

Attn: Planning and Community Development
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RE: Messenger House Phase 2 – COMP PLAN NARRATIVE

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Policy LU 4.11 To the greatest degree practical, prohibit clearcutting and grading of the natural landscape.

Policy LU 20.5 Define and identify “iconic” structures and sites (those intended for permanent preservation) which are deemed essential elements of the community’s character, history and identity.

Policy LU 21.1 Encourage preservation of existing historic structures and sites as an important tool in building a sustainable and unique community

Policy LU 22.3 Collaborate with interested stakeholders to promote historic preservation on the Island

GOAL EC-1 Promote economic vitality, growth and stability. Bainbridge Island has the opportunity to create a robust, resilient and durable economy by demonstrating early leadership and acknowledging the changes that will affect our economy. Planning for these changes and taking actions that support and encourage a local economy will help reduce community vulnerability to issues such as aging demographics, housing availability, transportation constraints, and climate change.

Policy EC 3.1 Encourage the use of green building materials and techniques in all types of construction, as well as design approaches that are responsive to changing conditions

Policy EC 9.4 Promote on-Island access to healthcare facilities and medical services, particularly those addressing the needs of the Island’s increasing older population

Policy EN 4.1 Employ conservation design methods and principles such as low impact development techniques for managing storm and waste water, green building materials, high-efficiency heating and lighting systems

Policy EN 10.2 Encourage the retention of existing trees and vegetation and the planting of new trees and vegetation that provides natural filtration of suspended particulate matter, removes carbon dioxide and improves air quality.

Policy EN 19.1 Encourage protection, restoration and maintenance of existing vegetation that has environmental, wildlife habitat and aesthetic qualities including tree groves, significant tree stands, forested hillsides and vegetation associated with wetlands, stream corridors, riparian areas, steep slopes and areas subject to erosion.

Policy EN 19.3 In pre-application conferences and as part of the review of development applications, encourage property owners to maximize the preservation of trees and to maintain and enhance the cohesive quality of tree groves through appropriate site design and construction methods as well as open space dedication of areas that contain these resources.

Policy CUL 3.2 Support the City's Historic Preservation program to identify and preserve historic and cultural resources, including historic farms and heritage trees.

Policy TR 2.1 Provide a non-motorized transportation system that effectively serves the needs of people of all ages and abilities who walk, bike, or ride horses, or use wheel chairs; encourages nonmotorized travel; and provides continuous networks of safe, efficient and attractive shoulders, sidewalks, pathways (footpaths), and multi-purpose trails throughout the Island that are also connecting to regional systems.

Policy TR 2.6 Develop a trail system to serve non-motorized users across the Island. As envisioned, the network will include the Waterfront Trail in Winslow, the Sound to Olympics Trail (STO, a regional trail connecting the Ferry Terminal to the Agate Pass Bridge), intra-island multi-use trails, unopened City rights-of-way, shoreline trails, and connecting pathways within neighborhoods. The goal is to provide walkability within neighborhoods and Island-wide connectivity for both pedestrians and cyclists. Multi-use trails accommodate users of all ages and abilities. Such trails provide an alternative to the shoulder network along arterial streets and connect with other non-motorized facilities to form an integrated non-motorized system.

Policy TR 8.1 Protect residential neighborhoods from the impacts of cut-through motor vehicle traffic by providing appropriate connecting routes and applying appropriate traffic-calming measures to control vehicle volumes while maintaining emergency vehicle response times.

Policy TR 8.5 Consider closing or restricting streets to motorized traffic and devote those streets to nonmotorized and other neighborhood uses.

Policy HS 2.4 Support programs that provide needed services for families, e.g., child or adult day care, respite care for caregivers and mental health services.

Policy HS 3.2 Promote the creation of a mix of housing alternatives and services for people at different levels of independence.