



TREE & LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT
AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018
3:00 – 4:30 PM
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

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

COBI Staff: Jennifer Sutton, Gary Christensen

Public: Mike Juneau, Charles Schmid

Agenda Items 1 & 2: The Committee welcomed Rasham Nassar as a new member, replacing Council member (and now Mayor) Kol Medina. The Notes from the previous meeting were approved as distributed. The Agenda was modified to add election of a Chair and a Vice Chair.

Agenda Item 3: Public Comment. Charles had a question about a specific provision in BIMC 18.15.010.

Agenda Item 4: Election of officers. Ron, currently Vice Chair, said that he would be willing to serve as Chair. Rasham was asked if she would serve in the Vice position, and after clarification of those responsibilities, she agreed. Jon, seconded by Mack, moved to designate Ron Peltier as Chair and Rasham Nassar as Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Ongoing Business. Before focusing attention on revisions to BIMC 16.18, the Committee discussed what else remains to be done. Jon said he assumed that we would have a role to play in the completion of Phase II LID work. Ron expressed an urgent interest in improving the regulations for subdivisions. Jon said he thought that subdivision policies would best be handled by a Task Force with a membership somewhat different from that of the Ad Hoc Committee. Gary observed that the Design Review Board should be represented. Jon said he had talked briefly with Christy Carr, who is eager to see subdivision policies changed; he hoped she would be part of the task force. Ron wondered if the creation of such a group would have to wait until the Ad Hoc Committee is disbanded. Planning for this should be on the agenda for the Council's Retreat (i. e., Advance).

As we turned to BIMC 16.18, Jennifer distributed copies of the latest draft, which includes some new language proposed by Jon, together with questions and comments inserted throughout the chapter, proposing numerous deletions and additions. A separate page was also distributed, with bullet points describing "Anticipated Changes" and "Outstanding Policy questions." We dealt with some of these. With reference to the perennial question of removing "up to" and "more than" 6 significant trees in a 3 year period, Jon directed attention to language he had added to the latest draft (see pp. 4 and 5). The bullet points address "applicability" of the chapter with statements in one place and questions in another. We still don't have a firm understanding of where 16.18 applies. Ron was concerned about tree retention within the Winslow Study Area: between 16.18 and 18.15.010, are the regulations adequate? Jon noted that as it stands, the chapter doesn't deal any more with large scale land clearing, but it should say something about clearing (with and without soil disturbance) on a smaller scale.

Discussion of 16.18 ended with an understanding that Jon and Jennifer will get together to produce a clean draft that is ready for the Committee's review ahead of the next meeting (Jan. 17), which can then be devoted to ironing out obscurities and differences of opinion.

Notes Approved: January 17, 2018