

**Ad Hoc Tree Committee
Meeting Notes
November 10, 2015**

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

COBI Staff: Jennifer Sutton, Janelle Hitch

Public: Tami Meader, Charles Schmid, Olaf Ribeiro, Don Willott

The meeting came to order shortly after 9 a. m. Notes from the Oct. 27 meeting were distributed and discussed: Jennifer will make a modest change in the language of one sentence and bring the notes back for approval at the next meeting.

Mack began the discussion of perimeter buffer requirements: the committee takes the view that to be effective, buffer vegetation should be fairly thick and of moderate height. We discussed landscaping for parking lots: should any of the language in pp. 16-19 of BIMC 18.15.010 (Interim Tree Protection Ordinance) be modified? Charles engaged Jennifer in a discussion of core district design guidelines, requiring street trees every thirty feet.

Jennifer said that a draft of the ordinance revising the ITPO would be ready for the committee's review at the next meeting.

Mack raised the issue of preserving more trees during construction. Are there remedies other than preservation of perimeter buffers? The Island Craft project in the Day Road B/I zone was mentioned.

Janelle Hitch (Development Engineer) arrived at 9:40 to talk about new standards being developed for Soil Management Plans, in keeping with new WA Department of Ecology guidelines for Low Impact Development, which will be applicable in 2016 to projects involving land disturbing activity of 7,000 sq ft or more. The purpose is to restore soil conditions where Pollution Generating Pervious Surfaces are exposed during development. Janelle distributed copies of a brochure answering questions and describing how compliance with the new requirements can be achieved.

BIMC 16.20 adopts the Stormwater Manual, and soil management plans can be incorporated into the stormwater pollution protection plan (SWPPP) that is required in connection with construction. Janelle spoke in general of the City's responsibilities under Ecology's new LID requirements.

Roger spoke of the need to produce an end-of-year report for the Planning Commission and the Council: he and Jennifer will be working on that.

Our next meeting will be on Dec. 1.

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