

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

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

COBI Staff: Jennifer Sutton

Public: Olaf Ribeiro, Charles Schmid

The meeting came to order at 9:05 a. m. Notes from the meetings of October 27 and November 1 were approved as distributed. Jennifer also distributed copies of a partial draft of the year-end report.

Regarding agenda item 2: although Don Willott was not present to offer comments on a proposed tree buffer on the west side of Hwy 305, adjacent to the Sakai property, we devoted some time to that topic. Jennifer noted that BIMC 18.15.010 (ITPO) does not apply to the right of way for 305, and that bikeways and pedestrian paths can be routed through a buffer zone. Public easements over privately owned land are regulated in the ITPO. Roger observed that this matter should be mentioned in the year-end report as something the committee will be tracking.

In connection with discussion of LID measures and soil management in the meeting on Nov. 10, Olaf distributed a page outlining Soil Management standards regarding modification, fertilization, and drainage (partial title 'ANSI A300 (Part 2) – 2011'). Olaf noted that "compost," without any specific characteristics, is mentioned repeatedly as an acceptable soil amendment in the *Soil Management Plans* leaflet, and he said that what is sold as compost may contain dangerous traces of arsenic and cadmium. Jennifer said that in BIMC 15, soil testing is required.

A draft of Ord. 2016-01, Phase 2 of the committee's revision of the Interim Tree Protection Ordinance, had been sent via email to committee members, and copies were provided at the meeting. If the Ordinance is ready, it could be sent to the Planning Commission for review in the Dec. 10 meeting, or held over to the Dec. 17 meeting.

Jennifer noted that the draft includes the full text of the BIMC chapter being amended, with changes highlighted in yellow or underlined. Discussion touched upon a passage on p. 5 referring to language that has yet to be added. We discussed measures related to multi-family residential developments, noting changes on pp. 10 to 12. In Table 18.15.010-4, p. 12, rather than "No requirement, unless ...," the language will be rephrased in order to focus on consistency with neighboring development patterns.

Considerable attention was given to Table 18.15.010-5, and Sarah proposed that Tables 4 and 5 should be combined, with some items moved to Table 3.

Do street tree requirements for Winslow and the NSC areas need further attention in this ordinance?

Back on p. 5, where clearing is permitted (e. g., in parking lot landscaping), a replacement strategy should be proposed and reviewed before a clearing permit is approved.

The next meeting will be on Dec. 8.

Notes Approved: December 8, 2015