

## Road Ends Notes – 2015-03-09

Bill McCoy  
Bitsy Ostenson  
Roger Van Gelder  
Don Fischer  
Anne Blair – City Council  
John Brownlow – Harbor Commission  
Elise Wright – Harbor Commission

- Harbor Commission Merging Idea
- Ann Blair introduced the idea of merging road ends with harbor commission, with the charters of the two groups being complementary around Bainbridge public shoreline access and improvements.
- John Brownlow relayed the discussion the Harbor Commission had about merging the two entities. General consensus for Harbor Commission was that it was a good idea, and they voted unanimously to move forward (assuming the RE Committee was in favor).
- We discussed pros and cons of merging – discussed ensued:
  - “Commission” & “Committee” were nearly the same from the city’s perspective
  - It was unclear how the two organizations would be combined but it may be the right time to balance the number of committee members as terms expire.
  - Road Ends Committee will review the Harbor Commission’s work plan draft to further develop a point of view on this potential merger.
  - Both road ends and harbor have stewards with unclear status at this point
  - Conclusion was that on May 11<sup>th</sup>, the same day both groups meet at the Senior Center at back-to-back times, each group will overlap times to meet and discuss a possible merge from 6-7pm.
  
- Written Report from City
- Fletcher – The committee reviewed the memorandum from the city on progress of the project. The Committee asked for more details on the project.
- Hidden Cove – The potential encroachment was discussed with the neighbor. The neighbor was unaware, and is working to change the landscaping to keep clear of public boundaries. All Committee members were happy to hear this is being resolved amicably.
- Other –
  - Ward Street progress continues to make progress – cleats have been installed and public doc is getting painted.
  - Ann Blair announced that Kitsap County transferred titles to County-owned tidelands. Bill McCoy suggested that we put on the agenda to consider clarification on the public access to tidelands, and that this may be something a combined Harbor Commission and Road Ends entity could seek to clarify.
  
- Work Plan
- Ready for Council presentation.
  
- Site Visits
- Bill McCoy had visited 3 sites and will update the Google Sheet with status.

- Objective is to assess the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the developed road ends for 2015, to be marked with permanent signage and benches where necessary in 2016 work plan (or sooner).
- Spring Fling
- This is first week in June, but the chairperson from last year cannot come back. It was suggested to try to find a chairperson through Go Bainbridge.
- It was suggested to use the road ends around Battle Point Park since there are many concentrated there within walking distance.