



TREE AND LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT
AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017
3:00 – 4:30 PM
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
280 MADISON AVE N
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

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

C0BI Staff: Jennifer Sutton

Public: Bre Ganne, Lonnie Hyde, Robert Dashiell, Charles Schmid, Don Willott, Kathryn Keve, Jonathan Davis

Items 1 & 2: Notes from the May 3rd meeting were approved as distributed; the agenda was reviewed and approved.

Item 3: There were several public comments. **Charles** mentioned again the removal of trees near the fire station on Madison. **Robert** questioned the application of tree retention requirements to existing SFRs. He also suggested looking at how Kitsap County regulates the removal of trees, and he asked how the implementation of LID regs will be paid for: by raising the stormwater utility rates? **Jonathan** passed out copies of a set of diagrams showing, for houses of a typical size on a 1-acre lot and two 2.5-acre lots, how much of the lot would be cleared to provide a driveway and a 50-ft. perimeter – the point being that retaining the proposed canopy cover may be difficult if not impossible. **Don** mentioned Port Gamble's LID regs as worth studying. **Kathryn** said she came to the meeting to see how the committee is doing at the task of tree preservation. **Mike** mentioned that he is acquainted with a forester who works on contract with the city of Lacey, and we could benefit from bringing him in as a consultant. He also distributed copies of the ISA Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form, the standard instrument for evaluating the health and long-term viability of trees on a property.

Item 4.A: The Committee looked again at Jennifer's proposal for tree retention requirements on single-family lots in the various zones, and for new or expanded agriculture uses. Mack proposed some small changes that were incorporated in Jennifer's scheme. The Committee also gave brief attention to the provisions for agriculture ("Same As Above"), and opinion was divided on that policy.

Jon said he needed to see the proposed new regulations in the context of BIMC 18.15.010, and he wanted to know how the revisions will be presented in an Ordinance. Jennifer said that she would look to him for "Purpose" language to justify the changes.

Discussion shifted to **Item 4.B**, the Repeal / Replace of BIMC 16.18 & 22. Jennifer said once again that the main purpose of the chapter would be to describe activities that would be permitted by "minor" and "major" tree removal permits, and the information that would be required in applications for such permits. Jon asked where activities allowed without a permit would be described, and Jennifer said that BIMC 18.15.010 might be the best place. Jennifer has worked on an outline for the "replacement" chapter, and the Committee has not yet discussed that 4-page document.

Kol brought up a problem we have touched upon before: trees that grow up to block a neighbor's view. When, where and how can we deal with this? Jennifer thought it should go in the 'parking lot,' to be addressed eventually in 18.15.010.

Item 5: Mike offered his professional opinion that an Arborist should be involved in the Site Assessment Review for lots that include significant trees and/or mature forest conditions. And, speaking of mature forest conditions, Bre said that for some time, Parks staff have been interested in fuel load reduction in the Grand Forest. {The Committee was alerted to the risk of wildfires some time ago.}

It was decided that the next meeting will be on May 31. The scope of work and schedule for Herrera's consulting team may be on the agenda.

NOTES APPROVED: May 30, 2017