



## TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

### TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

July 21, 2015  
Hillberg

Mayor Leider called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded all that this is a continuation of the regular Council meeting scheduled for July 14, 2015.

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

**EXCUSED:** None.

**STAFF:** Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens, Town Planner Mona Green

**GUESTS:** Water Supervisor Bob Durr, Paula Dix, Sylvia Hobbs, Susan Bogert.

**MINUTES:** Councilmember Morlock moved to approve the June 9, 2015 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

**WARRANTS:** Councilmember Gillem moved to approve the July 14, 2015 warrants, numbers 9810 through 9935 in the amount of \$32,166.87. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried

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

**STREET-SIGN REPLACEMENT PROJECT:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that, Sylvia Hobbs has collected more detailed information for her proposal and that information is included in Council packets for this meeting. Ms. Hobbs asked if Councilmembers had any questions. After a short discussion, it was the Council's consensus that Ms. Hobbs should proceed with putting together a formal proposal for lettering styles, sign sizes/locations, etc.

The Council noted that one item of overarching concern is finding ways to preserve and present Beaux Arts' special history. One suggestion was to add QR codes either to the signs or in the vicinity of each sign. Such a project would entail developing a dialog for each sign to present appropriate historical information and would be up to the WABA History Committee, which is an ad hoc group of the following WABA members: Julia Morse, Paula Dix and Angela Kulp.

**DNR TREE INVENTORY GRANT:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported the State Legislature has funded this project, and the contractor will be contacting her shortly to gather information and schedule time for our inventory.

**MARSHAL'S REPORT:** No report.

**WATER REPORT:** Water Supervisor Bob Durr reported that the new control panel in the

water system is working well this year. Water Superintendent Bill Beck continues to replace old water meters and plans to clean the water tank this Fall. During cleaning, the Town will be on Bellevue water for about 3 days.

**WABA REPORT:** WABA representative Susan Bogert reported that the Summer Picnic was a success, thanks particularly to the efforts of Amy Nassisi and Cynthia Park.

She reminded the Council that to ensure the ongoing private status of the beach, WABA chooses to close the access roads to it once each year. This year the roads will be closed over Seafair weekend. In addition to serving the main purpose, closing them for that weekend eliminates the use of the WABA Boat Launch by non-members, a practice which has happened too frequently in the past over that busy weekend.

WABA had hoped to treat for milfoil this year, but it may not happen for a variety of reasons.

The WABA Commons Master Plan for the Beach, Parking Lot and Woodlands is proceeding. WABA will be distributing the current draft and soliciting feedback soon.

There has been an increase in “unstickered” parking at the beach this summer. Some of that increase is from non-members using both the beach and the boat launch without a member in attendance. WABA is working to produce new signs to clarify that these areas are for Member Use Only and is putting together a contract with a towing company to remove all unstickered cars. They hope to start this program by the end of July. Members will be reminded to put stickers on their cars and have guests use their Guest parking passes to avoid towing.

**APPEARANCES:** Sylvia Hobbs distributed a list of maintenance concerns she has for areas throughout Town, including debris on rights of way and in street gutters, missing street reflectors from 104<sup>th</sup>/105<sup>th</sup>, shrubs growing so that they obscure street signs, etc. These concerns will be addressed during normal maintenance of the streets and rights of way.

**HISTORIC HOMES PROJECT:** Town Planner Mona Green reported that the Planning Commission has been studying ideas for incentivizing homeowners to preserve historic homes in the Village rather than demolishing them and rebuilding. One program that looks promising is for the Town to become a Certified Local Government. This program is popular among some of the smaller rural towns in King County because there is no cost to the local government and participation by homeowners is voluntary. Those two aspects also satisfy the Council’s goals for this concept.

She explained that the Town would follow a prescribed process to become a Certified Local Government and, once approved, the Council would establish a historic commission to:

- Develop criteria for determining the Town’s goals for historic preservation and the project criteria to achieve them, and
- Review homeowner applications for remodels seeking to achieve a “historic friendly” renovation that meets the criteria. Homeowners who successfully demonstrate that their project meets the criteria would qualify for a reduction in their property taxes for a ten-year period. This reduction would be the incentive to remodel their historic home rather

than replacing it. One important point is that the reduction in property tax would not impact the Town's property tax revenues, because King County bears the cost of this incentive.

Planner Green noted that the question for tonight is whether the Planning Commission should continue to develop this idea. It was the Council's consensus that the idea appears promising. They asked that the Planning Commission continue to study the idea and prepare an in-depth presentation to the Council at a future meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN / TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2016 – 2021:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens explained that due to a glitch in the Seattle Times' email system, they did not publish the notice for this public hearing so it must be continued to the September. Councilmember Gillem added that he has not received feedback from everyone on projects to add to the list, so the delay is timely.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 416 ADOPTING AN UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** Town Planner Green explained that tonight's version includes all of the changes requested by the Puget Sound Regional Council. She recommended that the Council adopt this plan by passing Ordinance No. 416 adopting the Town of Beaux Arts Village 2015 – 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Stowe moved to pass Ordinance No. 416 adopting the Town of Beaux Arts Village 2015 – 2035 Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Hillberg seconded. Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

**PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING PARKING REGULATIONS:** The Council briefly reviewed its previous discussions on this topic and focused on the following questions:

- Is it possible to develop uniform parking regulations that apply to all areas in the Village? The Council concluded that the existing uses of the rights-of-way throughout Town are so varied as to make it impractical to develop parking regulations that apply to all areas of the Village.
- Is the map of "Existing parking and visibility" developed by CREA Associates comprehensive? And if so, does it make sense to try to include it in any such regulations? The Council reviewed the map and determined that it may not be as comprehensive as hoped and should not be included as reference material.
- Where does the Town need to add "No Parking" signs to enhance the enforcement of our parking rules? Mayor Leider and Councilmember Stowe will assess the need for and locations of additional signs throughout the Village.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** Going forward, updates to the Council's Strategic Plan will be made based on Councilmember reports.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

**CIP/TIP:** Councilmember Gillem reminded everyone that he needs final input from everyone regarding their capital funding needs so that the CIP/TIP can be passed in September. Specifically he needs input for Street and ROW work and the Stormwater Comprehensive

Master Plan.

**KING COUNTY URBAN FORESTRY INITIATIVE:** Councilmember Hudson reported that she has signed up to serve on this committee.

**STORMWATER COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN:** Councilmember Stowe reported that Stacia Schroeder has requested proposals for developing the Stormwater Comprehensive Master Plan from PACE Engineers and Tetrattech. As part of the request, both firms have been invited to attend a walk-through on Thursday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The walk-through will help them become acquainted with the work area and will give them an opportunity to ask questions. Proposals are due no later than July 31, 2015. He and Ms. Schroeder will review the proposals and make a recommendation to the Council in September.

**108<sup>TH</sup> RETAINING WALL:** Councilmember Stowe reported that he and Street Superintendent Bill Beck have begun work on installing a retaining wall and are assessing the cost to install a water spigot. The spigot will make watering the plantings along the pathway easier during dry months, and the retaining wall will stabilize the high bank on the backside of private properties and protect the path. The cost of this work will be reimbursed by one of the AWC Loss-Control Grants the Town recently received.

**ANGLE PATH PLANS:** Councilmember Hillberg reported that Lauchlin Bethune has drafted a sketch for this path. He will first get feedback from adjacent neighbors and then from all residents. Lauchlin Bethune will use this feedback to adjust the plan and will then produce color plans for Council review in September. He hopes to obtain the Council's approval to proceed in October.

**TOWN TREES:** Councilmember Hillberg reported that he continues working on a policy for public trees in anticipation of the Town applying to become a Tree City.

**NEXT MEETING:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Tuesday September 8, 2015 at Cynthia Hudson's house. There is no regular meeting scheduled for August.

**ADJOURN:** Councilmember Morlock moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens  
Clerk-Treasurer