ISLAND CENTER SUBAREA PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018

CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

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REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA
Chair Maradel Gale called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Steering Committee members in attendance were Michael Loverich, Donna Harui, Micah Strom, Scott Anderson, Tracy Collier, Sherri Eckert, Lisa Neal, Michael Killion (Planning Commission). Joseph Dunstan (Design Review Board), Adam Matschek were absent and excused. City Staff present were Planning Director Gary Christensen, Engineering Manager Michael Michael, Senior City Planner Jennifer Sutton and Administrative Specialist Carla Lundgren who monitored recording and prepared minutes. There were 10 citizens present.

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

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Approved as distributed.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

DISCUSS DRAFT VISION STATEMENT FOR ISLAND CENTER
Jennifer Sutton, Senior Planner asked to receive additions, edits and suggestions for the Committee's vision statement from each member via email. Ms. Sutton will compile one master list for next meeting.

DISCUSS PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY OPTIONS
Jennifer Sutton will send the maps used at the meeting in a pdf form to all committee members.

Additional Agenda Item presented by Jennifer Sutton from previous meeting –
Lisa Neal asked if the Committee's agenda should include a conflict of interest. Ms. Sutton consulted the City's attorney and due to the nature of the Committee being a recommending group the City Attorney stated it was not necessary to disclose any conflicts. A suggestion was made to have a general disclosure for each member on the Committee's website and ask at the

beginning of each meeting ask if anything has changed. Gary Christensen, Planning Director, suggested each committee member's application be published on the website for the public to view and to serve the purpose of disclosing any conflicts. Jennifer Sutton said she could put a link on the committee webpage to direct people to the City Council's meeting when the selection was made. It was also decided that each committee member would provide a statement of interest to be posted on the Island Center Subarea Planning Process Steering Committee page.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Jones (Citizen): Loved the idea of going from general to specific in regard to the vision statement. Mr. Jones was also in favor of adding more words to vision statement. Mr. Jones encouraged the committee members to also focus on transportation include bicycles, the Core 40 and parking. Mr. Jones suggested a bus system to loop to all city centers, improved cell service, and Day Rd. facilities.

Jim Cutler (Citizen): Mr. Cutler gave a brief history from Bruce Anderson, former Planning Commissioner, on Island Center. Mr. Cutler stated that Island Center was only created because businesses moved in and that there was no real thought put into developing the area. He feels this committee was formed too late because the traffic issue is already bad. He suggested that existing businesses be nurtured and feels that adding anything to the area will make all existing problems worse.

Elana Lesser (Citizen): Ms. Lesser thanked the committee members for their time and energy. Ms. Lesser encouraged the committee to get the public involved now. She stated she wasn't clear that "not changing the zoning" was an option for the committee. She would like the City to check with public if they even want change before any change is made. She would like the committee and the City to define how many additional housing units to be added to the area, how much is this all going to cost, and how much is the consultant cost?

Gary Loverich (Citizen): Mr. Loverich stated that in regard to a vision, it was a good idea to know what you do not want. He did not want Island Center to be a copy of Lynnwood Center, a theme center, a linear strip mall, a traffic pass through, a large-scale housing development, or a large active retail center.

Sandy Fisher (Citizen): Ms. Fisher agreed on the importance of transparency and stated that the sooner they heard from the public, the better. She requested a re-notice to the community about the boundary line. Ms. Fisher believes that affordability was an issue and would like to know which properties could be served by water and sewer.

Linda Mallin (Citizen): Ms. Mallin stated that the Growth Management Act required a plan for growth from the City. At that time, the City decided to put 50% in Winslow, and 50% in the rest of the island. The Neighborhood Service Centers (NSC) of Lynwood Center, Island Center and Rolling Bay were identified at this time. Ms. Mallin agreed with Jim that this committee is late to address the issue of vehicular south-bound, thru-traffic. She asked for flexibility in the statement of vision to accommodate the needs of future generations.

NEXT STEPS, DISCUSS AGENDA FOR APRIL 4, 2018 MEETING
The Committee would revisit the Vision Statement with the document Jennifer Sutton would send out to committee members.

Jennifer Sutton asked if there were any issues with the next meeting being during spring break? No attendance problems were noted.

ADJOURN
Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

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