

MINUTES
JENSEN-OLSON ARBORETUM ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, January 8, 2014
Downtown Library Conference Room, 5:15 P.M.

- I. **Call to Order – the meeting was called to Order by Chairman Buyarski at 5:20 p.m.** Attending: Ed Buyarski, Chair; Pat Harris, Iris Korhonen-Penn, Patty Newman, Kathy Thatcher, Deborah Rudis, Kim Garnero and Barbara Murray.
Absent: Peter Froehlich,
Staff Present: Merrill Jensen, Arboretum Manager; Fran Compton, Administrative Assistant II.
- II. Agenda Changes – none presented.
- III. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – none presented.
- IV. Approval of Minutes - Wednesday, September 4, 2013, Mr. Jensen noted corrections needed to correct Jensen-Olson and Ms. Patty Newman's name in the minutes. **Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 4, 2013, Jensen-Olson Arboretum Advisory Board Meeting was approved as corrected by unanimous consent.**
- V. Unfinished Business – none presented.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Update from Endowment Fund – Kim Garnero, Kathy Thatcher, Ed Buyarski, Merrill Jensen, George Schaaf, Parks Maintenance Superintendent, and Bob Bartholomew, CBJ Finance Director, met and reviewed the Endowment Fund for 2014. Mr. Bartholomew stated he had conferred with the City Manager regarding the prior years' reconciliations. CBJ will be using the fiscal policy of the Advisory Board.
- VII. Committee, Liaison, and/or Staff Reports
 - a. Chair Report, Ed Buyarski: Mention of coming gardening events-Master Gardeners classes, Juneau Garden Club Symposium in March, American Primrose Society Show and HPSO plant sale in Portland in April. Also mention of possible timber framed open sided shelter behind the remodeled/new multipurpose educational building. Glen Wright possible design /build. Talked with a contractor about economics of remodeling vs new building.
 - b. Manager Report, Merrill Jensen: Bulbs and garlic were in the ground in August. Tracking program recommended by American Garden Association. The new LED light replaced the old, unreliable motion sensor light. Parks Landscaping brought him a 3 cords of alder from cope Park for firewood.

Rotary Clubs have plans made for a gazebo at the South end of the property. We're hoping to start construction on the Conservatory in July '15 (start of FY '16). I'm applying for a Rasmuson grant for new plant collections software and necessary hardware to curate the national Primrose collection. Devonian Botanic Garden is running the same program for their collections. They have a collection of Primrose that won't grow in our wet climate, so will work on a dual-site national collection. Some periodic maintenance done at the house. I reviewed a large number of Peterson-Olson photos and corrected their information for the museum. Spoke with Engineering and George Schaaf regarding costs and plans for the future conservatory. Will bring plans to the Advisory Board when ready. Plans to start the building in July with possibility of a Rasmussen matching grant. Ed Buyarski offered some old nursery frames to use. Sharing a (Scottish primrose) with Deb Rudis. 96 inches of snow this winter at the Arboretum, lost 7 trees (Mtn. Ash, Service Berry and Spruce).

- c. Friends of JOA Report, Pat Harris: Signed agreement with Juneau Community Foundation effective October 2013 with a \$30,000 deposition. This is a place to receive contributions into a special purpose fund for the multipurpose education center. No architect yet. Making contacts to get the wine-tasting fund raiser put in place. No report on upcoming website.

VIII. Other Business – none presented

IX. Adjournment - Mr. Buyarski, hearing no objections adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Fran Compton, P&R Administrative Assistance on March 21, 2014.