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CALL TO ORDER - Call to Order, Agenda Review, Conflict Disclosure

The special meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7:48 PM by Chair J. Mack Pearl. Other Planning Commissioners in attendance were Maradel Gale, Jon Quitslund, William Chester, Michael Killion and Lisa Macchio. Michael Lewars was absent and excused. City Staff in attendance were Interim Planning Director Joseph Tovar, Senior Planner Jennifer Sutton and Administrative Specialist Jane Rasely who monitored recording and prepared minutes. The agenda was reviewed. No conflicts were disclosed.

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None.

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None.

Chair Pearl continued asking questions from the Community Conversation on Bainbridge Island's Water by asking about the 20% reduction in aquifer recharge anticipated due from global warming and whether that was the only factor they were considering. Mr. Peter Bannister from Aspect Consultant responded they relied mainly on the University of Washington Climate Impacts Group report. He mentioned impervious surfaces without some sort of infiltration of that water would lead to less recharge but his understanding was that was not in the cards in terms of planning and that LID elements would address much of the impervious surfaces where feasible. Chair Pearl continued asking about recharge areas and their relative importance.

Melanie Keenan, Citizen – Reminded the Commission of some of the existing tools they had and that by layering them the City could do a more extensive project on this subject. She gave an example using some of the maps she had and explained how the City could overlay multiple maps to find the areas that needed more protection. She also stated there were some subjective inputs based on programs and requirements to date that could be overlapped to point to the areas that consistently show the need for more critical aquifer conservation zones. Commissioner Macchio agreed Ms. Keenan may be on the right track. She went on to say the City needed a groundwater management plan developed in order to move forward in a way that made sense. She also stated they needed a watershed management plan. Commissioner Killion agreed but stated that the Comprehensive Plan could point to having that work done, the Commission did not have to do this themselves.

John Keyes, Kitsap Public Health – Answered the question of whether the Department of Ecology allowed rainwater to be captured. He stated it was possible as long as the water was used on the same property and not transported to another area. He also offered up the Kitsap County Critical Areas Report as a document the Commissioners should read as it might be helpful to them as they wrestle with their questions. He also spoke about exempt wells stating there were no rules to require meters, monitoring or reporting stating there was no legal authority to require them.

2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE – Water Resources Element

Commissioner Macchio began the discussion by suggesting some of Island County's groundwater policies be added to this element. It was determined that the Commission would need to see a new draft with the changes suggested at the last meeting before they could move ahead.

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Melanie Keenan, Citizen – Said it was great to hear Aspect present and explain on the 100 year prediction versus sea water intrusion analysis versus groundwater withdrawals versus population growth. She wondered if Aspect could include an explanation in their memo when they update some of the other charts and graphs.

Ron Peltier, City Council – Was looking forward to working with the Planning Commission on the Water Resources Element as a partner. He really appreciated the energetic discussion that evening. Mr. Peltier stated he had thought a lot about the Water Resources Element and felt it was a combination of philosophy, science and what was legally possible. He wanted to see the philosophy piece strengthened. He thought it came down to what the community wanted to aspire to over the long term and he wanted to see that the policy they would commit to sustainable use of their groundwater resources in perpetuity. He wanted to see it stated more strongly than it currently was and that it needed to find its way into the other Elements. Mr. Peltier mentioned the substantive SEPA policy discussed at the Tree Ad Hoc Committee meeting that week which would allow the SEPA Official to refer to policy documents as a way to require mitigation of proposed land uses. He stated that was another reason to think about the policies put in the Comprehensive Plan seeing as how they could inform the way environmental reviews were done.

Robert Dashiell, Citizen – Heard the references to Island County's water programs with some concern because the topography of Whidbey Island was completely different than Bainbridge Island's and he had personally experienced salt water intrusion on his property there. He felt that sometimes when comparisons were made with other areas, it was more of an apples to oranges comparison and he had not heard anything in Aspect Consulting's reports that there was the possibility of salt water intrusion on Bainbridge Island so he wanted to caution the Commissioners to be careful with Island County's report as it was a completely different environment up there. Mr. Dashiell informed the Commissioners that the Utility Advisory Committee was finishing up the utilities section of the Comprehensive Plan that includes Stormwater and would be presented to them during the Utilities Element review. He told the Commission there were about 120-125 water studies in the City and that it wasn't that the City was lacking a lot of information but the Aspect



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report should put to bed the idea that there was not enough water on the Island and he thanked Aspect Consulting for their work.

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None.

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Chair Pearl adjourned the meeting at 9:14 PM.

Approved by:



J. Mack Pearl, Chair



Jane Rasely, Administrative Specialist



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