



TREE & LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT
AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2017
3:00 – 4:30 PM
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

Committee Members Attending: Kol Medina, Sarah Blossom, Jon Quitslund, and Ron Peltier.

COBI Staff: Jennifer Sutton, Christy Carr

Public: Mike Juneau, Stephanie Foster, and Charles Schmid

Item 1: The agenda was modified to add “Tree Retention” as an agenda topic at the end of the meeting.

Item 2: Kol Medina commented that it was important the meeting notes accurately reflect committee recommendations or other committee decision points. The July 19 minutes were amended to clarify the recommendations to 1) treat all forested areas like critical areas; and 2) that hedges in zoning setbacks should be regulated like fences, unless views are not obstructed.

Item 3: Public Comment: Charles Schmid commented that the Creative Space management project on Day Road had done some illegal clearing.

Item 4: Ongoing Business:

- The Committee would want to participate in discussion on options for narrowing the infeasibility criteria of the Low Impact Development BMPs prior to an ordinance going to the City Council.
- **Recommendation:** That the City Council will adopt the 2008 Open Space Study with a separate resolution from their adoption of the Community Forestry Management Plan.
- **Recommendation (BIMC 16.18):** Create a new category of protected large trees called “landmark tree” or similar.
- **Recommendation (BIMC 16.18):** extend tree removal permit window from 12-months to 36-months.
- **Recommendation:** Clarified previous recommendation on hedges to regulate hedges in setbacks like fences, although a hedge that would not obstruct any views would not necessarily have to comply. The regulation would be complaint based.
- **Recommendation:** Create a proactive city street tree program for planting trees along roadways, with a focus in urban areas.

Item 5: The next meeting’s Agenda: The scheduled date is August 16th, but the meeting may be moved to the following week, August 23rd. We expect a report on the status of work on LID Phase 2 issues, additional discussion on tree retention through the Critical Aquifer Recharge Area protections of the Critical Areas, and continued discussion of BIMC Chapter 16.18.