CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

TREE AND LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017
2:30 – 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
280 MADISON AVE N
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

Committee Members in Attendance: Jon Quitslund, Sarah Blossom, Ron Peltier, and Bill Chester (subbing for Mack Pearl)
COBI Staff: Jennifer Sutton
Public: Charles Schmid, Stephanie Foster, Debbie Vancil, Mike Juneau

In Kol Medina's absence, Ron chaired the meeting.

Items 1 & 2: The minutes from May 30 were approved as distributed. The agenda was approved with two additions: adding the *Community Forest Management Plan* to discussion topics, and consideration of a role on the City staff for a forester / arborist.

Item 4.A.: With reference to BIMC 18.15.010, Jennifer reviewed the Tree Unit rationale and methodology. It is a site-specific requirement (size of the lot and amount of existing tree cover being factors) that has been in effect since 2012. We made no changes in the proposed requirement of 40 tree units per acre for single family residential lots in the R-2.9, -3.5, and -4.3 zones.
LID and Site Assessment Review policies were discussed in passing. Ron spoke of the value of expert opinion from a forester / arborist in some site assessment reviews.

Item 4.B.: The repeal / replace process dealing with BIMC 16.22 & 16.18 was discussed at a general level. It remains somewhat unclear how the new chapter will interface with BIMC 18.15.010. Jennifer spoke of the need for consistency with LID regulations, since tree removal and soil disturbance up to specific thresholds does not trigger LID procedures and site assessment review. It was also suggested that the current allowance for removing up to six trees in a 12-month period could be replaced by a tree unit calculation, which would establish different limits based on zone and lot size. Debbie brought some historical perspective into the discussion, advising the committee not to undertake reinventing of the wheel.

Item 4.C.: Jennifer distributed another list of 'Parking Lot' issues. We discussed view blocking trees and hedges without deciding on any new policies. Regarding trees and other vegetation in the Right of Way: generally, property owners abutting the ROW may maintain vegetation there as if it were an extension of their own property. Mack said he thought too many trees are taken out.

Item 5: Charles commented that some big trees were saved in connection with the planned road work on Olympic Drive, and power lines are being undergrounded.

Item 6, on the Agenda for the July 5 meeting: Jon said he would put together what he has of a draft for the New BIMC 16.18, and he has been working on a draft Progress Report to be included in the Agenda packet for the Council meeting on July 18. The July 5 meeting is scheduled for 3 p. m.

Notes Approved: July 5, 2017