



TREE AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016
3:30 – 5:00 PM
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
280 MADISON AVE N
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kol Medina, Mack Pearl, Sarah Blossom, Ron Peltier, Jon Quitslund

COBI STAFF: Jennifer Sutton, Gary Christensen, Barry Loveless, Marilyn Guthrie, Peter Corelis, Janelle Hitch

PUBLIC: Babette Gazarian-Cherne', Jonathan Davis

A revised agenda was distributed. Item 1 called for election of a new Chair of the Committee, and Kol Medina was elected by a unanimous vote of the committee. Ron Peltier was elected as a Vice-Chair, to serve in the event of Kol's absence.

2. Notes from the June 15 meeting were approved with the understanding that some matters discussed might be considered further.

3. The meeting agenda was reviewed, and a couple of items were added under 4.C (other unfinished business).

4.A. A propos of the Admin Manual updates, Jennifer provided copies of the **Landscape Plan** segment. She mentioned that the Administrative Manual revisions are scheduled for discussion by the Council on July 26. She also distributed copies of an email from Katy Bigelow: one comment pertains to the requirement of tree valuations, previously discussed and pertinent to requirements in the landscape plan. Sarah remains concerned that there are discrepancies between requirements in the Landscape Plan segment and language in BIMC 18.15.010.C.1 (Retention).

4.B. The Committee reaffirmed a decision to recommend abolishing the "cluster" option as described in the Subdivision Design Standards chapter for development in the more dense zones (R-2.9 and above), understanding that this will require preparation of an ordinance for review by the Planning Commission and approval by the Council.

4.C. Unfinished business, for a future meeting: Jon recalled, from the work plan developed in February or March, the issue of trees in the right of way. Mack said we need to address the impacts of development on neighboring properties, because trees close to a property line can be put at risk if clearing, site preparation, and building invade the root zones of mature trees.

5.A. New business: A black locust tree on property at 9973 Manitou Beach Drive had been cut down without a permit, and Olaf Ribeiro called attention to this. Gary said that a written complaint should be filed and date-stamped to begin a file on actions taken, leading to a definite conclusion. Mack said that he would get in touch with Olaf.

5.B., the most important agenda item: The Committee's role and responsibilities in connection with LID regulations. Barry and Marilyn both spoke to this. Herrera Environmental Associates is the consulting firm; Marilyn distributed copies of a draft schedule for meetings and deliverables. A final schedule is to be established by July 29, for work to be completed with action by the Council in December of this year. It appears that the Planning Commission will not have a role in review of the ordinance establishing LID regulations.

Herrera's scope of work involves review of all parts of the BIMC that will be affected by the new regulations, and this is likely to involve everything that the Ad Hoc Committee has in its work plan: notably, the Land Clearing and Veg Management chapters and Subdivision regulations. Members of the Committee thought it most appropriate to work closely with Herrera and with Public Works staff throughout this process.

Kol asked if the LID regulations can be so designed as to do the work of the Land Clearing and Veg Management chapters. Jennifer said No; that those chapters (or a single chapter) will still be needed, consistent with the over-arching LID standards.

Notes Approved: July 20, 2016