HMC Management Island Manager Report Board Meeting September 9, 2006

Administration

- For Board discussion: additional information regarding the Kirk properties and the potential ground contamination there.
- For Board discussion: the fire danger in this area, and on the island, is very high. All outdoor burning, including recreational fires of any type, is banned. There are presently no qualified fire department personnel residing on the island. Consider providing temporary housing during the dry dock period for FD volunteers who could operate the fire engine housed here (would require interested FD persons to agree to do this).

Information items

• The new Group Health insurance renewal information arrived. HMC will now be composite-rated instead of age-rated. Premium is up about 8.63%. Dental coverage is also available at additional cost. Renewal of the health plan requires that HMC respond with our intentions by next week.

Land Use

• For Board discussion: request from an owner to do an easement and property adjustment in exchange for the owner's paying for culvert work on Ferry Street.

Legal

- The attorney's office recommends judicial foreclosure for four long-delinquent owners. Board must approve in order to go forward with these.
- An owner was assessed for an early-morning "special" ferry run. He objects and said he will correspond with the Board.

Parks

- The contractor finally completed the new small boat docks.
- Three SaniKans will be removed from the island for the fall/winter season.
- Per the Parks Chairperson, the new Parks Committee will get underway October 20.

Transportation

• The ferry goes to Tacoma for dry dock work on Sunday evening, September 10. It will probably be gone for about 10 days or so.

Water

- Verbal responses, but nothing in writing yet, have been received from the two water companies who were contacted regarding possible interest in either purchasing or managing the island water system. One indicated interest in owning the system but is going to give further thought to it, and the other may be interested in managing but not owning the system. They have been asked to respond to our letters in writing.
- HMC needs to publish in the Beachcomber a "Public Notice" that HMC intends to upgrade the water system using a loan from the USDA Rural Development program. This information has already been placed on the Website.