

**AGENDA**  
**JENSEN-OLSON ARBORETUM ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Valley Library**  
**Wednesday, August 8, 2018**  
**5:15 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Agenda**
- III. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
  - A. Wednesday, May 23, 2018
- V. New Business**
- VI. Unfinished Business**
- VII. Committee, Liaison, and/or Staff Reports**
  - A. Chair Report – E. Buyarski
  - B. Manager Report – M. Jensen
  - C. Friends of JOA Report – P. Harris
  - D. Other Business
- VIII. Adjournment**

**Next JOAB Meeting:** Wednesday, November 14 at 5:15 Mendenhall Library

**DRAFT 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 is too safe.

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 compensated.

**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 perspective 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.

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## Jensen-Olson Arboretum

### Manager's Report to the Advisory Board

August 8, 2018

- Alaska Public Gardens Day – A quiet celebration this year after the very busy time of American Primrose Society Conference hosted here in Juneau.
- New Visitor Access Trail work – revegetating and additional layer of D1. Gravel work done by Youth Employment in Parks (YEP) program sponsored by CBJ Parks & Rec.
- Summer shrub pruning
- New rock garden installation in Entry Court. Remainder of plants to be placed later this season.
- Parking lot finally complete. Striping for 20 cars and wheel blocks installed. New signage, more plantings and a pet relief area created.
- New gate constructed at top of Visitor Access trail with volunteer help.
- Sunroom porch detail work (also done with volunteer help).
- 1<sup>st</sup> Children's program – Garden Yoga and the Word Garden 8 children in attendance
- Summer containers planted and put into place.
- Sunroom beds built and planted – 5 yards of soil and plant material from existing Arboretum plants (new plantings have struggled with hot, dry summer weather).
- Received *Primula palmata* from Pam Eveleigh in Canada. A new one for the Collection.
- 2 fires at end of Pt. Caroline trail. Both the result of people building and walking away from campfires and they continued burning in the duff. Considering signage. USFS on site to assist to assist and discuss.
- A year for wasps. 2 nests destroyed with fast acting synthetic pyrethroid on the Pt. Caroline trail after hiker's dogs disturbed the nests resulting in people and pets getting stung. Hundreds of them are in the Garden feeding in flowers. Not a hazard if people don't mess with them.
- Pt Caroline trail re-graveled with YEP. It only took 3 days of hard work to move 25 tons of D1 (!!).
- New Visitor Entry Panel work – site laid out and foundation hole dug.
- Another year of irrigation. Starting in mid-June, water has been running for 30 days to keep everything alive. Extended use caused parts on two sprinklers to wear out. Replacement parts ordered and installed during in-between dry spells. (see Juneau Empire front page article on July 26<sup>th</sup>).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Children's Program – Art in the Garden 20 children in attendance
- Preparations for our final Children's Program – BugDay! Registration website PR releases.