

Draft MINUTES
JENSEN-OLSON ARBORETUM ADVISORY BOARD
Mendenhall Public Library Conference Room
Wednesday, July, 16 2014
5:15 P.M.

- I. Call to Order by Chair Ed Buyarski at 6:00 p.m.
Present: Ed Buyarski, Chair; Peter Froehlich; Kim Garnero; Patricia Harris; Barb Murray; Deborah Rudis;
PRAC Liaison, Kate Walters;
Staff Present: Merrill Jensen, Arboretum Manager; Fran Compton, Administrative Assistant II.
- II. Agenda Changes – M. Jensen: Mr. Schaaf could not attend the meeting so I will report what we have. Agenda approved as amended.
- III. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – none.
- IV. Approval of Minutes - Wednesday, January 8, 2014. **Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2014, Jensen-Olson Arboretum Advisory Board Meeting was approved as corrected by unanimous consent.**
- V. Unfinished Business
Revised Master Plan – M. Jensen: Master Planning still being worked in Engineering. Parking Lot scheduled for next year is not confirmed. Engineering needs to complete a survey for Conservatory Grant. CBJ still talking with DOT about right-of-way for entrance.
- VI. New Business
A. CBJ Budget Impacts – M. Jensen: Doing well with this year's Budgeting process. Received travel funding for Invasive Plants meeting, and American Public Gardens Association meeting.
- VII. Committee, Liaison, and/or Staff Reports
A. Chair Report – E. Buyarski: Have been out to the Arboretum several times this summer. Things are looking good. He found Canadian Thistle out at the Pioneer Home which he and Will Clausen (Arboretum Assistant) dug up. Haines has many invasive weeds. There is a Garlic Harvest and Fair the first weekend in August in Haines. Next May he will be working with KFSK in Petersburg on a Garden Show Fund Raising Tour.

B. Manager Report – M. Jensen:

- Went to Washington Park Arboretum at UW Botanic Gardens when he presented at the Northwest Horticultural Council meeting in Seattle.
- Plant Sale another great success;
- Received two truckloads of mulch from CBJ Parks Maintenance;
- New mailbox is now snow-plow “proof”;
- Set up 3 new panels and trellis in the garden;
- The two new seasonal gardeners Will Clauson and Chelsie Harris will be an article in the August Juneau Empire; are hard workers and an excellent addition to the Arboretum with knowledge and skills;
- BBC was out filming hummingbirds, wildflowers and hoping to come back for fireweed;
- Master Plan talks about the Education Center layout was moved to Sept.;
- Gazebo not yet built (Rotary/Garden Club financed);
- purchasing laptop with projector, scanner and printer with Rasmuson Grant;
- Had to make another printing of the new brochures, they are being enthusiastically distributed by the Juneau Convention and Visitors Bureau;
- Had the first wedding of the season and
- A new flower bed coming from the old rose bed.

C. Friends of JOA Report – Wine Tasting Fund Raiser on 5/31/14 net profit of \$6,075. Recruited 12 new Friends. Garden Party scheduled August 7, please bring friends. Planning to form a focus group of Friends of the Arboretum to work with CBJ to come up with a vision for the Education Center Building and provide a list of functions.

D. PRAC Report – K. Walters: The Assembly is accepting public comment regarding a proposal to establish an empowered board for the pools and possibly for the ice rink.

VIII. Other Business – discussion of available board seats. F. Compton offered to contact Discovery Southeast; other members will look into finding an artist; and the Deputy Clerk will be in touch with the new Superintendent of Schools for their member information.

IX. Adjournment – consent adjournment at 6:30 p.m.