



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND



Marine Access Committee

Work Plan: 2018-2019

Bainbridge Island – Marine Access Committee

Established By: Ordinance No. 2015-13

Created by the consolidation of the former Road Ends Committee and Harbor Commission into the **Public Water Access Committee. Ordinance No. 2016-07** (AB16-095 Executive) at the request of the Public Water Access Committee, Council approved changing the Committee's name to **Marine Access Committee**.

Purpose

The **Marine Access Committee** monitors and advises on matters pertaining to the City's harbors, coastal waters and the public's right of access – via designated road ends – to these waters consistent with the provisions of the Bainbridge Island Municipal Code and other direction by the City Council.

Scope of Work

The **Marine Access Committee** shall:

- Work to support awareness, management, and enhancement of public access to and from the island's waters and water dependent activities;
- Actively seek opportunities for public engagement and public outreach to increase awareness of public water access sites of all types (water access, water view, etc.);
- Promote and coordinate opportunities to develop island-wide public water access sites, especially road ends, as appropriate circumstances occur;
- Develop and recommend new road end and harbor management policies as needed, for island-wide water access sites;
- Coordinate with appropriate City staff to implement the public water access policies and goals of the council through measures which include, but are not limited to, recommendation of ordinances, regulations, and other means;
- Initiate, manage, encourage, and support a program for community stewardship of individual water access and road end sites throughout the community;
- Actively seek to leverage city resources by identifying donation and grant opportunities and assessing for alignment with City goals and priorities;
- Enlist volunteers, neighborhood members, and community organizations to assist with the implementation of approved plans and/or projects adopted by the city council;
- Develop an annual work plan in collaboration with appropriate city staff, and submit the proposed work plan to city council for review and approval each year, along with a report on results of the prior year work plan;
- Such other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned by the City Council.

Committee Members

CURRENT MEMBER	POSITION NUMBER	TERM EXPIRES
Paula Elliot	1	June 2020
Anthony Oddo	2	June 2020
Peter Hill	3	June 2018
Greg Spils	4	June 2018
Fred Grimm	5	June 2019
Frank Ostrander, <i>Co-Chair</i>	6	June 2019
Elise Wright, <i>Co-Chair</i>	7	June 2019

Council Liaison

Ron Peltier, At-Large
Term Expires: December 2021

Regular Meetings

5:30 – 7:00 PM
Second Monday of each month
Bainbridge Island City Hall – Council Conference Room (or elsewhere as per notice on City's website)

Committee Website

<http://www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us/706/Marine-Access-Committee>

2018 – 2019 Work Plan Summary

The Committee expects to further refine and prioritize these plans and potential projects as we progress through this period.

In 2018 – 2019 the **Marine Access Committee** will focus activities into four (4) workstreams:

- **Infrastructure Projects:** Identify, encourage and support City projects/tasks that relate to the sustainability of our marine environment and the provision of facilities and services that meet the access and recreational needs of the community.
- **Framework Management:** Provide input to maintenance of the legal and technical frameworks that allow the orderly management of the marine environment and road ends access that are part of the City's area of responsibility.
- **Education, Outreach & Liaison:** Educate and engage with the community and liaise with other parties that have oversight or interests associated with marine activities, public access, and facilities.
- **Stewardship:** Organize activities aimed at vessel owners, water-based activity providers and public access neighbors and users that are designed to protect our marine environment, access and facilities.

Work Plan approved on November 13, 2017 during the November Regular Marine Access Committee Meeting.

Frank Ostrander

Co-Chair

for **City of Bainbridge Island – Marine Access Committee**

November 13, 2017

Elise Wright

Co-Chair

For **City of Bainbridge Island – Marine Access Committee**

November 13, 2017

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS		
Capital Project: Identification of Capital Projects for Future City Budgets		
Committee Lead / Backup	Requested City Resources	Impact Estimate
All		
Description	Status / HC lead	Carry-over
Identify and develop recommendations for at least one marine access enhancing capital project for each year of the City of Bainbridge Island Capital Budget.		New
Project: Enhance Waterfront Park		
Committee Lead / Backup	Requested City Resources	Impact Estimate
Frank Ostrander		
Description	Status	Carry-over
Seek improvements to marine access that build on and enhance the completed Waterfront Park and City Dock projects. Enhancements could include additional benches, path improvements, signage, possible viewing platform(s), bike racks, ADA improvements to shoreline access, etc.	Four benches have been dedicated for installation at the Waterfront Park Shoreline.	Yes
Capital Project: Harbor viewing platform		
Committee Lead / Backup	Requested City Resources	Impact Estimate
Frank Ostrander		TBD
Description	Status	Carry-over
Develop design for, approve, and build a viewing platform similar to that installed at the WSF Kingston Terminal or Spokane Riverwalk in a cooperative project between WSDOT and the City of Bainbridge Island. The viewing platform would provide visitors a place to view the comings and goings within the harbor and take pictures with Seattle and the Sound as a backdrop. Preferred site: Outside the ferry terminal between the smoking area and the motorcycle parking area.	Project included in 2019 City Budget.	Yes

Maintenance Projects (O&M)		
Committee Lead / Backup	Requested City Resources	Impact Estimate
Greg Spils / Peter Hill	City staff and funds for repairs and new installation(s).	TBD
Description	Status	Carry-over
Work with the City to identify, prioritize, and facilitate ongoing repair or maintenance of existing road end sites, signage, or marine access facilities.	City has initiated.	Yes
Existing Road End Maintenance		
Road End	Maintenance Description	
Beach Place	Limbing of trees at shoreline to clear view and increase light	
North St NE	Limbing of trees at shoreline to clear view and increase light	
Skogen	existing cement staircase to shore has broken step	
Sivertson	existing wood staircase to shore is dilapidated and unusable	
Viewing Benches, Bike Racks, and Parking Spaces		
Committee Lead / Backup	Requested City Resources	Impact Estimate
Fred Grimm / Greg Spils	Funds for purchase and installation of benches, bike racks, or parking area materials	Est. \$30,000
Description	Status	Carry-over
In order to improve the road end experience for all users, especially those with limited mobility, coordinate with the City to install benches at road end sites. Develop design for, construct, and install bike racks at prime road end sites. Identify appropriate locations for parking space(s) and obtain Council approval for installation, signage, etc.	8 benches have been installed. 9 more sites have been recommended to the City for installation following a Committee vote.	Yes
Bench Site Recommendations		
Bench Site	Description	
Siverston Road NE	Any suitable location close to the shoreline	
West Waterway	Clear flat open area; east of the culvert	
North NE	On eastern boundary of road end	
Sanwick	Replace an older bench	
Manitou Beach Road	On east side of the guardrail	
Foster	North side of lowest landing	
Falk Road	Any suitable location at road end	
Gertie Johnson Road	Any suitable location at road end	

Parking Site Recommendations	
Parking Site	Description
Fletcher Landing	1 or 2 parking places (including 1 ADA compliant space) on south side of road
Rose Loop	1 parking place near top of trail/stairs to road end

Signage for Water Access		
Committee Lead / Backup	Requested City Resources	Impact Estimate
Greg Spils / All	Public Works	TBD
Description	Status	Carry-over
To maintain public and private property rights at road ends, work with the City to have permanent boundary, shore access, or view signs installed.	Identify signage needs and sites with Kitsap Peninsula Water Trails group.	Ongoing

Road End Signage Needs	
Road End	Signage Requirements
West Waterway	Right-of-Way Boundary Signage at Shore/Road End
Gordon	Right-of-Way Boundary Signage at Shore/Road End
Grotle	Right-of-Way Boundary Signage at Shore/Road End
Broom	Right-of-Way Boundary Signage at Shore/Road End
Whitty Way	Right-of-Way Boundary Signage at Shore/Road End
Gertie Johnson	Right-of-Way Boundary Signage at Shore/Road End
Sivertson	Improved Upland Signage (<u>there is only blue 'shore access' sign up from road end, needs trail signs along trail</u>)
Whitty Way	Improved Upland Signage (the trail sign is right behind large cedar tree so unclear from road sign where to go - move in front of cedar tree)
West Waterway	Improved Upland Signage (needs standard road end sign and shore access sign on Skogen Lane)

FRAMEWORK MANAGEMENT		
Monitor Comprehensive Plan, Shoreline Master Program, and Development Proposals		
Committee Lead / Backup	Requested City Resources	Impact Estimate
Frank Ostrander / Elise Wright, Fred Grimm, Anthony Oddo	Timely notification to the Committee of pre-permit applications (involving docks, buoys, shoreline developments, or navigable waters) and that raise potential marine access policy issues.	

Description	Status / HC lead	Carry-over
Monitor the Comprehensive Plan, Shoreline Master Program, and Development Proposals that involve properties on the shoreline and provide harbors and road ends input where appropriate.	Work with the City to develop a policy regarding notification to neighboring properties when buoy applications are submitted.	Yes
Produce Committee's Work Plan		
Committee Lead / Backup	Requested City Resources	Impact Estimate
Anthony Oddo / Frank Ostrander		
Description	Status	Carry-over
Prepare the Committee Work Plan including a list of prioritized projects for the City Council's consideration during the biennial budget development process.	Finalized November 13, 2017.	

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH		
Community Events and Outreach		
Committee Lead / Backup	Requested City Resources	Impact Estimate
Elise Wright / All	Harbormaster and Community Engagement Specialist	
Description	Status / HC lead	Carry-over
<p>Identify and provide support for community events such as National Marina Day, International Coastal Cleanup Day, Christmas Boats and other marine related events.</p> <p>Ensure that the Committee stays involved and provides community input to any activities associated with the marine environment within the City's boundaries.</p> <p>Liaise with Kitsap Peninsula Water Trails group and identify where KPWT wants to place signs.</p>	<p>Liaise with Historical Society, BI Rowing, Sustainable Bainbridge, Suquamish Tribe, WA DNR, CoE, and EPA to ensure we have coverage and appropriate resources. Conduct outreach/listening sessions with property owners prior to significant changes at these sites.</p> <p>Ongoing contact and communication with KPWT regarding sign placement for water trails.</p>	Ongoing

Digital Outreach		
Committee Lead / Backup	Requested City Resources	Impact Estimate
Elise Wright	Community Engagement Specialist	
Description	Status	Carry-over
Provide content to City's Community Engagement Specialist (CES) to educate community regarding BI maritime history, road ends, and aquatic facilities available, Provide feedback to City regarding new GIS map of road ends and additional content such as harbor or cruising information and features/services (e.g., water access) available at road ends.	Access Guidebook photos and provided content to COBI website.	Yes
Recruit Additional Harbor Stewards		
Committee Lead / Backup	Requested City Resources	Impact Estimate
Fred Grimm		
Description	Status	Carry-over
Recruit additional harbor stewards, as needed. Encourage all Stewards to be actively involved in committee meetings and events.	Harbor Stewards now actively involved in Committee meetings.	Yes

STEWARDSHIP		
Development of an Encroachment Provision and Policy		
Committee Lead / Backup	Requested City Resources	Impact Estimate
Greg Spils / Anthony Oddo	City Attorney and Surveyors	TBD
Description	Status / HC lead	Carry-over
In collaboration with the City Attorney and other Staff, develop a set of procedures for monitoring, enforcing, and adjudicating private encroachments onto public road ends. (See RCW 35.79.035).		New
Review and Monitor Navigational and Safety Issues		
Committee Lead / Backup	Requested City Resources	Impact Estimate
Peter Hill / Fred Grimm		
Description	Status	Carry-over
Monitor and report navigational and safety issues for the shoreline and waters of Bainbridge Island. Review the adequacy and effectiveness of City of Bainbridge Island ordinances related to moorage and anchorage of boats in City waters.	Harbor Stewards met with COBI Police Chief to discuss enforcement issues.	Ongoing

Buoy Monitoring Program		
Committee Lead / Backup	Requested City Resources	Impact Estimate
Harbor Stewards / Anthony Oddo		
Description	Status	Carry-over
Continue to monitor and report, educate, advocate, and assist the City in the buoy enforcement program.	Initial meetings with Harbormaster to view the City monitoring/mapping software and identify problematic buoys in Eagle Harbor.	Ongoing

Marine Access Committee Members, July 2017 - July 2018

Members are appointed by City Council to three year terms and limited to 3 consecutive terms. Appointments have been staggered so a balance of new and experienced members serve in any given year.

Paula Elliot has been a resident of Bainbridge Island since 2008, after many years of visiting. Retired academic librarian; formerly employed by Arts and Humanities Bainbridge; freelance editor and indexer. Active with the Bainbridge Island Land Trust, Bainbridge Performing Arts and The Amabile Choir. Married to Paul Brians, retired professor and active community photographer.

Fred Grimm An Island orthodontist until retirement in 2005, has been a resident since 1970. Community service activities include Bainbridge Kiwanis Club, Park District Commissioner through the 70's, BI School Board member through the 80's, Bainbridge Performing Arts (BPA) Board throughout the 90's, several years as a Harbor Steward and since 2015 a MAC member. Fred was also a member of the City's Health, Housing and Human Service Board throughout its existence and has been a current Board member of the Japanese Exclusion Memorial Board from its inception. Fred and his wife Willie live on the waterfront in Manzanita Bay, next to the Wood Avenue city road end, where he spends a lot of his time on the water.

Peter Hill joined the MAC in June of 2017 with the goal of helping our community become better connected to the waters around us. Peter has lived on the Island for fifteen years and is a Seattle lifer who grew up on the beaches of Three Tree Point in Burien. Peter has a BA in Accounting, is a Project Management Professional and has several decades of experience in IT and project management. Peter is an avid sailor who also enjoys fishing and kayaking.

Anthony Oddo is a relative newcomer to Bainbridge Island and the MAC, having relocated from Seattle last February and beginning his term in July. He was previously involved in road end restoration efforts in Seattle and is excited to be part of the MAC on Bainbridge. Anthony is also a competitive rower with the BI Rowing team and recently joined the Board of the Bainbridge-Ometepe Sister Islands Association.

Frank Ostrander (Co-Chair) has been a Bainbridge Island Harbor Commission/Marine Access Committee member since December 2014, an Island resident since 2012. Education: Rutgers University BA, MCRP, JD, Harvard University MPA. Former Oregon Assistant Attorney General. Retired U.S. Department of State Foreign Service Officer - overseas assignments in South Africa, Germany, Canada, Iraq and Bosnia as well as Washington D.C. assignments that included oceans environmental issues, trade negotiations and representing U.S. interests in United Nations technical agencies such as the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Maritime Organization. Retired Captain U.S. Navy Reserve Judge Advocate General Corps - specialized in international and operational law issues. Married to the former Bonnie Cole, four grown children and eight grandchildren.

Greg Spils has been a Bainbridge Island resident since 2002. Married with 2 children attending Woodward and BHS. Marine Access Committee member since 2013 (originally on Road Ends Committee). Education: Boston College BA. Peace Corps volunteer in Swaziland 1993-1996. Election Supervisor in Bosnia and Kosovo 1996, 1998, 2001. Work experience: various roles at Amazon.com 1997-2012, Rhapsody International 2014-2017, currently consulting.

Elise Wright (Co-Chair) has served on MAC since its creation. She has been sailing and boating the waters of Puget Sound since 1975, and was a member of the Harbor Commission prior to its combination with the Road Ends Committee. Preservation of public access to marine waters has been a priority since she was introduced to Puget Sound by two of the original Harbor Stewards, Bob and Rachel Smith. Elise and her husband John have been caretakers of the 1950 era wooden converted gillnetter SKAMOKAWA since 2005. Two adult sons.