



TREE AND LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT
AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2017
3:00 – 5:00 PM
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
280 MADISON AVE N
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

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

COBI Staff: Jennifer Sutton, Mike Michael

Public: Paul Bonham, Robert Dashiell, Jonathan Davis, Mike Juneau

Items 1 & 2: The minutes from the May 17 meeting were reviewed and two changes were made; the minutes were then approved as amended. In the context of review of the agenda, Jennifer mentioned that the Committee's work on changes to BIMC 8.15.010 and the repeal and replacement of BIMC 16.18 & 22 will be on the agenda of the Council's study session on July 18. This will provide for a progress report and some policy guidance.

Item 3, Public comment: **Paul Bonham** said that he and his wife have made efforts over several years to resolve problems caused by a neighbor's hedge, which blocks their view, and this adversely affects the value of their property. The Code stipulates the maximum height of a fence, but not of a hedge. **Robert Dashiell** made a series of brief comments. He noted that the Kitsap Co. forester had commented on poor management in the county's forests; regarding the trail being built along Hwy 305, he said that 'native' trees would not be the best species for replanting; he had not gotten a full explanation of the City's plans to finance LID implementation; referring to the discussion of tree canopy percentages for the largest lot sizes, he thought that 70% and 60% would be open to a challenge as "arbitrary and capricious."

Item 4.A: Phase 2 LID planning with Herrera. Responding to Robert's comment: Herrera's work is being billed to the Stormwater Utility funds; policies to be developed in Phase 2 will include new fees that will be charged to developers. A split of 70 / 30 was mentioned, with 70% being the developer's share, 30% from the COBI general fund.

Mike commented on a 7-page description of the scope of services being discussed with Herrera. The work is divided into six categories, each itemized on a separate page.

Item 4.C: "Parking Lot" issues pertaining to revision of BIMC 18.15.010. This discussion began at 3:50 and took up most of the rest of the meeting. The purpose of this was to give Jennifer the go-ahead to draft a number of regulations. On most issues there was consensus on problems and solutions; at one point Jon said he thought the discussion had gotten lost in the weeds, tending to be too prescriptive. We will have to return to each of the issues when we have drafts of the regulations.

Item 4.B: Little time remained for discussion of the Repeal / Replace agenda. Jon referenced his "big picture" memo and the Community Forest Management Plan, along with the Bainbridge Island Open Space Study, and he urged the Committee to take a lesson from the City of Lacey. Lacey's "Tree and Vegetation Protection and Preservation" chapter in the Municipal Code (14.32) states up front, as "Purposes and permit criteria," a commitment "To implement strategies for the management and protection of Lacey's urban forest resources pursuant to the goals and policies of the Lacey Urban Forest Management Plan."

Item 5: In a brief comment, Mike alluded to some ideas he has put in writing, shared with the Planning Commission during deliberations on policies for Critical Areas. He divides what he has

observed as citizens' sources of conflict and non-compliance with regulatory restrictions into three categories: 1) concern for life and safety (fear of falling trees, or limbs of trees), 2) livability (preference for sunlight over shade, garden plots and flowers over mossy rocks and fallen leaves), 3) high-value amenities (views and vistas).

Item 6: Dates for the next two meetings were set, June 14 and July 5.

Notes Approved: June 14, 2017