

DRAFT MINUTES
JENSEN-OLSON ARBORETUM ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, June 19, 2013
City Hall Room 224, 5:15 P.M.

- I. Call to Order: Chair Ed Buyarski called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.
Present: Chair Ed Buyarski, Patricia Harris, Deborah Rudis, Kim Garner, Barbara Murray.
Absent: Peter Froehlich, Iris Korhonen-Penn, Patty Newman, Kathy Thatcher
A quorum was present.
Staff present: Merrill Jensen, P&R Arboretum Manager; Fran Compton, Secretary, PRAC liaison Kate Walters.
- II. Agenda Changes: Unfinished business: commercial use agreement and conversations with Mr. Mertl.
- III. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – none.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
Mr. Buyarski requested the correct spelling of bitter cress.
Motion by Ms. Harris to approve the Minutes of March 27, 2013, with corrections as noted. Hearing no objection, the Minutes of the March 27, 2013, Jensen-Olson Arboretum Advisory Board are approved as corrected by unanimous consent.
- V. Unfinished Business
 - a. Attendance: Mr. Buyarski stated it appears that there has been no one available for the “schools” designated seat. Ms. Compton responded the Clerk’s office was checking into the vacancy and will write the Superintendent a letter and request another person. Mr. Buyarski asked if it is possible to ask John Pugh from University. Ms. Compton will follow up with the Deputy Clerk, Beth McEwen.
 - b. Commercial Use: Mr. Jensen reported Mr. Schaaf has not been able to meet with CBJ Law Department to find out what the details would be necessary to make that happen. Probably won’t be able to get information to the committee before the Fall meeting. Discussion of commercial interest this year.
 - c. Mr. Mertl and Arboretum’s Master Plan: Mr. Jensen and Mr. Buyarski have not been in touch, and they will follow up with him.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Update from Endowment Fund – Mr. Jensen: Discussed in last meeting and Arboretum accounting will be available at Fall meeting with Endowment Fund accounting.
- VII. Committee, Liaison, and/or Staff Reports
 - a. Chair Report – Mr. Buyarski: Chris Chadwell, England seed collector presented two programs. Expenses met with \$250 contribution from Friends of Arboretum, \$250 from Primrose Society, \$250 Garden Club and \$200 from Master Gardener Club.

Plant sale went very well, Gardening Club helped pay for advertising, sales went well, and Arboretum will get a share of sales. Coming up: Skagway Garden Conference July 19-21. Charlotte Jewell is working with Skagway Garden Club. Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday morning workshops and garden tours. Aug 2-4 Garlic Harvest in Haines (18 mile). Let Mr. Buyarski know if you are interested.

- b. Manager Report – Mr. Jensen: (distributed new brochure) the new brochure was done with CBJ Print Shop assistance by Glen Fairchild. They are available at Juneau Visitors bureau kiosks around town, airport, ferries and other city venues. He attended the American Primrose Society National Plant Show in MA and did 5 hours of presentations. Presented JOA's collections program. Worchester facility is magnificent, with large meeting rooms and theatre, gift shop, café, visitor services.

A bronze plaque dedicated to Stella Fullam combined with a bench she and her husband donated to Jackie Benson.

In March there was a lot of growing then two snows in April and stopped everything. Basically everything on track, blooms are shorter. Some die-back on trees because of October and April weather. Primula segregated in color groups.

Rotary project – low ground between garage and house filled with donated gravel, and extended flagstone path to parking lot.

Generating new list for primrose labels; Garden Club will purchase; he will order this fall. In May had a flock of geese (56) move in and helped mow and fertilize the lawn and were people oriented. Mr. Jensen will be using the Plant Sale income for new seeds.

Classroom visits from 2 elementary school classes, 2 high school classes, and a UAS class coming this afternoon.

Time to scrap injured or diseased plants – undergoing removal and replacing.

Alaska Public Gardens Day weekend with 525 visitors with good media coverage.

Chris Chadwell visited and walked through Arboretum with no comment.

Potting and transplanting primroses – when the rain starts.

Many good weather visitors coming after 1 p.m.

Community Service groups report.

Rasmussen Grant for database will be a fall activity.

Will be in the Brooks Range for two weeks to do vegetation management and research for F&W.

Weather discussion. Donations happening. No weddings scheduled.

- c. JOA Friends Report – Ms. Harris: membership 42 current and 80 members total in 2012-2013. Invite to summer member party, Thursday, Aug 15 at 6 p.m. Four Life members (\$500) 7 Pioneers and 1 Business; Juneau Community Foundation. Discussion with Amy Skillbred on what JCF can offer. Approximately \$39K available to be invested. Special Project Fund for Multipurpose Facility. 32 bricks ordered in May, working on shipping possibly with Mr. Buyarski. Website development working with Ms. Rudis; has to get the licensing filed for financial transactions. This group is tax exempt. Ms. Harris: wine tasting no date yet.

VIII. Other Business - none

- IX. Adjournment There being no further business, Chair Buyarski adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of August, 2013.
Fran Compton, Secretary