



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

TREE & LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT
AD HOC COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2018
1:30-3:00 PM
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
280 MADISON AVE N
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

AGENDA

- 1:30 PM** **Review and Approve Notes from March 21, 2018 Meeting**
- 1:35 PM** **Review and Approve Meeting Agenda**
- 1:40 PM** **Public comment on agenda-related items.**
- 1:50 PM** **Ongoing Business:**
- Discuss Revisions to BIMC 16.18 *Land Clearing*
- 2:45 PM** **Public comment on agenda-related items.**
- 2:55 PM** **For the Good of the Order**
- 3:00 PM** **Adjourn**

****TIMES ARE ESTIMATES***

Public comment time at meeting may be limited to allow time for Commissioners to deliberate. To provide additional comment to the City outside of this meeting, e-mail us at pcd@bainbridgewa.gov or write us at Planning and Community Development, 280 Madison Avenue, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

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TREE & LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT
AD HOC COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING NOTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018
3:00 – 4:30 PM
MAP ROOM

Committee Members in Attendance: Ron Peltier, Jon Quitslund, Mack Pearl, Rasham Nassar

COBI Staff: Jennifer Sutton

Public: Charles Schmid, Mike Juneau

Agenda Items 1 & 2: Notes from the previous meeting were discussed and approved as amended after a version with uncorrected errors had been posted on the COBI website; the agenda was approved as distributed.

Agenda Item 3, Public comment: Mike advised that the definition of “significant tree” should include “live” status. This led to some discussion: The Committee agreed that retention requirements assume that trees to be retained will remain alive, although a snag is also worth preserving until it decays and becomes hazardous. Jon noted that a big leaf maple, for example, may lose its crown and branches, and yet remain alive for years.

Agenda Item 4, Revisions to BIMC 16.18: Jennifer distributed copies of yet another iteration of the Chapter, in which several changes had been made (highlighted in yellow) in response to discussion at the previous meeting. In 16.18.040, (F) pertaining to existing farmed areas has been simplified. In the same section, the provision for removal of “some healthy significant trees” without a permit was once again a springboard into discussion of hypothetical scenarios. Jon had prepared a list of six “Trouble Spots Remaining” but several remain unsettled. There was concern that a “gap” exists between the allowance for removal of some significant trees and the 7000 sq. ft. area of disturbance that would trigger a Site Assessment Review: is this gap not filled by what is said in (A) and (B) of section .050 (Activities Requiring a Permit)? Some of the discussion was highly specific (e. g., allowing for “up to 2000 sq. ft.” of clearing and disturbance on a half-acre lot, and 4000 sq. ft. on an acre), but discussion didn’t result in any fixes of the Code language. There was interest in tree retention requirements for single family lots of different sizes, perhaps within BIMC 18.15.010 with cross-reference in 16.18.

The meeting ended with several scattered suggestions for things that could or should be added to the chapter, but the substance of those ideas wasn’t captured adequately in the notes.

Agenda Item 5, Public Comment: Mike observed that the phrase “no net loss of functions and values” is scattered “like seasoning” through the CAO (“like garlic” as someone else said), and perhaps his point was that the phrase is conspicuously absent from the current draft of BIMC 16.18.

The next regular meeting would be April 4, 2018.