

BIS&CC Board of Directors  
Minutes: Regular Meeting  
March 11, 2026, 9:00am-10:30am

Called to order by Eleanor Weinel at 9:08am

**PRESENT:** Eleanor Weinel, Barbara Ochota, Tressa Johnson, Mike McCloud, Rita Riley, Sue Coble Bunn, Sheila Curwen, Mary Beth Mohrman, Linda Holt, John Stephens, Del Miller

**ABSENT:** Roy Wallace

**STAFF:** Reed Price

**GUESTS:** Bill Luria (BPTF), Leslie Schneider (COBI), Gerry Worley (Capital Campaign)

**Suquamish Land Acknowledgement** Tressa Johnson

**Consent Agenda** Eleanor

DRAFT Special Session minutes 02-2026

Committee Minutes 02-2026

**absent: Finance, Marketing & Membership, Nominating, Resources**

Executive Report (Feb. 2026 stats)

Treasurer's Report 01-2026

Moved, Linda Holt. Second, Sue Coble Bunn.

Approved unanimously by voice vote.

**Operational Fundraising** Rita Riley

- The Spring theme is: Let's Keep Going and Growing. This campaign will be by mail only; letters will go out by May 1.
- The Improv fundraiser moved from Oct to July, in hopes more people will be available to attend.
- Kitsap Great Give. \$2500 donated to BISCC, about half of what was donated in 2025 – please note that in 2025 the Great Give happened later in the year, aligning with our spring campaign, which is likely responsible for 2025's larger total. On Bainbridge Island, One Call for All tends to bring more donations.
- Major donor (operational funds) brunch scheduled for November 7.

**Treasurer's Report** Mary Beth Mohrman

- In the past, BISCC has used accounting terminology that is used in the for-profit sector. This year we are transitioning to accounting terminology that is more appropriate for BISCC: non-profit terminology.
  - Example: 'profit & loss' doesn't apply to BISCC, as a non-profit. Instead, look for the phrase 'statement of activities.'

- Consent agenda reports:
  - *Financial Position* = snapshot in time. Compares operating costs for the month to the previous month's operating costs. Also, provides Building & Investment fund information for the month.
  - *Statement of Activities* = what happened during the period indicated.
  - *Cash Flows* = Use of cash.
- Mary Beth is hoping to get questions every month. If you have a question, so do I (Tressa)! Thank you for asking.

### **Building Project Task Force (BPTF)**

Bill Luria

- Spring 2027 remains the goal for groundbreaking.
- The design team is amid design development. Focus is on interior and exterior materials. In other words: what will the building look like?
- Reed is heavily involved in the commercial kitchen. With encouragement from the caterer Fig & Spice, he's looking at an induction stove top, which would make it an all-electric kitchen. Just signed a contract for kitchen equipment; Brandon McGill encouraged Reed to speak with him when it comes time for purchase.
- The Board was able to view a rough cut of an in-process promotional video. Wow. Great!

### **Capital Campaign**

Gerry Worley, co-chair

- New COBI members Lara Lant and Mike Nelson were impressed with the project and that the building will support both senior and multi-generation activities. Gerry invited them/COBI to support funding those parts of the project that directly impact the city (Emergency Hub & parking relief):
  - COBI construction planning permit waiver (\$100K)
  - Solar Panel and battery backup equipment purchases
  - New Generator (the existing one will not be sufficient for the new bldg)
  - \$ for the Underground parking (\$4.9M)
- Spoke with Suquamish Chairman Leonard Forsman about the possibility of receiving support for the new building from the Tribe.
- Reed submitted a \$1M WA state grant for community funding pre-construction design. Our grant is supported by our State Senator Drew Hansen, and both of our State Reps, Greg Nance and Tarra Simmons. We have not heard of the status of our grant.
- Methods by which we are receiving donated **cash** contributions: Checks, Stripe, Paypal, On-line member banking, Stock transfers.

- Committee is actively working on cultivation and positioning for "the ask" from their prospect names list (approximately 60+ names.)
- While there were no new pledges in February or early March, there are solicitation requests to major donors in the pipeline
- Committee received \$18.7K cash from five (5) donors. With that addition, our pledge and cash total received is \$3.5M (up from \$3.4M).
- Currently, at 15.6% of our total goal (up from 15.3% in January.) When we get up to 40%, the committee will be able to submit for certain grants.

### **BREAK (5 minutes)**

#### **COBI/City Council Report**

Leslie Schneider

- Like BISCC, HRB would like fees waived for current building projects.
- Affordable housing is a senior issue. Property taxes tend to price people out of the area.
- Last night, Council discussed potential for property tax levy to pay for transportation improvements.
- FYI, property tax can be deferred in some circumstances.
- Please take COBI's survey, let them know what is important to you.

#### **Learning Agenda**

Eleanor

- The BISCC Mission and vision are under the purview of the Board
- The Strategic Plan centers on the mission vision.
- Therefore, today (March 11 Board meeting) the Board will discuss the mission and vision in depth. The Executive Committee will take your input and craft a revision proposal for consideration to adopt at the April 8 Board meeting.
- Mission is inclusive. Vision is about the many ways in which we achieve the mission.
- Vision expresses what the island would 'look like' when we achieve our goal; it's not about the Center. When the vision is realized, the Center has accomplished it's goal. The Center's ideal is for the island to be [vision].

**Our Mission: to empower and enhance the quality of life of people in our community as they age.** We will not hold onto outdated concepts of aging. Instead, we will provide the information, tools, and support that older adults (50+) want and need in their quest for healthy and engaged living.

- Remove negative statements
- Does not need to be supplemented with the lighter text.

- Empower and enhance: synonyms. Don't need both terms. Preference for 'enhance'?
- 'as they age' illustrates transition through life. We are looking 3 generations back and 3 generations forward.
- Other ideas to express that transition: '...as we grow and age.' or '...as they grow and age.' or '...at any age.'

**Our Vision: Bainbridge Island is a vibrant, compassionate, inclusive place to grow up and grow older.** Our vision is community-centered, not organization-centered. The Center must be a valued community asset to be relevant.

- Remove negative statements
- Vision: place to grow (period) Our vision is community-centered (period)
- 'Thrive', instead of 'grow'.
- Part of what we do (vision) is to partner with other organizations on the island -

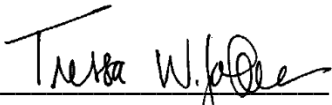
As suggested by NAWA, we will take your input and, if needed, craft a mission/vision revision to propose for your consideration at the following Board meeting, April 8.

#### **Announcements**

- March 15 – Oldies but Goodies Sing and Swing. 2-4pm. RSVP is required.
- March 24 - City Council will recognize Abby Wade for her decades-long dedication to picking up trash on the island, 6pm.
- March 29 – Aging in Place Forum, 1-3:30pm
- April 8 – Board Meeting, 9-10:30am
- April 25 – Time and Tide, Pizza dinner, 5-7pm. RSVP is required.
- July 25 – Activity Expo

Adjourned by Eleanor Weinel at 10:46am.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Tressa Johnson, Secretary

April 8, 2026  
Date of Approval