



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

April 12, 2016
Stowe

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

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

EXCUSED: Councilmember John Gillem.

STAFF: Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens

GUESTS: Marina Arakelyan, COB Senior Project Manager; Ronald Leimkuhler and Liz Mack, COB consultants from KPFF; WABA Secretary Susan Bogert, residents Dan Orr, Paula Dix and Donna Stowe.

MINUTES: Councilmember Morlock moved to approve the March 8, 2016 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

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

WARRANTS: Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the April 12, 2016 warrants, numbers 10130 through 10153 in the amount of \$23,048.73. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

AWC LOSS PREVENTION GRANTS: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that the Association of Washington Cities is again offering loss-prevention grants to member cities. Each grant is worth up to \$1,000, and we are eligible for up to five grants. Based on our experience last year, the grants are relatively easy to obtain provided we can show that the proposed project minimizes or eliminates a hazard that insurance would have to cover in the event of a mishap. It was the consensus of the Council that the Town should utilize this grant program. Councilmembers will give thought to projects within their areas of responsibility for further discussion next month.

GOLF CART ZONE: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that Golf Cart Zone signs are on order and will be installed at the three vehicle entrances to Town. The signs are intended to warn drivers entering Beaux Arts of the presence of golf carts on our streets. The signs ordered meet MUTCD requirements for warning signs. Robert Heintz is ordering the stickers that will be issued to registered golf carts each year, and cart owners will be responsible for purchasing the letter/number stickers that will serve as the unique identifier for each cart authorized for use in Beaux Arts.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: No report.

WATER REPORT: No report.

WABA REPORT: WABA Secretary Susan Bogert reported that:

- The Spring Beach Clean-up is set for April 23rd;
- The Beaux Arts Racing Fleet will host a C-15 Regatta from July 1st through 3rd.
- WABA assessments will be mailed on March 15th and due on April 15th.
- Milfoil treatment is scheduled for sometime in May and mid-July. Work will be performed by Aquatechnex.
- The South Beach road has been repaved.
- WABA is recruiting lifeguards for the summer swim season.

Ms. Bogert commented that the Town's new Golf Cart ordinance speaks about use of the public roads but does not address WABA's private roads. The WABA Board wants to know if they can/should set their own rules for use and who will be enforcing the rules if they are not followed. The Council answered that it is appropriate for WABA to establish rules for the use of their private roads, because they are wholly on private property. The King County Sheriff will enforce rules on the public roads; WABA should contact the Sheriff about enforcing WABA's rules also.

APPEARANCES: None.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING ON PROPOSED HOV LANE FOR BELLEVUE WAY SE:

Mayor Leider invited representatives from the City of Bellevue to introduce themselves and begin the briefing.

Marina Arakelyan, City of Bellevue, introduced herself as the Senior Project Manager for this project. She also introduced Ronald Leimkuhler and Liz Mack as consultants with the firm KPFF, an engineering firm that is assisting Bellevue with the project. She added that Tresa Berg, COB Transportation's Public Involvement Manager, was not able to attend the meeting tonight.

Ms. Arakelyan explained that Sound Transit's plans for the Eastlink light rail system include adding a southbound HOV lane on Bellevue Way SE from the South Bellevue Park & Ride to the Interstate 90 onramps. Bellevue is considering extending that HOV lane from the South Bellevue Park & Ride to the "Y" where Bellevue Way and 112th Ave SE intersect. The project would require widening of the west side of Bellevue Way and possibly some pedestrian connectivity. (The east side of Bellevue Way will be used by Sound Transit's trains.) If Bellevue decides to do this work, it would not start until Sound Transit's project is basically complete, which would extend the construction impacts in the area for approx. 2 more years.

Councilmember Stowe commented that the Town's primary concerns are mitigating cut-through traffic and managing the high water table in that vicinity: both of which are concerns for the larger Sound Transit project also.

Several questions were asked:

- What about doing this construction concurrently with Sound Transit's work to minimize

the length of the disruption to this area? Bellevue is considering this possibility.

- What about creating a reversible lane instead of a single-direction HOV lane? Bellevue is working to determine if this is feasible.
- Why an HOV lane rather than another general-purpose lane? The intent is to encourage transit use.

Ms. Arakelyan added that Bellevue hopes to have 30% design completed by the end of 2016. Mayor Leider offered to distribute the information for direct feedback from residents and to work with the Council to provide official feedback from the Town. Ms. Arakelyan commented that her group would appreciate having as many comments as possible in the next 1 to 2 weeks.

Clerk-Treasurer Spens will work with Deputy Clerk Kulp to distribute information to residents encouraging them to respond directly to Bellevue about this project in the next two weeks and to send a copy of their response to the Town.

Mayor Leider and Councilmember Stowe will work to prepare the Town's official response for final review at the May Council meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

SOUND TRANSIT REPLY RE: AQUIFER PROTECTION: Councilmember Stowe reported that he is still waiting for a reply from Sound Transit outlining their plans for protecting that part of the Beaux Arts aquifer that sits within the Sound Transit construction zone.

STORMWATER MASTER PLAN AND GRANT: Councilmember Stowe reported that he is still waiting for a draft version of the Stormwater Comprehensive Master Plan and has asked PACE and Stacia Schroeder for help in writing the application for grant funding to upgrade the Town's stormwater system.

2016 PAVING PROJECTS: Councilmember Stowe reported that he is waiting for estimates to perform the paving projects planned for this year.

ROAD-REPAIR INSPECTIONS: As a follow up to last month's discussions, Councilmember Stowe would like to have Stacia Schroeder, the engineer overseeing development of the Town's Stormwater Comprehensive Master Plan, to prepare a set of road-repair standards similar to what she prepared for the Towns of Yarrow Point and Hunts Point. Clerk-Treasurer Spens mentioned that the cost of preparing these plans for Hunts Point was nominal. It was the consensus of the Council that Ms. Schroeder be authorized to proceed. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will notify Ms. Schroeder of this request.

SOUTH BELLEVUE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MITIGATION: Councilmember Stowe noted that the City of Bellevue is working to form a South Bellevue Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation group to help identify traffic mitigation tools and locations to lessen the potential traffic impacts that are expected during Sound Transit's construction along Bellevue Way South. He asked if others on the Council are interested in and willing to participate in these meetings.

Mayor Leider suggested that the Town should take a three-pronged approach:

1. Write letters establishing the means to communicate the issues and concerns of community residents to the various project leaders with Sound Transit and City of Bellevue.
2. Communicate directly with Sound Transit underscoring that ALL cut-through traffic goes through Beaux Arts Village and MUST be mitigated.
3. Participate in all community meetings and in any other opportunities that will give us a platform to share our concerns to as broad an audience as possible.

DNR TREE INVENTORY: Councilmember Hillberg reported that his review of the inventory information continues as he works to clarify how to interpret the information. He added that he shared the tree-removal recommendations presented in this inventory, which he feels are very aggressive, with Haley Galbraith at Tree Solutions for her input. He and Haley are working to make sense of the data provided and to develop a realistic watch list and plan.

ROW MAINTENANCE: Councilmember Hillberg reported that he is waiting for Signature Landscape Services' second visit and will approach them about adding extra work to get the Town ROWs "up to speed" so that ongoing maintenance will be more manageable.

ANGLE PATH: Councilmember Hillberg reminded the Council that bids for proposed work on the Angle Path came in between \$28,000 and \$30,000 but only \$22,000 was budgeted. He asked Lauchlin Bethune, the landscape architect, to review the proposal for potential savings, and they determined that the biggest savings come from eliminating the plants from the design – a fact which seems to defeat the purpose of the project. He is looking instead for a more modestly scaled-back proposal and hopes to have an update for the Council in July. Councilmember Hudson commented that she feels this project is important to the Town and would support amending the budget to find funding for it.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Tuesday May 10, 2016 at John Gillem's house.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Hillberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Councilmember Morlock seconded.
Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer