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SHORELINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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AGENDA ITEM 3: Discussion of Draft Shoreline Guiding Principles & Goals

The following discussion items revolve around the Existing Port Orchard Shoreline Master Program Goals and proposed additions, deletions, or modifications of those goals. Additional key goals have been identified through public comment, state, federal, and local agencies, and via the shoreline survey. The additional key goals related the independent areas of Land Use, Environment/Water Quantity, Parks/Public Access, General Waterfront are provided for additional discussion and eventual inclusion or exclusion for the recommended Shoreline Master Program. Additionally, possible Guiding Principles are provided for discussion to identify appropriateness of inclusion with the document and context of the principles in relationship to the overall Shoreline Mater Program Update.

EXISTING Port Orchard Shoreline Master Program Goals (Page 6, adopted 1994)

MASTER GOAL: To plan for shoreline uses that enhance, promote, and protect the balance between the sensitive ecology of Port Orchard's shoreline and its urban development.

SHORELINE USES: Coordinate the regulation for a variety of shoreline uses which result in long-term rather than short-term benefits.

CONSERVATION: Preserve, protect, and restore shoreline vegetation and wetlands to optimize the support of wild, botanic, and aquatic life.

RECREATION: Increase the amount of shorelines dedicated to public recreation and develop their potential for visitors and citizens.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Enhance public access to city shorelines and preserve views of the shoreline and water.

CIRCULATION: To provide an efficient water/land circulation system that visually enhances the shoreline and minimizes environmental impacts.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: To encourage economic development that is sensitive to the shoreline environment, water related or dependent, and by its location benefits the community. Recognize the finite quantity of shoreline property and limitations for public acquisition to serve future generations.

HISTORICAL/CULTURAL: Identify, preserve, protect and restore shoreline areas having historical and/or cultural significance.

POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL KEY GOALS FOR DISCUSSION:

LAND USE

- Carefully consider any proposed change to the shoreline land use pattern for its effect on shoreline land forms and habitat, water quality, public views, public access, and its aesthetic and functional compatibility with the existing scale and character of shoreline development.
- Ensure that proposed City actions and permit review requirements are consistent with constitutionally protected private property rights.
- Encourage alternatives to bulkheads and hard armoring for shoreline protection, while ensuring the adequate protection of private and public property, including roads and other infrastructure.

ENVIRONMENT/WATER QUALITY

- Enhance and preserve the unique and critical saltwater shoreline environment, and the diverse fish and wildlife habitat, of Sinclair Inlet, its shoreline and Blackjack Creek, through appropriate regulatory standards.
- Develop and implement shoreline restoration efforts and policies.
- Support and actively participate in efforts to improve Sinclair Inlet water quality.

PARKS/PUBLIC ACCESS

- Pursue funding for construction of the Mosquito Fleet Trail along the waterfront.
- Add, improve and maintain public access and use areas along the Sinclair Inlet shoreline, including day use, boating and kayaking facilities.
- Continue to acquire land for public access and recreation, and protection of critical areas, along the Sinclair Inlet shoreline and Blackjack Creek as it becomes available and affordable.

TRANSPORTATION/PARKING

- Continue to explore the possibility of relocating parking off the waterfront to elsewhere in downtown, and converting the current parking lots to public park or other public water-related uses, or other appropriate historic downtown uses.

WATERFRONT

- Support the Port of Bremerton Marina, the Port Orchard Yacht Club and private marinas in recognition of the importance of these services to Port Orchard as a boating destination.
- Support and encourage maritime businesses, boatyards, and boat repair facilities, recognizing that Port Orchard is one of few remaining places for boat repair on the west side of Puget Sound.

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Maintain the natural beauty of the shoreline, by protecting and enhancing natural trees and vegetation.
2. Improve and sustain the water quality of Sinclair Inlet.
3. Improve and extend a shoreline pedestrian and bicycle trail or boardwalk along the entire waterfront.
4. Enhance Port Orchard's appeal as a boating destination.
5. Support Downtown Port Orchard as an important commercial and service center for residents and visitors.
6. Recognize the private property rights of landowners.
7. Educate and encourage citizens to contribute to habitat protection and water quality improvement.