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Land Use Code Update Meeting

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, January 20, 2010 – The City will provide an overview of the proposed changes to the City’s Land Use Code, as well as the proposed adoption process, at a meeting Thursday, January 28. The Code Update Project was initiated by the City’s Planning Department to reduce inconsistencies and create a more ‘user-friendly’ code. To facilitate public involvement in the discussion, the proposed changes are being presented in four phases: 1) Uses and Districts, 2) Development Standards, 3) Subdivisions, and 4) Administration.

The goals and outcomes of the meeting, scheduled for 6:30 pm in the City Council Chamber, are to: 1) educate elected officials and community members about the project purpose, scope, and background; 2) create a shared understanding for the Planning Commission and full Council regarding work accomplished to date and the public process that was used; 3) provide a timeline and method for adoption process, as well as obtain input regarding the adoption process; and outline policy considerations that have arisen during the review process.

Clarion Associates, a nationally recognized land use planning firm with extensive experience in reviewing land use regulations, has been retained to analyze the proposed code changes. They will present the overview of draft changes as well as the proposed adoption process at this public meeting. The draft documents are available on the City’s website (<http://www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us/>).

What are the next steps?

The City and Clarion Associates will compile the comments gathered from technical users of the code, elected and appointed officials and community members and incorporate them into a draft that will be used for the adoption process. Workshops on the final drafts will be scheduled with the Planning Commission starting in March. Information on future opportunities for public input will be publicized on the City’s website and through calendar announcements.

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