

MINUTES
JENSEN-OLSON ARBORETUM ADVISORY BOARD
CBJ Conference Room 237
Wednesday, October 29, 2014
5:15 P.M.

Call to Order 5:23 Call to order by Chair Buyarski,

Members Present: Ed Buyarski, Peter Froehlich, Kim Garnero, Pat Harris, Deb Rudis.
Bridget Weiss;

Absent: Barbara Murray;

Guest: Shawn Eisele.

Staff: Fran Compton, P&R Administrative Assistant II

Agenda Changes – none.

Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items - None

Approval of Minutes - Wednesday, July 16, 2014 – Motion by K. Garnero to accept July 16, 2014 Minutes, Approved without objection.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – None.

Committee, Liaison, and/or Staff Reports

Chair Report – E. Buyarski: I brought back Primula, Arctic poppies and other plants and seeds from Kotzebue (tundra) for the Arboretum, collected when camping.

Manager Report – written report from M. Jensen attached

Friends of JOA Report – P. Harris: *Friends of the Arboretum* subunit working on the new multipurpose/education building, with architects. They are looking into Foraker Predevelopment program (to guide non-profits through this process). P. Harris shared concept drawing/sketch with members. This *Friend's* unit has had some good participation including Angie Hoffard from Southeast Alaska Land Trust at the last meeting. *Friends* has been accepted for next year's Alaska Permanent Dividend Fund's *Pick, Click, Give* program. The Juneau Community Fund has the *Friend's* community building fund. P. Harris would like to hear members ideas regarding what could that space be used for. M. Jensen has volunteered to restart the Newsletter, to be posted to the website and emailed to *Friends* members.

Other Business –

- **F. Compton** invited members to PRAC meeting to present objectives, plans and Friends projects.
- **D. Rudis** – Public Market (in November) are we going to participate to selling bricks, hats or poppy seeds? Discussion
- **E. Buyarski** – The Garlic Potluck downtown at the Canvas was well attended. February 27-28 and March 1, 2015 there will be the first commercial gardening conference in Southeast in Petersburg (Farragut Farms).

Adjournment: Motion made by Peter Froehlich at 6:01 p.m., no objections.

Respectfully submitted, Fran Compton, Administrative Assistant II, January 28, 2015.

Next Meeting: 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, February 4, 2015 – Valley (Mendenhall) Library Conference Room.

Jensen – Olson Arboretum
Manager's Report to the Advisory Board
October 29, 2014

- New bed from old rose bed completed with all new shrubs, perennials and bulbs
- Completed the season's run of 'What's in Bloom' for the Juneau Empire. 18 articles in total submitted and the Empire plans to run it again next year due to good response from the public.
- FJOA Garden party for members and donors a huge success and some new memberships
- Annual visit from the 4-H camp
- New spring bulbs purchased and planted
- Seed collected, cleaned, packaged and sent to American Primrose Society and North American Rock Garden Society. A total of 42 different species sent out. By providing seed to these exchanges I have the opportunity to access new seed for the collections here.
- Native bed flooding after heavy rains due to a change in the hydrology. Have installed drainage and small erosion fences to slow down water and decrease erosion.
- Audubon Society Saturday's Wild tour – a small group, but successful
- Only 2 known bear visits this fall; the birds stripped the trees of berries before the bears normally arrive
- Both the lawn mower and weed eater broke down at the end of the season. Weed eater is repaired and mower will go in for work later this month.
- Reconfiguring of the Arboretum office space: two walls painted; also, new furniture on order and new computer/software inbound, all with funds from the Rasmuson Tier I grant.
- Presentations made to the following: Juneau-Gastineau Rotary Club.
- Annual Garden Club event a great success and continuing plans for additional support from that group – labels, Gazebo materials.
- Winterization of the Arboretum; cold frame from City Landscape for overwintering seedlings, seasonal pruning and cleanup as well as leaf mulch on most beds. Container pots winterized and moved to the basement and plant material re-set for winter insulation.
- On-going: Master Plan concept design and review still in progress. Final design for the Rotary Gazebo submitted to SEALTrust for edits and/or approval. City Engineering is still attempting to resolve right-of-way issues (including parking plan) with DOT.