

MINUTES
JENSEN-OLSON ARBORETUM ADVISORY BOARD
Mendenhall Library, Small Conference Room

Wednesday, August 17th, 2016

5:15 P.M.

I. Call to Order by Chair, Ed Buyarski

Present: Patricia Harris, Deborah Rudis, Kristin Bartlett, Peter Froehlich;

Absent: Steve Moseley, Shawn Eisele, Nell McConahey, Kim Garnero

Staff Present: Merrill Jensen, Jensen-Olson Arboretum Manager; Lauren Verrelli, P&R Administrative Assistant II

II. Agenda Changes – None.

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

IV. Approval of Minutes – May 18th, 2016: P. Harris requests B. Fischer (*absent*) to clarify a statement of his under Unfinished Business. Brent's clarification email is attached below. **Minutes approved after clarification.**

V. Unfinished Business – E. Buyarski passes comments from board members to L. Verrelli for her to share with B. Fischer in regards to commercial activity.

M. Jensen: When Morgan, Julie and I got together, we felt that bringing Chris Mertl in at this point is too soon. We need more surveys to come in and for us to sit down this Fall/ early Winter and start getting things solidified and come up with a master plan for the underdeveloped areas. E. Buyarski: We could provide the survey at the Wine Tasting event later this month.

VI. New Business – None.

VII. Committee Liaison and Staff Reports

Chair Report: None.

Manager's Report: Report included in packet materials.

M. Jensen: We have had two weddings and a lot of inquiries this year but the max of 50 people is the main hang up. But 50 is a good number and we're going to stick with it. Our spruces are compromised for the season with aphid damage but they're still alive. 14 students attended the REACH camp.

Parking—city engineering and Alaska DOT came out but it is the Feds that are holding us up. They gave us some good recommendations for how to handle the situation. This is a federal road and they write the regulations but there are

exceptions, i.e. the forest service trailheads. City engineering is drawing up a couple proposals that they will pass along to the Feds sometime in September or October. We will have a public meeting sometime this winter and hopefully start breaking ground next spring.

The Chilkat Shelter has about 3 hours left till it will be complete. Our plum tree was removed because of porcupine damage. I'm part of the GLORIA group and will be laying out plots to monitor climate change in southeast and we're looking at Blackerby, below camp 17. Our Grand Old Apple Tree was DNA tested and it's not a golden delicious but its own unique species.

Friends of JOA: P. Harris: We had our annual garden party on July 24th and we had a good gathering. We're planning on having another board retreat in October.

VIII. Other business: E. Buyarski: We have some gardening events coming up— Harvest Fair is this Saturday, August 20th; Wine Tasting at Glacier Gardens is August 26th; Food Fest is August 27th at the JAHC; Garlic Lovers Potluck is October 15th.

D. Rudis: David Hass volunteered his services to do some rockwork at the Arboretum.

IX. Adjournment – 6:17 P.M. Having no other business before the board.

Next Meeting: November 9th at 5:15, Valley Library.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Verrelli, P&R Administrative Assistant II 8/19/2016

From: [Lauren Verrelli](#)
To: "Patricia Harris"
Cc: [Brent Fischer](#); [Deborah Rudis](#); [Ed Buyarski](#); [Eric Ouderkirk](#); [Kim Garnero](#); [Kristin Bartlett](#); [Merrill Jensen](#); [Nell McConahey](#); [Peter Froehlich](#); [Shawn Eisele](#); [Steve Moseley](#)
Subject: RE: JOAB May 18th Minutes Clarification
Date: Thursday, August 18, 2016 4:20:28 PM

Hi Pat,

The original statement will still be included in the 5.18.16 minutes since at last night's meeting it was not stated to remove it specifically but to clarify it. Brent's clarification (this email chain) will be included in the 8.17.16 minutes once they're drafted so the public will not misinterpret it.

Thanks,

Lauren Verrelli

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From: Patricia Harris [mailto:patthar44@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 3:38 PM

To: Lauren Verrelli

Cc: Brent Fischer; Deborah Rudis; Ed Buyarski; Eric Ouderkirk; Kim Garnero; Kristin Bartlett; Merrill Jensen; Nell McConahey; Peter Froehlich; Shawn Eisele; Steve Moseley

Subject: Re: JOAB May 18th Minutes Clarification

Thanks Lauren, for following up with my request. I knew what Brent meant....just wanted it clarified for the minutes which are public and could be misinterpreted.

Cheers,

Pat

On Thu, Aug 18, 2016 at 1:33 PM, Lauren Verrelli <Lauren.Verrelli@juneau.org> wrote:

Hi All—

Pat wanted some clarification on the May 18th minutes from Brent for the following sentence: *"We all [staff and board members] want tours coming out to the Arboretum, we just need to legitimize it and make it legal—use it to the advantage of the Arboretum to help support it as long as it does not hurt the Arboretum."*

I spoke to Brent today while he was in the office and this is what he said:

"We want people to come to the Arboretum to fulfill Caroline's mission to educate. If you (the Board), decide to proceed with tours at the Arboretum, then it must abide by the Conservation Easement. For example, no commercial activities that would require a permit. So if the Arboretum was to offer a tour by a docent, that is approved by SEAL Trust, then that would not require a permit. Tours should only be offered if it benefits the Arboretum and not be a burden."

Please let me know if you need any more clarification. Also, note this email chain will be attached to the August 17th minutes once they're drafted.

Thanks,

Lauren Verrelli

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