

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JENSEN-OLSON ARBORETUM ADVISORY BOARD
Mendenhall Library, Conference Room | Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 5:15pm

I. Call to Order at 5:22 by Chair, Ed Buyarski

Present: Ed Buyarski, Peter Froehlich, Kim Garnero, Patricia Harris, Deborah Rudis

Absent: Kristin Bartlett, Shawn Eisele, Nell McConahey

Staff Present: Brent Fischer, Facilities, Parks, & Landscape Superintendent; Merrill Jensen, Arboretum Manager, Lauren Verrelli, P&R Administrative Assistant II

II. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None.

III. New Business –

- **Arboretum FY18 City Budget Reductions:**

E. Buyarski: This is a joint meeting with Friends of the Arboretum. The topic of discussion is the proposed closure of the Jensen-Olson Arboretum by the City. What we have to discuss is a draft letter to the Assembly is what could happen if the Arboretum would close.

P. Harris: I make a motion that we, the Jensen Olsen Arboretum Board agrees that we do not want to see it close and to submit a letter in support of the Arboretum.

*Unanimous consent, **Motion passes.***

P. Froehlich: We currently have two draft letters in front of us, Kim and Pats

K. Garnero: I really like the language from the last two paragraphs in Pats letter and the top portion of my letter.

Discussion on drafting the letter to the Assembly Finance Committee. [Letter attached including Friends of the Jensen-Olson Arboretum support statement and signatures.]

Adjournment – 6:29 p.m. *Having no further business before the Board.*

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 14th at 5:15 p.m. in the Mendenhall Library.

Respectfully submitted, Lauren Verrelli, Administrative Assistant II, 6.9.17