



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

TREE & LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT
AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
APRIL 19, 2017
3:00 – 4:30 PM
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
280 MADISON AVE N
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

Committee Members in Attendance: Jon Quitslund, Kol Medina, Mack Pearl, Sarah Blossom

COBI Staff: Jennifer Sutton, Mike Michael

Public: Katy Bigelow, Stephanie Foster, Kelsey Laughlin, Robert Dashiell, Charles Schmid, Jonathan Davis

Items 1 & 2: Notes from the meeting on March 29th were approved as distributed; the Agenda was approved, and Jennifer handed out several pages showing how other jurisdictions (notably, Lake Forest Park and Olympia) provide for tree retention and canopy cover.

Item 3: Charles expressed concern that on the fire station lot on Madison Ave., redwood trees are being cut down.

Item 4.A: Mike Michael opened the discussion of Phase 2 work on LID policies, saying that we would need to determine, on an Island-wide basis, what techniques and strategies for achieving LID goals would be suited to our present levels of development and our physical circumstances (soils, vegetation, surface water, rainfall, impermeable surfaces). He spoke of an “Island-wide SAR”; he said that discussions with Herrera are about two weeks away from readiness to describe the scope of their work. Regulations for the Open Space Residential zones (R-2, R-1, R-0.4) are especially important.

Kol and others spoke of the Committee’s interest in a collaborative process. COBI staff and committee members may draft new language for the BIMC for review by the consultants. Going forward, management of the Site Assessment Review processes will require the equivalent of a full-time employee.

Item 4.B: Jennifer led discussion of tree retention standards for single-family residential lots. She observed that there are several ways of describing the standards: in terms of tree canopy (expressed as a % of the lot area), number of significant trees, or tree units. Our Code currently uses 40 tree units per acre as the norm. Since the conditions prior to development or re-development vary widely from one site to another, it was proposed that the S A R should determine which tree retention standard should be used. Jennifer also noted that on sites where solar cells are being installed, trees that block the sun will have to be removed.

Item 6: At the next meeting, May 3rd, Herrera’s scope of work and a completed Table showing tree retention standards for SFR lots will be on the agenda.

Notes Approved: May 3, 2017

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