

Island Manager Report
April 8, 2017

Administration:

Our Volunteers: This is one of the things that makes Herron Island a great place. So many turn out to help, and it creates a great sense of community.

Did you miss the Dock Party March 18? These volunteers didn't. Thanks very much!

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| Dan Marten | Mike Graham | Mike Shettlesworth |
| Andrea LoCicero | Paula Trent | Dave Royer |
| Dana Gruber | Bill Placek | Del Robertson |
| Janet Podell | John Holm | John Farris |
| Joe Hauth | Gary Wanzong | Charlie Folk |
| Joe Pence | Dale Miller | Leslie Sanderson |
| Jack Wells | Mike Thynes | Beth Wanzong |
| Jonathan Ross | Sam Argo | Alan DeGood |
| Frank Harrison | Dana Harrison | |

Auto Decals (this takes a lot of time): Ginny Major, Jean Mellor, Robin Kelly, Dan & Jane Morgan, Mike & Judy Gage.

Replacement Auditor and Accountant: We have begun asking other HOA's in the area what auditors they are using, so that we can narrow the search geographically and by expertise.

Sale of HMC Lot: The parties to this settlement have agreed, for the sum of \$500, to sign the necessary documents transferring the property to HMC. There are two buyers in the wings, and as soon as the deeds are signed, the sale can proceed. This path was chosen by the Board in order to avoid the expense of litigation over a property transfer from the past that was not properly executed.

Labor Contract Negotiations: The 2017-2020 agreement between the IBU and HMC has been approved by the Board and by the IBU. A copy of this agreement is posted on the website. (The IBU also posts on its own website.)

Reserve Studies: The water reserve study has been received and will be posted on the website soon. The HMC reserve study is not yet in hand, but when both studies are available, a summary will be provided to Members, as required by law.

Resignation: I have offered my resignation, effective May 25th. The Island Manager job is posted on craigslist, and a committee will receive and review applications.

Water Operations: Charles Smith will report.

In September, a concrete truck backed into, and broke off, a fire hydrant on Maple Drive. The company repeatedly accepted responsibility and said they would "take care of it". But no reimbursement was forthcoming, and so we filed in small claims court last week. Not surprisingly, the next day we heard from the company's insurance agent who asked for details and a copy of the invoice. We are now optimistic about reimbursement.

Charles Smith will be conducting water maintenance trailer training at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 8.

Water Committee Report: Charles Smith will report.

Fire Department Liaison: No report. We are awaiting two additional pagers.

Emergency Preparedness: Mike Shettlesworth will report.

Parks:

Efforts continue to get materials for the second project, maintaining the landscaping at North Beach. This project will require the use of heavy equipment, unlike the dock repairs.

Roads: Committee Report.

Erosion continues at 1430 North Beach Road. Materials have been ordered to repair this problem.

The Roads Committee/crew worked hard to repair the damage to the retaining wall at the corner of South Herron and East Madrona, apparently caused by a vehicle which went off the road. A second repair job to another retaining wall was completed at the corner of Maple and Yew, by Goodpaster Park. And a third project should be completed soon (if not already) at the corner of East/West Madrona, where more retaining wall work is required.

Roads work requires some tree work, lightening the tree canopy on East Herron so that dump trucks can maneuver; and a tree on East Herron growing in the ditch needs to be removed.

We heard from Pen Light in November that their tree trimming crews would be on the island within eight months, which places it at about July.

Thanks to the Roads crew for their hard work. That's Jack Wells, Charles Smith and Charlie Folk.

Drivers can help with road maintenance by NOT driving into potholes, which has the effect of opening them up again.

Rules: A member who was fined for a Rules violation filed a small claims action against HMC, asking to be reimbursed for the entire fine. HMC made an appearance at the small claims mediation and refused to undermine the work of the Rules Committee by reducing this fine. The matter is scheduled for District Court July 10.

Herron Island Ferry:

Dolphin Replacement Project: A preconstruction meeting with all the parties is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 12, at our attorney's office. If the meeting is successful, and USDA signs off, we will issue a Notice to Proceed to the contract and the dolphin replacement project will officially begin (happy dance!). Construction will take place during the summer, but disruptions to the ferry schedule, if any, should be minimal.

Interim loan documents remain to be signed by the Board President and are on hand for review and approval.

Ferry Crew: The revolving door continues to turn. We have perhaps two candidates for captain to interview and refer to John Farris for training. We will continue to look for another standby deck hand as well.

In years past (when I started with HMC), we had two HMC members who worked both as standby deck hand and standby captain, and a third who lived in Grapeview, worked both positions, and came down to the island on his boat when he was needed to work. Plenty of backup personnel. Since those three quit or retired, we have been in a continual process of recruiting and hiring captains and deck hands. There are many reasons for this, but it is not a sustainable system to guarantee uninterrupted service to Members.

The Board has emphasized that the Ferry Access Policy is to be fairly and evenhandedly applied to Members. This has caught some folks without current stickers. Remember that if Herron Island is to be a private community there has to be a way to verify that vehicles and passengers actually have a right to cross to the island.

The weekend captain position is now vacant, and we hope to fill it soon with a suitable candidate.

Transportation Committee: No report.

Technology: No report.

Legal Liaison: We currently have 11 delinquencies, five of which are with the attorney for collections. Delinquency rate 3.2%. Currently, HMC has 379 Assessable Units and 397 Water customers.