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CITY SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR ISLAND CENTER SUBAREA PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (October, 2017) – The City of Bainbridge Island Planning and Community Development Department is preparing to initiate the Island Center Subarea Planning Process and is seeking applicants to participate in the project’s Steering Committee.

The subarea planning process is designed to develop a plan that enhances the livability of the city by recognizing the unique characteristics of Island Center and by providing opportunities to accomplish the goals of the city’s comprehensive plan in a way unique to each designated center or neighborhood. For this process to be successful, we need community involvement.

According to the Bainbridge Island Municipal Code (Section 2.16.210), the steering committee needs to represent a wide spectrum of interests and expertise and shall include at least one representative from each of the following groups:

- a. Residents living within and/or owners of property or businesses within the designated center or neighborhood; and
- b. Residents and owners of property located adjacent to the designated center or neighborhood; and
- c. Residents of and/or business owners in the city, not residing within or adjacent to the designated center or neighborhood

Members of the Steering Committee will work through the subarea planning process to address issues such as current land uses, transportation, public facilities and amenities, natural resources, and future mix and location of uses and densities. The result of a subarea planning process is a subarea (or neighborhood) plan which will be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan.

The City anticipates that the Island Center Subarea Planning effort will be a 12-18 month process. Members of the Steering Committee will work together to set their meeting schedule, but members should anticipate meeting one to two times per month. Applications for the Island Center Subarea Process can be found on the [City's website](#), and must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 13. Committee interviews will take place the latter part of October, and an initial Steering Committee meeting will occur in mid-November.

For additional information about serving on the Steering Committee, or about the Island Center Subarea Planning Process, please contact Jennifer Sutton, Senior Planner at 206.780.3772 or jsutton@bainbridgewa.gov.

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