

MINUTES
JENSEN-OLSON ARBORETUM ADVISORY BOARD
Mendenhall Library, Conference Room | Wednesday, May 23, 2018 6 P.M.

I. Call to Order at 6:06pm by Chair, Ed Buyarski

Present: Kristin Bartlett, Ed Buyarski, Shawn Eisele, Kim Garnero, Patricia Harris, Nell McConahey, Deborah Rudis

Absent: Peter Froehlich

Staff Present: Merrill Jensen, Arboretum Manager; Lauren Verrelli, P&R Staff Liaison

II. Agenda Changes – None.

III. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None.

IV. Approval of Minutes –

- A. February 21, 2018:** E. Buyarski and P. Harris make edits to the minutes. K. Garnero moves to approve amended minutes, no objection. ***Minutes adopted.***

V. New Business – None

VI. Unfinished Business –

A. CBJ Finance Report on Endowment in Juneau Community Foundation (JCF)

K. Garnero: Law is still looking into this but JCF would take ownership of the funds if we transferred it to them. Which I am not comfortable with; the endowment belongs to the city. Originally we looked into with when Steve was on the board since JCF makes a higher return and the city's investment policy is more conservative.

P. Harris: This would be against the administrative agreement that Caroline created for the gift to the city. Is there any way we can encourage the city to look into their investment policy for the funds?

N. McConahey: I make a motion to no longer pursue the Juneau Community Foundation investment of the endowment.

All in favor, motion passes.

P. Harris: I make a motion for the JOAB have the city look at their investment strategy for the fund that includes the endowment to get a better return.

All in favor, motion passes.

B. Arboretum Toilet Discussion

D. Rudis: I spoke with the people at Eaglecrest, the building that the toilet is in is heated and it would not function unless it is warm enough and they have to pump it out at least once a year. We should no longer look into composting toilets for the Arboretum.

M. Jensen: They're [compost toilets] higher maintenance and installation cost. Our soil temps are too cold for compost toilets to work. Skaters Cabin has Romtec toilets and they're a good product; they're around \$30K, with \$10k for shipping but we might be able to get shipping donated.

C. Commercial Use Update

M. Jensen: The Land Trust attorneys signed off on it and now it is with CBJ Law and we have not heard anything yet.

VII. Committee Liaison and Staff Reports

- A. Chair Report:** The American Primrose Society National Show was a great success and exceeded expectations.
- B. Manager's Report:** *Included in packet.*
- C. Friends of JOA –**
P. Harris: As of May 2018, pledges received through Pick-Click-Give are \$850. Currently have 3 prospective Friends of JOA board members.

VIII. Other business— None

Adjournment – 6:47 p.m. *Having no further business before the Board.*

Respectfully submitted, Lauren Verrelli, Administrative Assistant II, 5/27/2018.