

Meeting Minutes

City of Bainbridge Island Environmental Technical Advisory Committee

February 18, 2021

Location: Zoom

Members Present by Time:

3:10 PM -- Charlie Kratzer and Jane Hannuksela and Ben Harrison

3:45 PM – Melanie Keenan joins

4:00 PM – Juan Rovalo joins (Quorum achieved)

Members Absent:

Michelle McClure

Casey Schmidt

Dylan Frazer

Steve Saepoff

Minutes from December 30th, 2020 meeting approved by 5-0 vote.

Groundwater Fact Sheet

- The following revisions were suggested: (a) on the first bullet in the USGS Bainbridge Island Groundwater Model section – after "...total of 139 columns by 197 rows for all of Bainbridge Island..." add cells are categorized by: (1) (2) (3), (b) replace Figure 7 with revised figure from COBI, (c) change heading from "Possible Recommendations in Groundwater..." to "Recommendations for the Groundwater..."
- With the stipulation that these changes are made, the GW Fact Sheet was approved by a 5-0 vote.
- Charlie will check with Christy Carr on the proper routing of the GW Fact Sheet to the City Council – either through COBI Public Works or directly from ETAC.

Hoveida habitat management plan (HMP)

- The HMP sub-committee is now Juan, Charlie, Ben, and Steve.
- Juan, Ben, and Charlie agreed that the HMP meets the minimum requirement of no net loss
- Although it is outside of our assigned task, we all agreed that removing the bulkhead would improve the shoreline habitat
- Juan suggested that (1) removal of the fruiting trees in favor of lawn would degrade habitat for birds, and (2) the increase in impervious area could increase erosion and contaminants reaching Puget Sound
- The sub-committee will put together a final set of comments for approval at our March meeting and subsequent transmittal to COBI Planning in March

WRIA 15 revised draft report

- A WRIA sub-committee was set up to allow for coordination of comments before the March 3rd joint meeting with UAC. The sub-committee members are Melanie, Ben, Charlie, and Juan.
- Juan had a couple of comments on the M&E Farm project, including ways to better use water to both irrigate and infiltrate by using subsurface drip irrigation
- Charlie was glad to see the addition of a project for COBI to upgrade their wastewater treatment and use the tertiary-treated effluent to irrigate golf courses, school grounds, and parks

Charlie noted that we have several dormant/inactive members on ETAC currently (Casey, Steve, and Michelle). Roz is going to look into their committee terms and intentions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM

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Charlie Kratzer, Chair 3/18/21