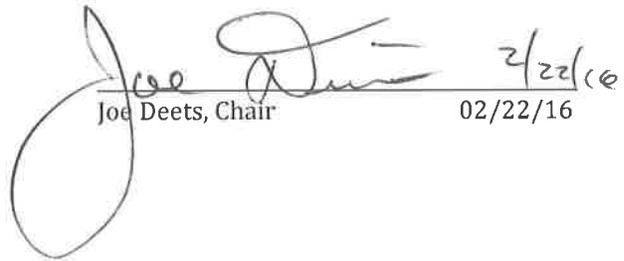


January 11, 2016 Ethics Board Meeting Notes

Present: Joe Deets, Ingrid Billies, Judith Tingley, Dennis Willerford, Robert Dashiell, Ron Peltier (for City Council)

1. The meeting was call to order at 6:35 p.m. and adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
2. Chair and Vice Chair selection: Joe Deets was asked to continue as Chair and agreed. It was also decided that there would be no Vice Chair but rather members would fill in for Joe as needed.
3. Additions to Agenda: talk about City website page and about education brochure.
4. Conflicts of interest: none
5. Meeting notes from 10/19/15 were approved.
6. Communications and conversations since last meeting: some discussion of ethics education program.
7. Public Comment:
Robert Dashiell commented on a couple of items: He suggested that rules regarding gifts to newly elected candidates were needed insomuch as PDC filings did not seem adequate for gifts and donation received after elections are over. Robert also suggested that clarification was needed regarding transparency rules for committee members as some citizens are hesitant to volunteer for fear of having their computers confiscated.
8. Education Sub-Committee Report:
Dennis commented that the City Ethics web page seems to be adequate though one important link needs to be updated. Suggested possible changes to ethics overview for committees to be consistent with the education module being developed for ethics training for city officials.
9. Discussion on Education Schedule (Education Module):
Judy and Ingrid gave a brief ethic training demonstration. They used role-playing to present two situations that were evaluated as possible ethics violations. First involved a committee member being offered Seahawks tickets in exchange for influence in committee business. The other involved concern over a new clear cut of trees that a citizen notices and suspects may be illegal or unethical. Training participants are asked to evaluate the examples.

Presentation continued with discussion of the "Four Cs": Compensation/Gifts, Confidentiality, Conflict of Interest, and Conduct. Conduct of public officials emphasized: civility, respect, transparency, and honesty. Dennis added that ethical behavior is about aspiring to something as opposed to simply following rules. This tied in with Judy's presentation piece from the comp plan: "We work to make the relationships between each citizen and the Island a source of pride."
Committee discussed importance of coordinating ethics training for committees, council, and commissions with City Attorney Lisa Marshall's Open Meetings Act training.
10. Items for next meeting agenda: will be added as they come up.
11. Next meeting date: 2/18/16, 6:30-8pm
12. Meeting adjourned at 8pm


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