

City of Bainbridge Island Ethics Board
2017 Annual Report and 2018 work plan

I. Complaints and Advisory Opinions.

The ethics board responded to one citizen complaint. It did not fall under the purview of the Ethics Board.

II. Proposed changes to the Ethics Code.

- A. The city manager is not among the list of covered persons under the code. The board identified professional ethics rules that apply to the city manager, who is additionally accountable to the city council. The board decided not to recommend changes.
- B. A list of corrections has been compiled and will be advanced this year.
- C. The board will propose changes to Article III.D.5 regarding actions of the board in response to Ethics complaints.

III. New Ethics Board member. The ethics board welcomed Maradel Gale at our July meeting. Joe Deets and Judith Tingley left the board in 2017. We currently have one open position.

IV. Ethics Board Education. The board continued its own education regarding the provisions of the ethics code, including

- A. Orientation of our new member to the provisions of the COBI Ethics program
- B. Reviewed the ethics rules applying to elected officials and members of committees and commissions.
- C. Reviewed the procedures for handling ethics complaints, advisory opinions and waivers under Article III

V. COBI Ethics Education. The ethics board continued its focus on education during the course of 2017.

- A. We revised and produced a summary brochure.
- B. Revised the Ethics presentation slide deck to include coverage of Article I, Core Values and Ethics Principles
- C. Discussed and coordinated Ethics Education with the city attorney

VI. Work plan for 2018

- A. Conduct Ethics Code education for the new City Council

- B. Continue Ethics Code education for Committees and Commissions, with a focus on including new members
- C. Submit proposed changes to the COBI Ethics Code to the City Council; participate as requested in discussions with the Council and public regarding the proposed changes.
- D. Continue to respond to Ethics Complaints and Requests for Advisory Opinions
- E. Continue to respond to citizen inquiries regarding ethical issues in government.
- F. Contribute to public knowledge regarding the COBI Ethics Program through a podcast interview with Bainbridge Community Broadcasting.

Respectfully submitted,

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