



TREE & LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT  
AD HOC COMMITTEE  
MEETING NOTES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017

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

**COBI Staff:** Jennifer Sutton, Christy Carr, Marilyn Guthrie

**Public:** Mike Juneau, Charles Schmid, Jim Laughlin, John Anderson, Amy L. Tonsley, Susan Anderson, Jeff Kanter, Robert Dashiell, Stephanie Foster, Jonathan Davis

**Agenda Items 1 & 2:** Notes from the meeting of October 11 were approved as distributed, except that Kol corrected a reference to continuation of the CAO Public Hearing, which will be on Nov. 14. The meeting agenda was approved without modification.

**Agenda Item 3, Public Comment:** John Anderson had a question about a hazard tree on a neighboring property, in a geohazard area. Amy Tonsley, representing PSE, asked about the CAO update regarding utilities in the right of way. Mike Juneau described coppice and pollard techniques. Robert Dashiell expressed doubts about the legitimacy of the 65% NVPA policy, saying that aquifer recharge did not need that level of protection. Jim Laughlin said that the protections provided by the Grand Forest and other areas that will never be developed were not being taken into account. Jeff Kanter spoke of the coppice technique, which has been beneficial on Bill Point properties, and he thought it should be allowed in NVP areas.

**Agenda Item 4, Update on LID Phase II:** Marilyn reported that staff and Herrera are tracking the changes that will be required elsewhere in the Code in response to the CAO. Herrera consultants are working on a series of 'white papers' on LID issues: 1) Setbacks, 2) Infeasibility Criteria, 3) Engineering Solutions Loopholes, 4) Direct Discharge Standard. Drafts are to be completed by the end of October; a further report may be ready by the Ad Hoc Committee meeting on Nov. 15, followed by the Council meeting on Nov. 21. LID policies for Winslow and the other designated centers are in the works, along with changes to BIMC 15.20.010.

**Agenda Item 5, Changes to BIMC 16.20 responding to the 10/17 Council Meeting:** Christy had prepared a list of items for the Committee to consider. Highlights: 1) Yes to allowing public uses (public schools and public parks) to reduce Native Vegetation Protection area requirements. 2) On small lots, allow land disturbing activity of at least 12,500 sq ft (adding back item d. in the list of NVPA requirements). 3) Where less than 65% of a site is in native vegetation, revegetation is not required. 4) OK to co-location of driveway and utilities within the NVPA if recommended in the SAR. The NVPA may also provide for a reserve drainfield, provided that if the reserve is used a comparable area will be revegetated.

The list of 'Tree and vegetation topics' was also approved. The Council will consider the CAO update with these changes in the Oct. 24 session.

**Agenda Item 6:** The next meeting, Nov. 1, will be devoted primarily to further work on BIMC 16.18.

**Notes Approved: November 1, 2017**