

## Island Manager Report

October 11, 2014

### **Administration:**

**Volunteers:** Thanks to Paula Trent and Curt Lint for the 5 gallon bucket of stain. Mike Shettlesworth kindly escorted the crew checking the state of the dolphins in his boat, and taught them to tie knots. Leslie Sanderson has cleaned our kitchen and restrooms this month. Nearly 30 volunteers turned out to remove the small boat docks, listed below. As always, thanks to this work party!

**Community Building:** The entire building has now been pressure washed, caulked and painted. Pest control specialists came and checked the attic for bugs on September 30, and found evidence of carpenter ants, but none living. No action to be taken.

**Tree Trimming:** Tree trimmers from Pen Light have spent the last two weeks working their way around the island, and will be here for a few more weeks. They are dumping mulch (chips) at properties where Members previously submitted requests. When they have finished, HMC will still have trees that need to be removed. Trees will be evaluated for probability of failure and potential targets, such as roads, sheds, driveways, power service lines (distribution lines are being taken care of) or communications lines.

**Water Operations:** The Board and Water Committee will meet Friday with Northwest Water Systems.

Work continues at the pump station to create a parking area for equipment, as discussed in last month's manager's report. The work is being accomplished at no cost to HMC.

### **Water Committee Report:**

**Water System:** Charles Smith is out of town.

**Fire Department Liaison:** Applications have been mailed to those who expressed interest in volunteering as fire fighters. Packets must be return by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Still no word as to when the Survey & Rating Bureau will review Herron Island's fire insurance rating. Without a volunteer company, some island residents may face a jump in premiums.

The island burn ban imposed by the Board was cancelled as soon as the ferry returned, and the State and County burn bans have been cancelled as well.

**Land Use:** The County Council considered the HMC request for establishment of contractor yards in R-10 zones, and moved it for review by the County Planning Commission. This process will take months, during which we will follow its progress.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Committee Report.

**Parks: Committee Report:** Thank you everyone great turn out around 30 people .The task started on time and was done in two hours. Thanks to the Boosters coffee & pastries during the safety brief and lunch.

Volunteers included: Jack Wells, Gary Wanzong, Diane Tynes, Linda and Lonnie Kelly, Mike Shettlesworth, Kim Oo, Tony Spiotto, Tracy Anspach, Steve Ohlsen, Leslie Sanderson, Jim Davies, Bob Hartnett, Wally Semon, Don Bennett, Andy Anderson, Steve Drury, Sue and Steve Drake, Don Greinke, Gary Roberts, Bill Placek, Kathy Deuster, Judy Greinke, and Janet Podell.

In response to a report that the light at the small boat docks had gone out, we were able to determine that Pen Light owns the light and will replace the bulb.

**Roads:** Committee Report. A major project improving the drainage on the south end of the island is nearly completed, with the construction of a two foot deep drainage ditch filled with 2-4" rock. Another small portion needs to be completed at the east end of South Herron. Road grading and gravel details are being coordinated for HMC Board approval.

The Board has given permission to identify costs to install a second gate, culvert, and develop a circular driveway on the South end of West Madrona for ease of future operations into/out the Pump House lot. Bid details will be coming soon. Cost estimates for modifying the old water reservoir by cutting a doorway into the side to make a storage/work area (@900 sq feet) will be coming soon.

Several projects permanently improving HMC roads have been completed:

S. Herron Blvd encroachment project except for post installation, reflectors, removal of telephone poles; S. Fir/Madrona Lane project except for placing sprawl rock in a catch basin; S. Herron Blvd erosion project except for minor work.

Some areas of continued concern include

HMC road encroachment on East Herron (one-way) properties and possible impact on pending building plans; Erosion on N. Beach road; Erosion at E. Herron Blvd and Fir Lane; potential erosion/ditch filling from Member-caused repair project.

**Rules:** No outstanding complaints.

**Herron Island Ferry:** The ferry return was delayed for a few hours by a minor plumbing problem, which was corrected by a return to the shipyard. Otherwise, maintenance went as planned.

We were tentatively approached by a location company regarding the possibility of using the ferry in an auto commercial. Provided information to them, but have not heard anything further.

**Ramp Painting:**

As for permits, the permitting subconsultant has completed all of the permit paperwork and has submitted for permits. So, now it's a waiting game. Sargent Engineers will keep us updated on the process. The next step will be the submittal of 60% complete plans, specifications and cost estimate by January 15, 2015. HMC will have until February 15, 2015 to review these plans and specifications. We have stressed to the project engineer that bidders need to be asked to propose methods by which some form of walk-on ferry transportation can be provided during ramp painting, and the estimated cost and project impact of doing so.

**Legal Liaison:** We currently have 18 delinquencies, of which 7 are with the attorney for action. Delinquency rate of 4.5%. Last year at this time we had 17 delinquencies with 10 at collections. Currently, HMC has 386 Assessable Units and 397 Water customers.