

**Ad Hoc Tree Committee
Meeting Notes
September 1, 2015**

Committee members in attendance: Roger Townsend, Mack Pearl, Jon Quitslund, Sarah Blossom

COBI Staff: Jennifer Sutton

Public: Charles Schmid

The meeting came to order at 9:05 a. m. Notes from the meeting of August 4 were reviewed and approved. Jennifer summarized discussion at the meeting of August 11 involving Jon, Sarah and herself: her email to the committee dated August 17 is the best available summary of that meeting.

There was some discussion of the recent clearing for a subdivision at the corner of Wyatt Way and Grow Ave, extending down the slope to Shepherd Way. Jon asked what permit was required, and was surprised to learn that regulations in the Vegetation Management chapter did not apply.

Debrief from the seminar on tree inventories was postponed. Jennifer distributed an updated draft of revised Tables and Tree Unit Requirements for BIMC 18.15.010, and copies of regulations from other jurisdictions: Olympia's tree protection ordinance, tree canopy preservation from Lake Forest Park, tree protection measures from the Redmond zoning code, and Kirkland's tree density requirements.

The agenda called for discussion of BIMC 18.15.010 sections D (Perimeter Buffering and Screening), E (Street Frontage Landscaping), and G (Total Site Tree Unit Requirements). Notes taken at the meeting did not capture any decision-making on those matters.

Mack raised questions about roadside buffers: can we have different requirements for different classifications in the road system?

We have not come to grips with tree and landscaping requirements in residential subdivisions: in another ordinance, can we include subdivision standards? In practice, are the "cluster" and "open space" categories working?

Sarah asked about the purpose of standardized roadside buffers. Sensitivity to context is desirable, as is maintaining the established character of a neighborhood: how can we provide for that?

Approved: September 15, 2015