



## TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

### TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

June 9, 2015  
Gillem

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

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

**EXCUSED:** None.

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

**GUESTS:** WRIA8 Representative Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz, Rick Corra,.

**MINUTES:** Councilmember Hillberg moved to approve the May 12, 2015 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Gillem seconded.

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

**WARRANTS:** Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the June 9, 2015 warrants, numbers 9890 through 9909 (including warrant no. 9902 voided for a printing error) in the amount of \$17,324.21. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

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

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

**DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) TREE INVENTORY GRANT:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that DNR has completed a Memorandum of Understanding for the project, and Mayor Leider has signed it. One wrinkle: DNR must wait for the State Legislature to adopt a budget that formally funds this project, so no work can commence until a budget is adopted. When that happens, the contractor will schedule time for our inventory.

**AWC LOSS-CONTROL GRANTS:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that she just received word that all five grant requests have been awarded.

**GIS NEEDS ASSESSMENT:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that she met with John McKenzie, AWC's GIS Specialist and a representative from their partner firm, FLO, to discuss performing a GIS needs assessment for the Town. They have other cities to interview, and when that process is complete, they will reconnect with her to discuss options and ideas.

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

**WATER REPORT:** No report.

**WABA REPORT:** No report.

**APPEARANCES:** None

**WRIA8 SALMON-RECOVERY-COUNCIL PRESENTATION:** Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz, WRIA8 Watershed Coordinator, distributed printed materials describing WRIA8's work to date to preserve and enhance salmon habitat throughout the Puget Sound watershed. WRIA8 encompasses the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed covering 692 sq. miles, 38 miles of marine shoreline, 359 miles of fish-bearing streams and more than 100,000 acres of protected forest and recreational lands, all of which support numerous fish species, including Chinook, Coho, Sockeye, Steelhead and Bull Trout. There are 26 partner cities and towns in two counties with an aggregate population of 1.4 million. These partner cities support WRIA8 through a cost-share process based on population, assessed value, and physical size.

Mr. Mulvihill-Kuntz recapped the last 10 years of work and outlined plans for continued work under a new Interlocal Agreement (ILA), which is in the works. The new ILA will come to the Councils of member cities later this year for review and approval by the 12/31/2015 deadline.

**UPDATES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens explained the status of this project and directed the Council's attention to Town Planner Mona Green's memo outlining comments from the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) and the Washington State Department of Commerce (WSDOC).

During the ensuing discussion, the following points were made:

- The Town does not need to address watershed protection of the Town's water source (aquifer) in our Comprehensive Plan, because King County's plan does. However, if there is anything we can do through the WSDOC to compel the City of Bellevue to protect our aquifer, most of which lies within Bellevue's boundaries, we should consider taking action.
- The Town's policy on transportation funding is to defer work, when possible, if we do not have the capacity to self-fund.

It was the consensus of the Council to ask Town Planner Mona Green to prepare a redline version of the final draft Comprehensive Plan for further review and possible adoption at the July Council meeting.

**TOWN STREET-SIGN MAINTENANCE:** Mayor Leider explained that Town resident Sylvia Hobbs has been coordinating effort to keep name signs up-to-date and in good order for Town residents. That work has led to her recommendation that the Council work to restore the signs depicting Beaux Arts original street names (prior to adoption of the countywide numbering system).

After discussing the proposal, it was the consensus of the Council to ask Ms. Hobbs to prepare a proposal for replacements, including the cost to obtain and install them, which will be included in budget discussions that begin in October. The proposal should be based on the following recommendations:

1. Remove the old signs with street numbers. These were replaced by the brown reflective

street signs several years ago and are now redundant.

2. Replace the old street name signs with larger signs giving the original street name. The size of the new signs will be determined by how much space remains when the old number signs are removed.

Clerk-Treasurer Spens will forward this request to Ms. Hobbs.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING PARKING**

**REGULATIONS:** Mayor Leider reminded the Council that the original request to the Planning Commission was for what to do about parking on the ROW. At last month's meeting, the Council decided that they had additional questions and wanted to discuss what additional direction should be given to the Planning Commission for further study.

Council discussion focused on:

- How can we tighten the current rules while simplifying them to make them actionable, i.e. enforceable? Simplifying the rules will make it easier for residents and their guests to understand them, but if they aren't enforced, there is no incentive to follow them.
- Is it possible to develop rules that can be applied consistently throughout Town? It was the consensus that this probably is not possible due to variations in topography, conditions, current uses of the ROW, etc.
- Are there known problem areas? If so, let's identify them and determine if the Council needs to develop a solution.
- Are we meeting Bellevue Fire Department's criteria for emergency-response access?

After completing this discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to ask Town Planner Mona Green to prepare a summary memo of the current parking regulations using the map from the CREA ROW Master Plan to illustrate them.

### **PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR THE 2016-2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) AND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP):**

Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that July is the month to review the 2016-2021 TIP at a public hearing and adopt it by ordinance. She added that it makes sense to adopt the CIP at the same time, noting that Hunts Point adopts a combined CIP/TIP rather than producing two separate documents. Adopting the CIP now allows the Council to identify projects that should be funded in the upcoming annual budget cycle as well as provide a means of tracking future funding needs.

Councilmember Gillem asked Councilmembers Stowe and Hillberg to develop cost estimates for their capital funding needs for the Street/Water Departments and ROW Improvements, respectively.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** There were no updates to the Council's Strategic Plan.

### **MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

**ROW MAINTENANCE:** Councilmember Hillberg commented that he has reviewed how best to handle neglected ROWs, i.e. those that have not been adopted for care by residents and is considering a number of ideas for improving our ROW maintenance, including:

- Hiring a landscape-maintenance firm to clean up these areas and continue to maintain

them. Areas under consideration include the 108<sup>th</sup> path ROW, the 104<sup>th</sup> path ROW, any other planting strip or path ROWs that sit behind properties and are easily overlooked, and the water tower lot.

- Hiring the same firm to maintain the Academy and Angle paths once work to improve them is complete.

Councilmember Morlock suggested an Adopt a Block program similar to the Adopt a Highway program, though most Councilmembers agreed that the amount of work for some of these areas exceeds reasonable expectations for volunteer maintenance.

Councilmember Hillberg asked for the names of landscape maintenance firms that he might contact to discuss this further. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will get him contact information for Arreola Gardening Service, who does similar work for Hunts Point, and Istvan Lovas, who works for the Town of Yarrow Point.

Mayor Leider suggested that Councilmember Hillberg put together a rough plan for improvements to the Water Town Lot, similar to what he has done for the Angle and Academy Paths. Councilmember Hillberg will do so for the July meeting.

**ANGLE PATH PLANS:** Councilmember Hillberg reported that he met with the four adjacent property owners to develop goals for this area. That meeting led to the following guidelines:

- The path should be constructed of gravel and should meander along the ROW rather than be a straight shot.
- Users should be able to see out the end of the path in either direction.
- The entrances should be low key.
- There should be enough native plants to cover the area and suppress weeds. This will minimize water use once established and the need for ongoing landscape maintenance.
- Plantings should be less structured so as to look more natural and should allow some air and light for adjacent properties.

**TOWN TREES:** Councilmember Hillberg reported that there is a Town Madrone needing attention, which he is postponing until next year.

**TOWN CLEAN UP:** Councilmember Hillberg reported that the Spring Clean Up was successful in large part due to volunteer help from the Bellevue High wrestling team and a local Boy Scout troop. Several residents participating in this Clean Up expressed concerns about the dwindling number of people participating in Town Clean Ups and the amount of work it takes to properly care for ROWs throughout Town, which now falls to fewer hands. He believes that when he has identifiable projects for people and groups to perform, he sees more people involved, so he hopes to remedy some of the declining participation by developing more small projects throughout Town.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:** Councilmember Hudson reported that she visited the King County Emergency Operations Center in Renton recently and had a tour of the facility. She noted that the 911 Call Center is very impressive.

She also reported that the Town's Crime and Safety meeting with Captain Thomas is set for

next Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at Enatai Elementary. One of her goals for this meeting is to tap attendees for participation in Blockwatch. She noted that after setting up the meeting, she learned that Bellevue High's graduation ceremonies are that night, so Town Marshal Scott will not be able to attend. She is hopeful that enough residents will still find time to come for a short time.

**NEXT MEETING:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Tuesday July 21, 2015, which is a continuation of one week from the normal schedule, at Mike Hillberg's house .

**ADJOURN:** Councilmember Hillberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Councilmember Gillem seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens  
Clerk-Treasurer