

Island Manager Report June 12, 2010

Administration:

Community Building: The new drain has arrived, at a cost of about \$1700 and is stored in the Community Building. The next step is to organize and complete installation. Thanks to Steve Kramer and Mike Shettlesworth for continuing to pursue this.

Missing Documents: Unfortunately, we have discovered that HMC historical documents have been removed without permission of the office. These need to be returned as soon as possible, no questions asked. Please email me at hmcmanager@herronisland.org if you have any knowledge of where the documents are, or how they can be recovered.

Signage: Look for the new burn ban flip signs at two locations on the island. The signs can be found at the top of ferry road on the island side, and near the whiteboard on Maple/E Madrona. The signs can be flipped open to reveal the burn ban logo, and closed when not in use.

July 4 Celebration: An annual reminder that fireworks discharge is allowed only at North Beach, and only on the beach itself, not the parking lot or grassy area. Fireworks are NOT permitted at South Beach.

Volunteers: One of the strengths of the island community is the willingness of members to volunteer. This not only helps create and maintain a sense of community ownership and responsibility, but also provides service which would otherwise have to be paid by assessments or fees. As summer approaches (finally!) we have quite a list for our volunteers. If you can assist with any of these, please contact the committee chairman or the office. Maybe you and your neighbors or friends would like to have a work party/picnic?

Paint mainland ferry shed	Clean "Herron Island" sign on Ferry Road
Paint bus shed on mainland side	Clean gutters on Community Center
Remove moss from roofs of sheds	Install new deadbolt lock at Community Center storage cupboard
Replace downspouts on Community Center	Pressure washing and concrete pipe repairs at North Beach Marina (see below)

Many thanks to all the volunteers who have helped this past month. I know I will not name them all, but here goes....

"Beachcomber Ladies" – Jean Mellor, Sandra Davis, Tootsie Duback, Nancy Wells, Margie Tavenner, Alice Nelson

Tootsie Duback again, for keeping our community center clean.

Mike Shettlesworth, for his always helpful assistance with moving the fire truck and general factotum; Chris & Shawn Rushmeier, Scott Sloan, for picking up windfall along the roads before the May 15 burn; Steve Kusander for cutting larger tree limbs to burn.

Sam Argo, Dick Mowry, and others have been very helpful with the Island Burn.

Thanks to all who assisted with the cleanup of dried yard trimmings and windfall, to reduce the fire hazard on the island.

Derelict Vehicles: In the past month, there has been progress on derelict vehicles. The popup trailer near the old store has been moved to the parking lot and will be removed soon; a Chevy Suburban, and some heavy equipment along West Herron have been removed. We are currently working with three

more members willing to cooperate with having derelict or junk vehicles removed from their properties. We are experiencing wonderful cooperation with Pierce County's PC Responds program.

Water System Replacement/Upgrade: Subsequent to the vote on May 8, HMC entered into an agreement with Northwest Water Systems to complete the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and Environmental Review (ER) as part of the USDA loan application. The contract is a not to exceed \$14,500, plus reimbursable expenses. This should result in improved project budget numbers and meet the application requirements of USDA. The big unknowns lie in what environmental requirements might be imposed on HMC; for example, we have already been notified of the necessity of a cultural and archaeological survey. We have asked NWS to expedite their work, which is then subject to the review process of USDA. The status of USDA funds and/or federal stimulus funds will not be known fully until later this year.

Water: At its May meeting, the Board asked the WPC to take on the task of funding maintenance and operations support for the Herron Island Water System. The committee is comprised of Chairman Steve Chapin, Kathy Deuster, Judy Greinke, Allen Moren, and Mike Davis. Jack Tavenner has also attended and provided sage advice. During the past couple weeks, the committee has met with and interviewed Jon Wiley, CEO of Northwest Water Systems, Mike McNellis, CEO of Peninsula Light, and Mike Ireland. The committee is prepared to report and make its final recommendation to the Board on Saturday.

Mike Davis continues to assist with monthly water samples, which we appreciate.

Consumer Confidence Report:

Each year we are required by the Department of Health to publish a Consumer Confidence Report which provides basic information on the source, quality and status of the water system. This report will be published in the Beachcomber, and Herron Island can once again be proud of the purity and quality of its water supply.

Emergency Preparedness:

Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan: The plan is nearly complete. I have forwarded to Pierce County all comments received thus far. There will be a final meeting of the West Peninsula groups on June 16th at Pierce County Department of Emergency Management in Tacoma. The plans will be forwarded to the Washington State Department of Emergency Management for review, and then to FEMA for approval. All the Board needs to do at this time is to acknowledge that it has had the opportunity to review and comment on the report, which will now be forwarded to WA EMD. A final approval will be needed after FEMA review. None of the mitigation strategies offered in the plan is binding on HMC, and they basically represent our current operations and long range plans for infrastructure. The plan simply puts HMC in a position to apply for certain federal disaster mitigation grant or loan funds, should a major disaster occur which impacts island operations.

Fire Department Liaison: Island burn appears to be a success. Thanks to everyone who assisted with cleanup and with tending the fire.

Land Use: Committee report.

Legal Liaison: Currently, eleven delinquencies, four of which are with the attorney's office: Marcinko, Krebs, Kennison and Tchochiev. We expect that the remaining seven will be "delisted" in a few weeks. Delinquencies are about average for this time of year.

Parks: Committee Report.

Roads:

Maintenance: Dick Mowry has begun spring road maintenance, including grading and dust control.

Rules: Max Hochanadel reported that Merry Kogut, Kathy Deuster and he had been meeting and reviewing the Island Rules, and hoped to have a report back to the Board in July or August.

Transportation:

A minor accident occurred on board the ferry when a deck hand knocked a rear view mirror from its stand. We have determined that the accident was unavoidable, and recommend that HMC reimburse member Ed Hovde for the replacement cost of the mirror, estimated at \$416.10. The accident has been discussed with the crew member.

Marine Facility Survey: We have received the first phase results of our engineering contract with KPFF to review HMC marine facilities. Major conclusions of the survey were that

- ✚ North Beach Marina piling and swim dock piling has an estimated life of 0 to 2 years. A temporary option to mitigate the possibility of failure is to attach the dock floats to the strongest piles whenever possible. We have asked Mike Shettlesworth to coordinate this temporary solution. The Marina will also need to be monitored following any major storms. Docks should be removed in September, as has been the longstanding practice.
- ✚ North Beach Marina timber trestle is in good condition, with an estimated life of 15 to 20 years if properly maintained. Pressure washing is needed, along with repairs to the concrete pipe circling the second set of piles at the upland end of the trestle.
- ✚ Ferry Terminal cluster pile dolphins (8) have a remaining service life of between 10 and 15 years. The caution here is that interior piles are deteriorating faster, and could be crushed by the perimeter piles. Selective pile replacement is not really feasible because the dolphins cannot be replaced with timbers; either steel or concrete piles with a fender system are the primary option.

The project now enters Phase II, in which KPFF will prepare a design report, laying out more specifically work to be done, including permits, costs and schedule. Phase 3 includes Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS&E's), permit applications, and special studies necessary to construct repairs, rehabilitation, or replacements included in the Design Report. Clearly, North Beach Marina will be the priority for this work.

Although we have no estimates for the work that will need to be done, any real expense at North Beach is at least 12 to 18 months away, due to the permit and design process. HMC maintains reserves for the docks, which are currently at approximately \$190,000.

Drydock Security: The question has arisen as to whether HMC will provide security for members' vehicles at the mainland parking lot during drydock. If so, what hours of coverage should we provide?

Pierce County Wharf Easement: No news regarding "land swap".

Technology: No report.