

Iverson Task Force Meeting Notes

3/23/16

Attendance

Tom Eisenberg, (FOCIP)	Sky Miller (Civil engineer, floodplain mgmt, etc)
Jerry Nielsen (FOCIP)	Maria Xenia Allen (Park Patron)
Bob and Claudine Paczkowski (Homeowners)	Carol Gillespie (Park Patron)
Doug Celeen (Homeowner)	David Wynter (Homeowner; President of Sunrise Point Beach Club)
Carston Curd (Homeowner, coastal geography)	Kay Wynter (Homeowner)
Jim McDavid (IC Parks)	Michael Mellum (Island County Public Works)
Eric Egbers (Homeowner and resource mgmt., WDFW retiree)	Rob Howie (Homeowner)
Cliff Marston (Homeowner)	Deborah Engel (Homeowner)
Jay Lawrence (Homeowner, Mosquito Control District & MRC)	Elsa Schwartz (Park Patron, MRC)
Jane Cassidy (Homeowner, environmental policy and dispute resolution)	Eric Grossman (USGS, WWU)
Val Schroeder (FOCIP)	Brian Wood, Dawn Pucci & Lori Clark (Island County Dept of Natural Resources - DNR)

Introductions

- Meeting opened with introductions of the 22 members present.
- In response to concerns from 1st TF meeting, ground rules were covered.

Storm Review

- Homeowners and park users shared information and concerns from storm event of March 10. The following were reported:
 - Significant seawater inundation coming both from the boat ramp and over the bulkheads of homeowners.
 - Large quantities of woody debris, including logs, came over bulkheads and collected in yards, and on the street.
 - Structural damage to bulkheads.
 - Breakdown of a driftwood armored property, including erosion of front yard (waterside) fill. This property was referred to as having soft shore armoring, though the period of installation may indicate a different treatment. The remaining structures show log pillars that were driven vertically into the beach, which continue to be solidly implanted.
 - Significant flooding of low lying properties near the boat ramp.
 - Cliff observed:
 - Boat ramp ecology blocks could have been set back to catch the wood (which otherwise goes over the top).
 - Force of the water caused most of the problems (as opposed to wood?). It did not have anywhere to go. Drainage ditches overflowed.
 - Some water remained (as of 3/22/16) near cliff side.

- Flood insurance was lower for raised homes (\$700)
 - Field filled up to crown of road
 - Homes with drainage fared well.
- Eric Grossman indicated that Iverson was not the only area to suffer damage. The storm event exceeded the major event of 2006. Models showed that the surge was 2.5-3 feet above the predicted high tide.
- Eric indicated that a map of observations, indicating flow direction would be helpful. Also please sharing photos could accomplish two goals:
 - Help with modeling
 - Influences grant managers of the importance of studying Iverson.
- Eric noted that Iverson is a sink for sediment coming from the Stilliguamish.
- Jay Lawrence can provide a GIS layer that locates standing water.
- Deborah Engel noted that normal wood buildup in front of her bulkhead had moved away several months earlier leaving a bare beach in front of her home.
- Cliff Marston observed that logs in front of County owned property were now in front of his home.
- Regarding storm damage recovery, David Wynter reported that only threats to homes (versus yards) are considered for recovery assistance.
- Lori offered to arrange for an evaluation of armoring options with interested homeowners.

Focus Groups

- Focus Groups Identified:
 - Roads (Michael Mellum): Cliff Marston, Deborah Engel, Bob Paskowski, Rob Howie
 - Farming: Tom Eisenberg, Eric Egbers
 - Park Usage (Lead-Jim McDavid): Tom Eisenberg,
 - Habitat and Drainage: addressed by the main group. Subgroups will report to main group and solutions will be considered in light of all recommendations.
 - Need to create a standardized set of questions for parks and roads.
- Jim M. noted that park changes are constrained by budget and political will. He can probably produce a chicane, but he is unable to address firearms.
- Jane—who will talk about habitat?
 - Can we highlight habitat with a speaker?
 - Can we have bullet points from all the presentations?
- Dawn: notes will include “who does what in the County”

Request For Proposals (Study of Sedimentation & Drainage)

- Bob P. asked if softshore can extend further out?
- Deborah asked about Fish Window.
- Cliff Marston regarding RFP
 - Who will analyze the responses to the RFP?
 - How can we be a part of this discussion?

- Lori: We can include a task force member to review the RFP
- We need a timeline added to this.
- Jay: Does RFP approval go through the WRAC? Answer: NO
- Lori: expressed that feasibility studies from 2001 drove this grant.
 - We don't know how much this will cost.
 - We don't know if our funding (about \$70K) can address this.
- Link to prior studies was requested by Rob.
- Eric Gr.: For 70K you can address tasks 1-3.
 - Task 4 will require more analysis unless we are looking at a very basic "back of the envelope" estimate.
 - The whole area of Livingston has from meters to tens of meters of sedimentation.
 - Jane: Seems that there is a gap between tasks 3 and 4.
 - When does the Task Force discuss this?
 - Can we bring experts to discuss what is in the RFP?
 - I need someone to interpret the science so I can make an informed decision.
 - Deborah: Need Long Beach in the proposal
 - Cliff: Add a map to call out where you need to address (along Long Beach and portion of Livingston)
- Bob P.: wants to know why flapper valve flow was reversed.
- Dawn: how is it flowing now and does it work?
- Eric G: Most important component of this project is task 4. We can get guidance at this stage, but not what we would need to actually do something.

Next Meeting

April 19th, 1-3pm, Camano Island Library

- RFP Progress
- Septic Discussion—Kathleen Parvin (Island County Department of Health)

**update: April meeting was cancelled due to conflicting meeting for County Staff regarding Sea Level Rise and Planning.*