



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

Committee Members in Attendance: Kol Medina, Ron Peltier, Sarah Blossom, Mack Pearl, Jon Quitslund

COBI Staff: Marilyn Guthrie, Jessica Sutton, Barry Loveless

Public: Charles Schmid, Katy Bigelow, Mike Juneau, Terry Samilson, Robert Dashiell, Robert Conoley, and another citizen not named

Item 1: Copies of Notes from the Nov. 9 meeting were distributed, reviewed, and approved. Item 2: The Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Item 3, public comment: Terry Samilson said that she perceived in the LID regulations an overlap with what is required in Habitat Management Plans, and she wondered if there was some duplication of effort. In discussion, it was mentioned that the ordinance resulting from Phase I work on LID policies was scheduled for discussion in the Council meeting on Dec. 13.

Item 4.A, Status report on Phase II planning. Barry observed that in Phase II, Planning rather than Public Works will play the major role. The Council has allocated \$50 K for work under contract with a consulting firm (Herrera or another firm). A Request for Proposals will be drawn up after the scope of work has been determined: scope will be described and discussed at the next meeting.

Item 5.A: Ron led a brief discussion of the information drafted for posting on the COBI website, on a page devoted to the Committee's work. The page will provide contact information for the five members and a brief account of the committee's purpose, with links to documents and meeting notes.

Item 5.B, Status report on the re-drafting of BIMC 16.22 & 16.18 (Vegetation Management and Land Clearing), creating a single chapter. Jon said that he and Ron had met, and they had discussed a way of presenting Findings that would establish a factual and scientific basis for the protective measures and regulations on development that are appropriate in our circumstances. He proposed that the Findings would not have to be presented in full within the Code chapter, but could be summarized in the WHEREAS clauses in the implementing Ordinance, and presented, with documentation, in the body of the Ordinance, which would then be referenced in the Code. The committee seemed ready to go along with this approach – to be put in practice much later in the drafting process.

Jon noted that the committee had not yet given much attention to the Purposes section of the new draft (Jon's, with additions by Kol, in which the Purposes are listed, A through J, on p. 4). We agreed

that for the time being, that section should identify our own objectives in setting standards and solving problems.

Jennifer distributed copies of the Vegetation Management and Land Clearing chapters. Ron had supplied Jon with copies in Word .docx format, and he added comments and questions that may guide discussion and revision. The committee had had no opportunity to study these versions prior to the meeting.

Notes Approved: January 18, 2017