**Ad Hoc Tree Committee**
**Meeting Notes**
**December 8, 2015**

Committee Members in Attendance: Jon Quitslund, Mack Pearl, Sarah Blossom
COBI Staff: Jennifer Sutton
Public: Charles Schmid

The meeting began at 9:10 a.m. with a review of notes from the previous meeting (Dec. 1), which were approved as presented. We turned to discussion of language in the draft of Ordinance 2016-01 (Phase 2 of the revision of BIMC 18.15.010), due for review by the Planning Commission. The version 'Updated 12/8/2015' added a few changes to those in the 11/25/2015 version.

The principal business of the meeting was to consider further changes needed in the draft Ordinance. These were subsequently incorporated by Jennifer in the version 'Updated 12/11/2015' which was included in the Planning Commission packet for the 12/17/15 meeting.

Mack made a general observation: We can't have a situation where we think we're saving something, and we're not. As a case in point, he mentioned the project on the south side of Wyatt, west of Grow. Unprotected trees on the south boundary have blown down, and a retention pond was created with a wall that is higher than the garage on an adjoining property. It appears that fencing to protect the root zone of the trees was not present. It needs to be understood that perimeter screening is not the only thing that matters: we want to preserve mature trees, and allow trees to remain healthy as they grow to maturity. There should be consequences for failure.

Jennifer brought up another problem: clearing for the BARN project was done heedlessly, not in keeping with the supervising planner's instructions.

On p. 9, we discussed adding a stop work consequence to subsection 4.iii, if the appropriate fencing is not erected and maintained. {The 12/11/2015 version includes this passage, with underlining to indicate Jennifer's revision: "The fence shall be erected and inspected by City staff before clearing, grading and/or construction starts…"}

We discussed the importance of clearing permits, and the expectation that they will be applied for and complied with prior to the granting of a building permit. Jennifer noted that most clearing permits are granted for SF Residential development. (Significantly, BIMC 18.15.010 does not apply to SF Residential lots for which only a building permit is required.)

The next meeting is scheduled for January 5th in the New Year.

**Notes Approved: January 5, 2015**