design presented this evening. Executive Director Lande said the Teen Center would be moved to space indicated in the plan as multi-use.
- Commissioner Cross attended a recent IGWG meeting. She noted only three elected officials attended, causing her to wonder if the work group is still serving a purpose.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:05 pm for discussion of real estate and personnel with announced time to reconvene at 8:25 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 8:28 pm and **ADJOURNED** at 8:30 pm.

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