



TREE AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2016
2:30 – 4:00 PM
PLANNING CONFERENCE ROOM
280 MADISON AVE N
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

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

COBI STAFF: Jennifer Sutton, Peter Corelis, Marilyn Guthrie, Janelle Hitch

PUBLIC: Kelsey Laughlin, Olaf Ribeiro, Charles Schmid, Mike Juneau, Randy Rotter

A detailed agenda was distributed, as were Notes from the previous meeting (July 20), and a compilation of over-riding purposes, topics on the to-do list, and dates for future meetings of the committee.

Notes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved, as was the meeting agenda. Kol chaired the meeting.

Reports.

Jennifer and Mack spoke of the code enforcement complaint regarding a tree cut down without a permit at 9973 Manitou Beach Drive. It is “under investigation,” and Mack has discussed the matter with Greg Vause (code enforcement officer). The tree was within 50 ft. of the shoreline. More will be reported at the next meeting.

Vegetation removed in ROW @ Avalara sign, west side of SR305, Gateway district: “under investigation.”

Work done in dripline of two trees @ Waterfront Park: the question is whether the work done to create a rain garden will harm the trees. Mike and Kelsey spoke to the need for deliberate planning, best practices, and follow-through. The rain garden may not be appropriate in the circumstances.

Regarding item 3.B: Kol will report on how to proceed with the committee’s decision to recommend abolishing the ‘cluster’ option for subdivisions in zones R-2.9 and up.

Regarding item 3.C: Changes to the Administrative Manual are on the Council agenda.

Item 4.A: Peter Corelis used a power point presentation to explain LID and the work that is under way to bring BIMC regulations into line with Department of Ecology guidelines. (Text of the presentation was later sent to the committee for download.) Janelle Hitch contributed to the discussion. LID principles and best management practices involve minimizing impervious surfaces, limiting loss of native vegetation, managing stormwater runoff within the site and as much as possible by natural means. Development starts with a thorough assessment of the site (lay of the land, soils, vegetation, evapo-transpiration to be expected from established tree canopy). Ideally,

65% of a lot will be left in its natural state, 10% is developed with hard surface, 25% is landscaped. LID standards will apply to all new development and re-development.

Item 4.B: Recognizing a change in the scope of the committee's work, we agreed that its name, going forward, should be "Ad Hoc LID / Tree Committee." We will need a new Purpose statement.

Item 4.C: Discussion touched briefly on some problems that need to be addressed, regarding trees in the ROW, differences between neighbors over view-blocking etc.

Item 4.D, language in BIMC 18.15.010.C that allows removal of trees in a buffer that are said to be 'hazardous,' remains to be dealt with.

Item 4.E, a place on the City website for the committee and public comment, Ron is pursuing.

Jon passed out some pages that make a start on a new BIMC 16.22, replacing the Land Clearing and Vegetation Management chapters.

The next meeting is August 17, with Herrera staff attending.

Notes Approved: August 17, 2016