



TREE & LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT
AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016
3:00 – 4:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
280 MADISON AVE N
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

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

COBI STAFF: Jennifer Sutton, Peter Corelis

PUBLIC: Charles Schmid, Ginny Brewer, Kelly Laughlin, Crystal Rich, Mike Juneau

1. September 7, 2016 meeting notes were approved.
2. A discussion about Committee notes to the Council was added to the agenda as item 6B.
3. Public Comment:
 - a. Ginny Brewer – Please be aware of unintended consequences our regulations may have on farming.
 - b. Charles Schmidt – is interested in the enforcement issues that Mack will talk about.
4. Reports
 - a. LID regulations – Jennifer asked how we would like the information to be presented at the next meeting. Herrera will arrive at 2. Hypothetical scenarios based on the new Dep't of Ecology LID manual will be presented by Peter and Janelle prior to that. The Committee and staff discussed what type of scenarios we wanted to see. The Committee settled on a new SFR on a 2.5 acre lot and the De Novo project on Weaver.
5. Ongoing Business
 - a. Re-drafting vegetation management and land clearing chapters (this item was discussed after b.)
 - i. The Committee agreed that the Vegetation Management and Land Clearing chapters should be combined – new title TBD.
 - ii. The Committee agreed that the thresholds should not be based on the number of significant trees or board feet to be removed.
 - iii. The Committee agreed that the threshold should be based on tree units.
 - b. Tree management (the following are points made in the discussion, they are not decisions made by the Committee)(related to item 6A)
 - i. Mercer Island allows normal pruning and maintenance without a permit. On Bainbridge it has been difficult to do normal pruning and maintenance on properties that are at the base of steep slope and where covered by SMP.
 - ii. Code need to require verification of clearing limits by staff
 - iii. Code needs clear, unambiguous, and enforceable rules and penalties

For special accommodations, please contact Jane Rasely, Planning & Community Development 206-780-3758 or at jrasely@bainbridgewa.gov

- iv. Need to be sure that tree removal contractors receive a copy of the conditions of approval and site plan
- v. Contractor certification
- vi. Stronger submittal requirements
- vii. Farming – how do you enforce farming if allowed to clear to create a farm? Charles suggested that if someone is clearing for the purposes of creating a farm then they should transfer or otherwise extinguish development rights.

c. Not discussed

d. Ron is still working on it

6. New Business

- a. Code enforcement questions – see 5b

7. Public Comment

- a. Mike Juneau – vegetation management is a big issue for shoreline properties and in critical areas (slope restrictions)
- b. Crystal Rich – Committee should be taking an educational approach rather than a punitive one.

The next Ad Hoc Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 28, at 1pm.

Notes Approved: September 28, 2016