

Island Manager Report
January 10, 2015

Administration:

The meeting calendar on the HMC website is now being updated at the office and provided to the webmaster. If your committee is scheduling a meeting, please let the Island Manager know via email.

Another “button” has been added to the web page for information relating to the “Dolphin Replacement Project”. Currently it contains the 2010 original report and the 2014 update, with the 2010 report attached.

Because of continued vandalism of the notice board on the Community Building, the Office will no longer post Board minutes, Island Manager report or meeting agenda. Copies of these documents, when available, can be obtained from the HMC website or from the Office.

Tree Trimming: Tree trimmers spent three days on the island, clearing trees and brush away from Member service drops. Because this work had not been done for many years, they were unable to complete their work. (When Pen Light Asplundh tree trimmers were working on the island, they spent about eight weeks doing their work.) Tree trimmers will be out again next week, date to be determined.

The chips and mulch will be dumped at two locations on the island, available on a first come, first serve basis: Nature Park parking lot area; and Community Building parking lot. We will notify Members with an email when the work is to begin.

Water Operations: Everything is quiet so far on the water system. Mention needs to be made that someone has been leaving the water dripping at North Beach. The hydrants at North Beach are frost free and will not freeze and burst. They should be left turned off.

Water Committee Report: The Committee met to discuss rate development for the 2015-16 budget year. Issues include at what level to set the base rate, and when to bill for usage, the format and frequency of billing, and other factors. Format and content of the water bill is to some extent regulated at the State level. Judy Greinke will report.

Fire Department Liaison: Information on burn bans is posted on the www.herronisland.org website almost as quickly as it is generated by Pierce County, so that is the most reliable place to check for information.

Land Use: Nothing further regarding the Comp Plan Amendments. For those interested in geoduck farming, the Key Peninsula News has been running a four part series which may be of interest. Most recently, the third installment included a discussion of environmental factors. The fourth and final article will cover economic factors of geoduck farming.

Emergency Preparedness: Committee Report. The Committee will meet following the Board meeting, at 12:30 p.m.

Parks: Committee Report from Tracy Anspach Tentatively, plan for a Parks work party on Saturday, February 28th, with the goals of installing fence around the sport court, assembling the new swing set, and if possible, reattaching the “No Wake” signs at North Beach. Lots of work, and many hands needed to help, including some new committee members.

Roads: Continued to work with member regarding drainage at intersection of driveway with South Herron, and whether drainage issue was associated with HMC culvert or neighbor’s property. Drainage on the northernmost part of West Herron indicates that a member culvert may need to be expanded. Another drainage

issue appears on Herron Lane, where during water system construction only one end of a drain pipe could be found, and drainage needs improvement.

Jack Wells is beginning the process of purchasing 1,500-2,000 tons 3/4 no minus gravel with estimated delivery date and pricing in March or April. Transportation should be less due to dropping fuel prices. Following delivery, road grading will be scheduled.

Pump Station Gate: Viking fence submitted a \$1,250 proposal for this additional gate. Work proposal was accepted by HMC Board last month, and the new gate will be installed January 16-21.

Reuse of the old reservoir as a storage facility could begin with the cutting of an opening into the structure to allow drying. Charles Smith will report.

Rules: No outstanding complaints.

Herron Island Ferry:

We are still dependent on one standby captain. We began training a new standby, who resigned after two days; another will begin January 20th, and we continue to interview candidates. Only one finished training and now has recently resigned. We may also be advertising for standby deck hand. The cycle of advertising, interviewing, backgrounding, and training is time consuming, costly and never-ending. Nevertheless, we should have two new candidates training soon, and hope that they will follow through after training. Standby deck hands are less of a problem to find and train. Currently we have two qualified, and are recruiting one more.

Ramp Painting:

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. Permitting is currently in progress.

Dolphin Replacement Project: An ad hoc committee led by Mike Graham met Tuesday. The discussion included construction options and whether we could get by with a monopile system. Additionally the group concluded that we have enough information to go forward with an RFP for Engineering support.

In order to create a Master Project Schedule the Committee brainstormed the elements that will need to be included. We then categorized those elements under major headings, including contracting, permitting, communications and temporary services to islanders. These requirements will become part of the process of engineer selection.

Technology: No report.

Legal Liaison: We currently have 25 delinquencies, seven of which are with the attorney for action, and three of which are making installment payments. Delinquency rate of 6.5%. Six are for amounts of less than \$100. Last year at this time we had 21 delinquencies with 9 at collections. Currently, HMC has 384 Assessable Units (down one from last month) and 397 Water customers.