



CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

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City plans Community Meeting on Strawberry Plant

Bainbridge Island, WA, October 22, 2009 – The City is sponsoring a Community Meeting on the Strawberry Plant Project on Saturday, November 7, from 9 am – 3 pm. The goal of the meeting is to bring citizens together to discuss varying interests in the future of the property, and provide useful input to the City Council and Park District Board on strategies to meet these interests.

The Strawberry Plant site is located on the waterfront at Eagle Harbor, off of Weaver Avenue. The property was acquired by the City through a land exchange with the intention of developing it into a park through a joint effort by the City and the Park District.

The meeting was scheduled following a July, 22 City Council meeting at which public comments expressed a diverse range of interests in the site, including historic preservation, water-oriented recreation, neighborhood impacts, environmental protection, the funding and the planning process. City Manager Mark Dombroski directed staff to hold a community workshop in response to concern from City Councilmembers over how best to move forward given the multiple interests expressed.

The day will begin at 9 am with an optional, informal tour of the property, followed by a meeting in Council Chambers, City Hall, from 9:30 – 3 pm. Agenda items include background on the project and discussions of areas of community interests for the future of the site and how they can best be honored. It will conclude with a discussion of next steps. Attendees should bring a sack lunch.

For more information, contact the Department of Planning and Community Development at 842-2552, pcd@ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us, or visit the City website at www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us.

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