



## TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

### TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

September 9, 2014  
Gillem

Mayor Leider called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Richard Leider, Councilmembers John Gillem, Mike Hillberg, Wade Morlock, and Tom Stowe.

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Peggie Bates.

**STAFF:** Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

**GUESTS:** Anindita Mitra and David Sorey, CREÄ Affiliates; Water Supervisor Bob Durr, Rick and Kathy Corra, Paula Dix, Gary Fulton, Gail D'Alessio.

**MINUTES:** Councilmember Hillberg moved to approve July 8, 2014 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Gillem seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

Councilmember Hillberg moved to approve July 28, 2014 special-meeting minutes, as written. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

**WARRANTS:** Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the August 12, 2014 warrants, numbers 9646 through 9670 in the amount of \$16,520.37. Councilmember Gillem seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the September 9, 2014 warrants, numbers 9671 through 9692 in the amount of \$19,070.02. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

#### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

**2015 BUDGET INPUT:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens commented that the budget process is just starting for 2015 with the Council's first of two public hearings on the budget to be held at the October 14, 2014 meeting. She asked Councilmembers to begin preparing estimates for their funding needs in 2015 and to forward them to her when ready to be incorporated in the worksheets that the Council uses to develop the full budget.

**OPEN GOVERNMENT TRAINING:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the deadline for completing Open Government Training is October 1, 2014. She will re-distribute the email with links to the training sites and the certificate so that Councilmember who have not yet completed training can find the information easily. She asked everyone who hasn't yet given her their certificates of completion to bring them to the October Council meeting.

**MARSHAL'S REPORT:** No report. Mayor Leider commented that the King County Sheriff's Office is available for a community discussion about safety if desired in light of the recent increase in reported Enatai-area crimes.

**WATER REPORT:** Water Supervisor Bob Durr reported that repairs to the control panel are complete. He is still working to obtain a price quote from Potelco to install a new signal wire from the water tank to the pump. He is also looking at the possibility of a wireless system, which would eliminate the need for the signal wire altogether.

**WABA REPORT:** No report.

**APPEARANCES:** Gary Fulton commented that he is in favor of the AT&T installation that the Council has been discussing for some time. He noted that the Village needs better cellphone service and that perhaps the revenue stream could be used to pay for undergrounding the Town's utilities.

Paula Dix asked about the status of Potelco's pole-replacement project. Councilmember Stowe answered that the Town is still monitoring the project: not all of the new poles have been installed though we had expected that the project would be complete by now.

**PRESENTATION BY CREÄ AFFILIATES OF WORK TO DATE ON THE ROW**

**MASTER PLAN:** Anindita Mitra, principal of CREÄ, introduced herself and her associate, David Sorey. She then described the firm's approach to this project, noting that throughout the entire process, her design team continues to invite comments from residents, because it is her belief that candor will produce the best end result for Beaux Arts.

Ms. Mitra commented that Beaux Arts is a community of contradictions: it is friendly but private, rustic but not suburban, etc. and noted that these contradictions all contribute to the positive feelings residents have for the town. She outlined several key items that her team wishes to explore further as part of the process to develop the ROW Master Plan.

- Is the current ROW Ordinance working as the Council anticipated? There is a lot of diversity in the way property owners develop the ROW adjacent to their property.
- Lighting throughout the town can be improved. The lighting design should provide more light to the right-of-way without allowing that light to spill onto private property. The fixtures themselves need to be more attractive and to provide low-level consistent lighting rather than the current patchwork of bright and dark spots.
- There may be a need for more pull outs along the road to improve safety for vehicles needing to pass one another on our narrow streets.
- "Gateways" at the points of first impression when entering the town. Do they reflect what residents would like? The obvious gateways are the entrances at SE 29th and 108th SE, at 104th SE just north of SE 27th, and at 105th SE just south of SE 29th.
- "Village Squares" are areas that allow residents to gather. Do the residents want one or more defined areas that make it easier to gather and visit? The area known as "Five Corners", the intersection of 104th SE, SE 28th St and Pl, and 105th SE, and the unpaved ROW on SE 28th between 106th and 107th are spots to consider. The SE 29th / 108th

Gateway could also include elements of a Village Square, if desired.

- If the town wanted to create a Village Square at the intersection of 104th SE, SE 28th St and Pl, and 105th SE, a change in the alignment of these street would not only enhance that ability but could also significantly reduce cut-through traffic along this route. The addition of traffic calming features at the north and south end of this route could also lessen the appeal to cut-through traffic.
- Dedicated walkways along pedestrian corridors would augment the sense of community among residents. Walking paths that are consistent with the look and feel of the Village (not sidewalks) could be placed along arterials with step-outs along the less common walking areas to improve pedestrian safety.
- The town should consider being more prescriptive about the height of plants allowed within eight feet of the roadway to improve visibility for pedestrians and vehicles. Restrictions could be eased in areas that are not in close proximity to intersections and driveways.

Ms. Mitra asked what concerns Councilmembers have that the ROW Master Plan could help address. Councilmembers mentioned the following:

- Traffic calming, street lighting, and walking paths are definitely of interest.
- A change to the town's portion of the 108th SE ROW that would clearly eliminate parking is needed. The walking-path improvements placed a couple of years ago were intended to replace parking along this ROW, but have not been completely successful in preventing drivers from attempting to park there. A barrier-like split-rail fence should be considered.
- The Gateway and Village Square concepts are worthy of further discussion.
- Improved safety throughout town and better access to Pit Park (north of 106th and 107th SE) should be explored further.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 412 ADOPTING THE TOWN'S UPDATED SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM:** Councilmember Stowe asked if the Council felt it should wait on this action until Department of Ecology's (DOE) appeal period closes. Clerk-Treasurer Spens commented that she spoke with Town Planner Mona Green about this question and learned that any appeal filed with DOE would be an appeal of Doe's process. Such an appeal is unlikely to affect the content of our SMP, though the Council might have to re-adopt the plan by ordinance.

Mayor Leider asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance if the Council feels comfortable doing so.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Stowe moved to approve Ordinance No. 412 adopting the Town's updated Shoreline Master Program. Councilmember Gillem seconded.  
Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain (Morlock). Motion carried.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 292 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO OUR CONTRACT WITH KOLKE CONSULTING:** On discussion, the Council decided that they would like Amendment No. 2 to the contract for building-department services with Kolke Consulting to include a section stating that the

unchanged portion of the original contract, including Amendment No. 1, remains in effect. This request is for clarity only. It was the consensus of the Council to table further action on this amendment until the contract amendment can be updated.

**2014 BUDGET PERFORMANCE YEAR-TO-DATE:** Councilmember Gillem detailed his reviewed of the current year budget versus actuals-to-date. He noted that the targeted budget anticipated a surplus of \$42,000 for FY2014, strong fiscal management and the deferral of this year's street overlay project may increase that surplus to \$65,000 with an increase of 9% in reserves year-over-year.

Councilmember Stowe noted that this year's budget did not include money to perform a camera inspection of stormwater lines, which will help him with work on the Stormwater Management Comprehensive Plan he will start next year. He anticipates the work will cost no more than \$1500.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Stowe moved to authorize an expenditure of \$1500 for camera-inspecting the stormwater lines. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

**Vote:** 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the idea of developing a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that will augment the Transportation Improvement Plan that is approved annually. Producing a CIP would make capital project eligible for REET funding, as TIP projects already are.

**PROPOSED BELLEVUE FIRE SERVICE-FEE INCREASES FOR 2015:** Mayor Leider explained that our fire-services-fee will increase by almost 5% to \$47,500 for 2015. The increase is largely due to increased service calls in 2013, which are moderated in part by the 5-year rolling average. He noted that the annual service fee for fire services remains well below the \$70,866 we paid in 2011.

**AT&T CELL PROPOSAL:** The Council engaged in a brief discussion of comments or questions as a result of the July 28, 2014 public meeting. Mayor Leider will let AT&T know that the Council is still discussing the preliminary proposal. Councilmembers asked if there were any studies that addressed the affect of these installations on property values, noting that the only information they had found seemed to be based on the opinions of realtors and not based on independent studies. Clerk-Treasurer Spens noted that she found one study by a real-estate appraiser, but it was in semi-rural Virginia, so not similar enough to our area to be comparable. She will contact AT&T again to learn if there are comparable installations that interested persons may visit to experience the noise levels that could be expected. Mayor Leider added that this item will remain on the agenda for discussion but no decision will be made until the full Council is in attendance.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** Nothing to update at this time.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

**STORMWATER GRANT:** Councilmember Stowe reported that the Town has received a \$17,000 grant from the King County Flood District to begin work on our Stormwater Management Comprehensive Plan. He will contact Stacia Schroeder, Town Engineer for

Yarrow Point and Hunts Point to learn more about similar work in those towns.

**SOUND TRANSIT EASTLINK PLANNING:** Councilmember Stowe reported that he and Clerk-Treasurer Spens met with City of Bellevue personnel working on the EastLink Planning for Bellevue. He commented that the meeting focused primarily on mitigating impacts to the South Bellevue neighborhoods during construction of the train route, modifications to the South Bellevue Park & Ride, and traffic on Bellevue Way. He added that the City of Bellevue representatives plan to communicate with us regularly so that we can ensure that Beaux Arts' concerns are considered.

**TOWN TREE WATCH LIST:** Councilmember Hillberg is continuing his work with Tree Solutions to update the tree inventory and watch list for trees on Town property.

**TOWN CLEANUP:** Councilmember Hillberg announced that the Fall Town Cleanup will be on Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NEXT MEETING:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Tuesday October 14, 2014 at Mike Hillberg's house.

**ADJOURN:** Councilmember Hillberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Councilmember Morlock seconded.  
Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens  
Clerk-Treasurer