

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2010
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chair Cross.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Bang-Knudsen, Lee Cross, Ken DeWitt (arrived late), Kirk Robinson, Tom Swolgaard.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: Add 6:30 pm executive session on real estate and potential litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Larry Koss, island resident, mentioned a number of health hazards associated with chlorinated pools and spoke about the health benefits of salt water pools. He urged the Board to consider converting the pool(s) at the Aquatics Center from chlorinated to salt water. He said there would be no up-front cost due to the offset in savings from monies now spent on chlorine. Commissioner Bang-Knudsen questioned his statements on cost, and asked about the effectiveness of salt water pools in protecting against the MRSA staph infection. He also asked how the change in buoyancy would affect competitive swimming. Larry Koss said he would provide him with more information.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon making the following revisions to the minutes of the September 23, 2010 regular board meeting, Chair Cross stated the minutes stand approved as corrected: p. 2: Change spelling of "Debbie" to "Debbi"; p. 4: insert "and" before "Commissioner Robinson" in first bullet.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: Bang-Knudsen/Robinson: 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:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Batch No.</u>	<u>Batch Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Pre-Approv by Exec.</u>
General Fund	94952	378827	9/13/10	3,019.51	9/1/10
General Fund	94952	379143	9/20/10	19,037.11	9/8/10
General Fund	94952	379176	9/20/10	15,816.99	9/8/10
Capital Imprv Fund	94955	378835	9/13/10	8,994.43	9/1/10
Capital Imprv Fund	94955	379181	9/20/10	3,270.47	9/8/10

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

STRAWBERRY PACKING PLANT COVENANTS: DRAFT LETTER: The Board discussed a draft letter written by Commissioner Swolgaard to the City Council regarding the Strawberry Packing Plant covenants. Board input on the letter was emailed to staff and compiled by staff into a new draft version that was discussed in open session this evening. A few minor revisions were suggested by several Board Members. Commissioner Robinson questioned sending the letter at all, saying all the points it raises regarding the covenants could be addressed during the property transfer. He asked what it will accomplish to send a letter that begins with expressing disappointment and frustration over the City Council's decision to approve the covenants without first receiving Board input. He questioned sending a letter that may not be well received and could jeopardize resolving the actual issues the Board has with the covenants that are brought up later in the letter. Commissioner Swolgaard felt it important to send the letter so the Board's

concerns with the covenants are on record. He made a motion to send the letter with the minor revisions suggested earlier. Commissioner Paul Bang-Knudsen seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Commissioner Cross said the City is facing a lot of difficulties and it is to the benefit of the island if everyone works to help the City succeed. She said the Board has some good questions regarding the covenants that should go on record, but questioned whether the letter as worded would accomplish anything constructive. Commissioner Bang-Knudsen said the Board's comments are plausible and suggested toning down the letter so it is not so abrasive. Commissioner Robinson agreed and encouraged the Board to be as neutral as possible in the letter, since there will be more significant issues to address in the future. **Robinson/Bang-Knudsen: That the previous motion be amended to say: That the letter be sent once revised so that the following paragraph replaces the first six paragraphs: "We understand the City has approved the covenants for the Strawberry Packing Plant site. In anticipation of a possible transfer in the future, we would like the City to provide clarification on the following points."**

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION for discussion of real estate and potential litigation with announced time to reconvene at 7:00 pm. **MEETING RECONVENED** at 7:05 pm.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director: Terry Lande said he met with Interim City Manager Brenda Bauer on Wednesday and asked to clear up the following rumors on the Strawberry Packing Plant: 1) Rumor that the Department of Labor & Industries had closed down the site: The site was not closed down. There was a public complaint related to toxic waste which after researching, L&I found no concern and allowed the project to continue. 2) Rumor that more concrete was found on the site than anticipated and that the project is so far over budget it's questioned whether the project can be completed: More concrete was found than expected, but there are funds to take care of it since the bids came in lower than budgeted. In addition, Brenda Bauer is moving forward with the property transfers and has asked him to sign documents related to the transfer of two properties previously approved. Aaron Tot Lot open space strip and Yama. Commissioner Bang-Knudsen asked about how the historical significance of the Yama property would be addressed. It was noted the Park District will land bank the property as the City has done until it is determined how to best deal with these concerns in conjunction with interested parties such as the Historical Preservation Commission.

MSC: Swolgaard/Robinson: That the Executive Director Lande be authorized to sign the documents related to transferring the Aaron Tot Lot open space strip and the Yama property from the City of Bainbridge Island to the Park District. (Abstain-DeWitt - arrived late and not there for the discussion). Terry Lande continued saying the next property slated for transfer by the City is the Parade Grounds once it has completed the SEPA process. He also encouraged the Board to have a strong presence on the City's Shoreline Master Plan Committee since it will be involved in setting policies that could have an impact on the Park District. He suggested that the Board appoint someone to attend the Committee meetings and follow the issues from the beginning, saying this will be a way to avoid future misunderstandings such as those related to the Strawberry Packing Plant.

ADJOURN TO BOARD WORK SESSION at 7:15 pm for Board work session on 2011 Budgets. **MEETING RECONVENED** at 9:25 pm.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

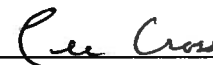
Chair Cross brought up an item discussed during the budget work session on the purchase of new mowing equipment. It would be purchased in 2010 out of reserve funds and repaid over the next five years beginning in 2011.


MSC: Robinson/Swolgaard: That the reserve fund be used to purchase the proposed mowers in 2010 with the understanding the reserve fund will be reimbursed by installment payments over the next five years. A formal resolution approving the purchase will be presented at the next board meeting.

- Commissioner Robinson attended a recent City Council meeting and reported on its discussion of Storm Water Management fees and a City Council ordinance regarding them. SWM fees were also discussed at the last Intergovernmental Work Group meeting.
- Commissioner Robinson attended the October 5 public meeting on the Senior Center renovation and said it was attended by 30-35 people. He also attended a Senior Center renovation task force meeting today and said the next step is to look at the list of the items wanted and then prioritize them. Commissioner Cross also attended these meetings.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:38 pm.

Elizabeth R. Shepherd
 Terry M. Lande
 BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN
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BY: 

BY: 
 Kirk B. Robinson

BY: 
 Paul Bang-Knudsen

BY: 
 John Thomas Swolgaard

ATTEST: 
 Kenneth R. DeWitt - Secretary