

Minutes of the Special Open House with the Public Meeting  
7:00 p.m., May 07, 2008

**Call to order:** The informal special open house meeting with the public of the Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman, Commissioner Leland Amundson.

In attendance were twenty-two (22) Port Ludlow residents, Chairman Commissioner Leland Amundson, Commissioner Walter Cairns, Commissioner James Laker, engineer Barry Baker and landscape architect Susan Black.

**Engineer Barry Baker** explained that the purpose of this meeting was to give everyone who will be impacted by the three (3) upcoming PLDD projects an opportunity to review project plans, provide input, and ask PLDD Commissioners, engineer Baker and landscape architect Susan Black questions. Mr. Baker had displays available of all three areas that included photograph montages, project plans, maps and diagrams for review during the question and answer portion of the meeting. Mr. Baker explained that the areas scheduled to receive improvements are Montgomery Lane which goes from Libby Court to the north, Condon Lane which goes from the Pope/Condon Lane intersection to the north, and lastly to the back portion of the lawns along McCurdy lane between Pioneer and McCurdy . Mr. Baker gave a brief summary of the improvements already made by the PLDD and what would be happening soon in regard to these projects.

Though plans to improve drainage to the ditch in the **Greenbelt area near the Wastewater Treatment Plant** is in the early planning stages, engineer Baker gave a summary of the PLDD plans for improvement in this area. Landscape architect Susan Black gave a brief presentation about the foliage now, and what plantings could work well after improvements are made. Ms. Black provided a display with photographs of the Greenbelt area just west of the wastewater treatment plant as it looks now, along with photographs of different varieties of foliage that could be chosen for re-planting after improvements are made to the drainage ditch in that area.

After the Public Forum, Mr. Baker and Ms. Black then invited all attendees to view the displays, and ask questions. Commissioners Amundson, Cairns, and Laker were available for questions as well.

**Public Forum:**

- Anita Weakley, resident of Condon Lane voiced her concern pertaining to drainage, vegetation and tree issues, citing the loss of ten (10) feet of bank loss to her property during the winter of 2006. Ms. Weakley explained that since that time she has become a passionate advocate for preservation of trees and vegetation that would curtail erosion to bluff and bank property. She thanked the PLDD for the help they had provided, but wanted to urge the PLDD to be advocates of preserving trees and discouraging tree topping to increase safety and preserve the environment. Ms. Weakley submitted a letter to the PLDD Commissioners for the record, which is attached to these minutes.

- John Henderson, resident of Montgomery Lane expressed his thanks to the PLDD for the improvements being conducted, stating that this will help preserve the sewer line from being lost to erosion as well. Chairman Commissioner Amundson stated he is a tree advocate but the PLDD has no purview with regard to tree removal requests, those would be the Ludlow Maintenance Commission Architectural Control Committees jurisdiction. Mike Fessler, resident of Condon Lane disagreed, stating that in regard to tree removal, it would be Jefferson County that would decide if trees are in a Critical Ordinance Area and grant approval or disapproval.
- Discussions were held pertaining to capacity and size of drainage pipes recently replaced and the ones that would be replaced during the new projects.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Port Ludlow Drainage District will be held on Thursday June 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., at the Beach Club in the Bay View Room.

The May 7, 2008 Special Open House with the Public meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Approved:

James Laker  
Drainage District  
Secretary

Walter Cairns  
Drainage District  
Commissioner

Lee Amundson  
Drainage District  
Chairman & Treasurer