

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT  
WORK SESSION JULY 28, 2011  
CAMP YEOMALT LOG CABIN**

**WORK SESSION TOPIC: DRAFT TRAILS VISION PLAN**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A quorum being present, the work session was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chair Robinson.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lee Cross, Ken DeWitt, Jay Kinney, Kirk Robinson, and Tom Swolgaard.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS UNRELATED TO WORK SESSION TOPIC:** Island Resident Jerry Elfendahl asked to speak briefly on topics unrelated to the work session. He informed the Board that the heir to John Nelson, Stan Lund, had just passed away. He presented an old knot board made by a boy scout involved in scouting when the Camp Yeomalt log cabin was originally built. He mentioned that he has not seen any notice in The Review regarding the demolition of the Madison Avenue Tot Lot building.

**DRAFT TRAILS VISION PLAN:** Chair Robinson said the purpose of this evening's work session was to discuss the draft Trails Vision Plan presented by staff at the April 21, 2011 board meeting, and that he had hoped more from the community would come to offer comments. Park Services Director Arlan Elms reviewed the draft Trails Vision Plan saying that once adopted it will be a guiding document for the District in its approach to trails on the island and their future growth. He said it is a vision document that links trails on the island in an integrated fashion. It was noted that the Park District is responsible for recreational trails while the City is responsible for transportation routes along roads. Arlan Elms said staff has refined Attachments 1 & 2 (Graphic and Trails Standards) and he passed out the revised pages. Chair Robinson noted some written comments have been received and read an email sent earlier that day by John Grinter expressing several concerns including one which objected to not having the Trails Advisory Committee mentioned in the plan. The Committee's Board liaison, Commissioner Swolgaard, said the Trails Advisory Committee (TAC) participated in the development of the plan and recommended that it be brought to the Board for approval. Dan Hamlin, Park Services staff person and TAC Chair provided a brief history of the Committee saying it has been re-vitalized in recent years after being re-structured and it now functions very well. He noted that there is a core group of members participating in monthly work parties to maintain trails, and that several times a year there are large community efforts to develop new trails. Chair Robinson guided the Board through a discussion of the draft Trails Vision Plan including its three attachments. He passed out changes he recommended which included adding sections for priorities and implementation, and re-ordering bullets. Additional suggestions were made by other Board Members. A member from the public, Robert Weschler, offered several suggestions including: 1) Promoting tourism to island by creating access to trails from the ferry by bus; 2) Incorporating into the island wide trail system a water taxi from Waterfront to Pritchard Park; 3) Adequate parking at trail heads (for example no parking at Manitou Beach for those who hike the cross-island trail); 4) Prioritize the Winslow Ravine for trails and public access since it provides a centralized core for green space in the downtown area. Chair Robinson thanked everyone for their input. He will make the changes to the draft plan that were agreed to, and will circulate the revised document for adoption by the Board.

**WORK SESSION ADJOURNED** at 7:38 pm.

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