

# **PROJECT REPORT**

*Bainbridge Island*

*City of*

*Department of Planning  
and Community Development*

**Project:** Nomination of Camp Yeomalt, including the cabin, for  
placement on the City of Bainbridge Island Historic Register

**File number:** SPR10163

**Date:** June 25, 2005

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

**Applicant:** Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District  
P.O. Box 10010  
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

**Request:** The proposal is to designate Camp Yeomalt, including the  
existing cabin, as a property meeting the criteria for  
placement on the Bainbridge Island Historic Register.

**Location:** Yeomalt Point and Dingley Road

**Zoning  
Designation:** Residential 2.9

**Comprehensive  
Plan Designation** Semi-Urban Residential

**Environmental  
Review:** The proposed designation is a non-project action exempt  
from environmental review.

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## **DECISION**

Approval of the property as meeting the criteria for placement on the historic  
register (see attachment A, application ).

## Staff Analysis

### II. FINDINGS OF FACT

#### A. Site Characteristics

1. ASSESSOR'S RECORD INFORMATION:
  - a. Tax Lot Numbers: 4120000010105
  - b. Owners of record: BI Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District
  - c. Site size: 2.79 Acres
  - d. Land use: Public park and meeting space
2. SITE DEVELOPMENT:

The site is developed with a cabin.
3. ACCESS:

Vehicular access to the site is from.
4. PUBLIC SERVICES:
  - a. Police - Bainbridge Island Police Department.
  - b. Fire - Bainbridge Island Fire District.
5. EXISTING USE:
  - a. Park and community gathering place.
6. SURROUNDING USES: Single family residential

#### B. History

1. The historic register nomination application was submitted to the City on May 25, 2005.
2. The application will be considered by the Bainbridge Island Historic Preservation Commission on July 5, 2005 at 4 P.M.

#### C. Public Comment

There have been no public comments about the application,

#### C. Decision Criteria: BIMC 18.76.050 A. Criteria for designating properties for listing on the register:

Any building, structure, site or object, whether publicly or privately owned, may be designated for listing on the local register if: it is significantly associated with the history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or cultural heritage of the community; it has physical integrity; it is at least 50 years old or is of lesser age but has exceptional importance; and it qualifies as at least one of the following:

**Camp Yeomalt is significantly associated with the history and cultural heritage of Bainbridge Island; demonstrates architecture of the WPA period; has physical integrity and is more than 50 years old.**

1. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state or local history;

**Named originally for Major Hopkins, a founder of the Olympic Council of the Boy Scouts, camp Yeomalt and the one story log building were a center of Island scouting activities. Built in 1935, Camp Yeomalt was a federal Works Progress Administration ( WPA) project. Oral accounts indicate that sometime during WWII, the building may have housed merchant marines and even Russian sailors. After the war, the site continued to be used by the Olympic Council of the Boy Scouts. In the early 1970's, the Olympic Council merged with the Chief Seattle Council. When the Chief Seattle Council decided to sell the property in the early 1980's, the Camp Hopkins Youth Committee tried to halt any sale. A court decision ceded one acre of the site to the Chief Seattle Council and two acres to the Camp Hopkins Youth Committee. In 1987, the Camp Hopkins Youth Committee transferred their holdings to the Bainbridge Island Park District. Subsequently, the Park District purchased the remaining acre from the Chief Seattle council. By resolution of the park Board, the name Camp Hopkins was changed to Camp Yeomalt.**

2. Embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a type, period, style or method of design or construction, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;

**Camp Yeomalt is a prime example of WPA "camp style" architecture. It is of fir log construction, including gable ends and purlins. The majority of the 6-8" average diameter logs are laid up in a vee groove scribe-fit, while some appear to be simply slabbed. The overhang of the saddle-notched corners are of uneven lengths. The building is a simple rectangle measuring 30x30 feet with an eastern gable end wing measuring 10x24 feet. A rubble stone fireplace stack incorporating exterior and interior fire boxes stands centered on the west gable wall. All window openings were originally screened and shuttered. Originally the sill logs were laid directly on compacted earth. A monolithic concrete floor was poured in the main space soon after construction. The wing had a raised wooden floor. As is typical of WPA projects, there is no evidence that gutters or downspouts were ever installed.**

**Three original three-foot square openings are present on the north and south building elevations. Historic memory does not recall glazing but screened openings with exterior shutters. Hinge and latch remnants support this assertion.**

3. Exemplifies or reflects special elements of the city's cultural, special, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering, or architectural history

**See # 1 and #2 above.**

**III. CONCLUSIONS:** The Historic Preservation Commission shall base their decision on the following criteria:

1. Camp Yeomalt meets the criteria of BIMC 18.76.050 A for placement on the Bainbridge Island Register of Historic Places.
2. The designation is approved by the property owner.

**The proposed designation meets the general criteria and criteria numbers 1,2 and 4 for designation on the Bainbridge Island Historic Register and the designation has been approved by the property owner.**

**IV. Attachments:**

**A. Application**

## City of Bainbridge Island

### **NOTICE OF CONTINUED PUBLIC MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that the City of Bainbridge Island Historic Preservation Commission will conduct a **CONTINUED PUBLIC MEETING** pursuant to BIMC 18.76 at **4:00 p.m.** on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2005** in the Council Chamber Conference Room, City Hall, 280 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island, Washington.

### **THIS MEETING IS CONTINUED FROM JULY 6, 2005.**

The Commission will consider the nomination of the following property for inclusion on the **LOCAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**:

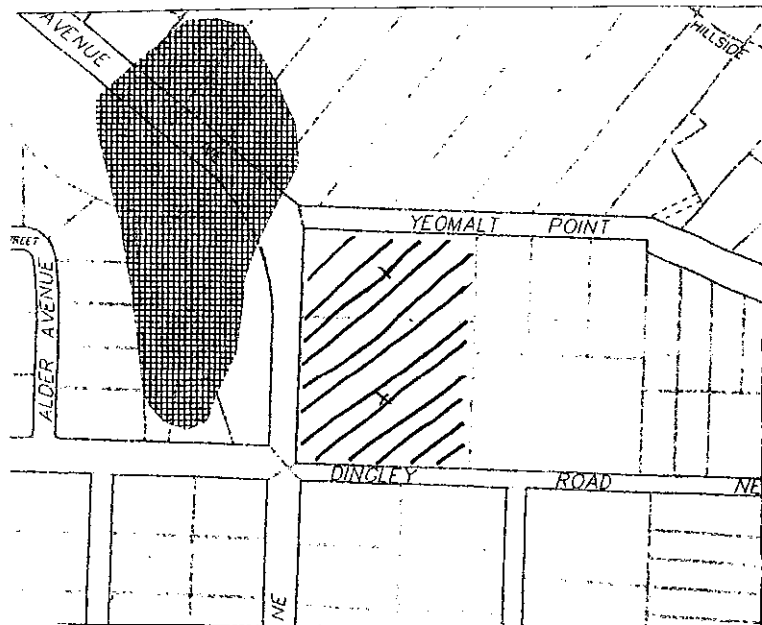
**Yeomalt Cabin**

**Address: Park Avenue and Yeomalt Point**

**Tax Parcel #4120000010105**

**Applicant/Owner: Bainbridge Island Park and Recreation District**

QUESTIONS concerning this application may be directed to the Commission's message line at (206) 780-3774.





**CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF HEARING EXAMINER**

**CERTIFICATION OF DELIVERY, MAILING AND POSTING**

I, Diane Sawyer, do hereby certify, I caused to be mailed the attached Notice of Public Meeting in the matter of appeal the Historic Preservation Commissions consideration of a Bainbridge Island Park and Recreation District request to include Yeomalt Cabin on the Local Register of Historic Places to the following parties by placing it in an addressed envelope and placing it in the outgoing mail bin for mailing the Department of Planning and Community Development on June 22, 2005 prior to mail collection:

Applicant

I further certify that I posted a copy of the said document on June 24<sup>th</sup> 2005 at the following:

Chamber of Commerce

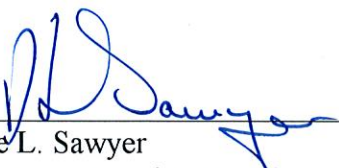
Ferry Terminal

Yeomalt Cabin property

I further certify that I hand delivered a copy of the said document on June 22nd 2005 to the following:

City Clerk

City Administrator's office ( E-mailed)

  
Diane L. Sawyer  
Assistant to Hearing Examiner





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