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1. CALL TO ORDER

Deb Rudnick told the committee that chair David Sales had asked her to chair in his absence. The meeting was then called to order at 3:00 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Greg Geehan, Mark Bryant, Kathy Peters, Chris Waldbillig, Marc Boule, and Deb Rudnick.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Flora distributed a short paper entitled “Cherry-pick buffer science? Consider doing it.” Mr. Flora described the paper as a suggestion on how to choose scientific papers on buffers in other areas that may be relevant for Puget Sound.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Greg Geehan moved to approve the minutes for the meeting of August 11, 2010, as written. Mark Bryant seconded the motion, which then carried unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION TOPICS

- UPDATES

Libby Hudson told the committee that the four interest groups – Bainbridge Citizens, Association of Bainbridge Communities (ABC), Bainbridge Shoreline Homeowners, and the Bainbridge Alliance for Puget Sound – each submitted names for each workgroup and the Shoreline Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee chose the at-large members to complete the roster for each.

The Ad Hoc Committee decided that candidates in active litigation with the city should not be selected for the workgroups. As a result, Bainbridge Citizens has been asked for substitute candidates for two of the workgroups.

Letters were sent out to all the selected members and the kick-off meeting has been scheduled for September 23rd during the Planning Commission meeting. Each workgroup has been formed

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around a specific subject area and is expected to meet for three months. Each will choose three members to participate in the task force that is expected to convene for about six months.

Barbara Nightingale from the Department of Ecology will attend the kick-off meeting to talk about how to use science in developing policy. Libby asked ETAC for a volunteer to join in that discussion and Deb Rudnick is planning to attend and will ask Dave on his return if he can also attend.

Libby also reported that three consultant groups have been interviewed to assist with the scientific aspects of the update. All three have experience in working on Shoreline Master Plan updates and it is going to be difficult to choose. References are being checked this week. Because of the City Council approval process for consultant contracts, it is unlikely that the consultant will be on contract until the first of October.

A visioning workshop, which is required under the grant, has been scheduled for September 30th. Topics to be covered include public access, recreation, restoration, residential use, and how to meet the goal of no net loss. The workshop is being advertised through flyers and a display ad.

- ETAC SUBCOMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORTS

Greg Geehan, speaking for the No Net Loss Subcommittee, said that they had been discussing how difficult it can be to measure ecological functions and working on an outline of other ways to estimate no net loss. He said that an underlying goal of no net loss could be maintaining species that people want to protect. With that in mind, one alternative may be to simply do a census of those species; another may be to monitor the size of the habitats available to them. Another measurement under consideration is to track managed factors, such as linear feet of bulkheads.

Mark Bryant added that the committee is working on a matrix that could be a model for other subcommittees and that they would like to include mitigation measures in the matrix. He also noted that one can only measure change for those things for which there is a baseline.

Kathy Peters remarked that the Alternative Futures Report being developed by Kitsap County good be a good source of information. Steve Morse then spoke about the data model being used to develop the report, saying that it provides an opportunity to look at different scenarios.

Both the Armoring and Vegetation subcommittees have met one time and the Overwater Structures Subcommittee has not yet met. Chris reported that the prominent concerns at the Armoring Subcommittee are erosion in front of structures, reduced sediment supply, and stress on ecological connectivity. It was also noted that armoring sometimes aggravates erosion of beaches, but not always. The Vegetation Subcommittee has been waiting on the results of the No Net Loss subcommittee to some extent.

It was recommended by Deb that, in order to not overlook significant information, the subcommittees should keep in touch with one another.

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Barry Peters told the committee that Ray Victorine gave him an example of a matrix used for conservation banking that he believes could serve as a model for the shoreline update. Barry agreed to forward the matrix to Steve for distribution to the committee.

Deb commented that they haven't talked about restoration much. Libby responded by talking about the requirement to include a restoration plan in the Shoreline Master Plan update and how that plan can be used to offset development to reach No Net Loss. Kathy said that she was looking at Gig Harbor's restoration plan, noting that it does not really lay out how the restoration would be accomplished. Marc commented that the Island's program should be consistent with other existing programs.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Web Bios

Theresa reported that she now has short biographies from all but two of the members and that she will go ahead and post the ones that have been received.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Flora told the committee that there is an Island physicist who has been studying the data in the shoreline inventory and who has come to the conclusion that there is very little correlation between the stressors and the habitat and that most of the variation is the result of natural features. That led to a brief discussion about the identified controlling factors and Ecology's acknowledgement that things are going to change.

Albert Greiner told the committee that he has been reviewing shoreline permits for the Island, nearly all of which included mitigation. He believes the modifications demonstrate no net loss and should be taken into account as part of the cumulative analysis. He asked why the regulations would change if the existing regulations achieve no net loss. The committee and staff replied that part of the update process is establishing a baseline and determining what, if anything, needs to be changed to achieve no net loss.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on October 13, 2010.