

May 10, 2010

Members of the City Council,

We listened with great care on April 5 as you spent nearly an hour working to establish a process for refining the draft of the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. The complexity of the conversation reflected the challenge of this undertaking. Although there was some diversity of opinion, and a number of details were left unanswered, we believe we heard two important goals:

- 1) A proposal for two meetings to help educate the community on the Shoreline Management Act (SMA), the SMP update guidelines, Burien's SMP update draft, and the conditions of our shoreline. An introductory meeting would occur on May 3 and a subsequent meeting, which would include a number of domain experts, would occur some time later.
- 2) There was a strong desire for meaningful dialog with Shoreline residents but you recognized the need to define an effective structure.

We were disappointed that it was not possible to hold the introductory meeting last week but we were pleased that much of the continued conversation about the review process was consistent with what we had heard on April 5. However we still did not hear specific recommendations for the meetings or how the shoreline property owners could make a meaningful contribution.

We offer the outline of a proposal to address this. We would like to see a series of three meetings; one in the spirit of the introductory meeting that was requested on April 5, a forum dedicated to the topics of buffers, structures, and non-conformance, and a second forum on bulkheads, public access, and any other concerns. The introductory meeting would be organized by City Staff.

The forums are to be collaboration by three major stakeholders; City Staff, the Marine Shoreline homeowners, and the Lake Burien homeowners. The shoreline groups would consist of a principal, a small number of additional residents, and a small number of domain experts as appropriate.

The forums will begin with a series of three 20 minute presentations, and then three 10 minute follow ups. Any number of people can speak from each group at the discretion of the group's principal representative.

Next will be a significant moderated Q/A period. Questions must be provided in advance so that the moderator can review and organize them according to the popularity of the topic. Logically a question is fielded by the principal representative of the group but he/she may choose to delegate the question to anyone within their group. The moderator will use their discretion to manage the order in which groups respond to particular questions.

Finally there might be a small period set aside for "free form" questions from the audience but questions must be asked one at a time and each group should be given the opportunity to respond.

Although additional detail is required, we believe this proposal to be responsive to the goals you outlined on April 5 and we hope it receives favorable consideration.

Respectfully,



Michael D. Noakes

President of Burien Marine Homeowners Association.

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