



TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Jan 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Mat Turner (New Member - Year, Lisa Moore, , Joe D'Arizono, Liz McKinzie, Deb Miller, Chris Gale
Municipal Staff: Jud Kirkness
Assembly liason: Tristan Guevin
Guest: Monique Anderson, Dan Tadic (Library project)

Hours: Deb - 1, Lisa-1, Chris -1, Liz - 1, Cora - 1, Jud will email me, Tristan - 1

Dec Minutes tweaked and approved - Liz's last name correction

Dan's Presentation - there are funds left over from the project - want to use for landscaping (which had been removed earlier). This project could be a good fit for our Arbor Day Project. Monique would lead the effort as the Project Manager. The city could cover the plant materials (probably - we don't have an estimate)

There are a possibility of four beds.

By the staff parking (for shrubs) - has soil

For the front garden - has soil

Possible rain garden - no soil - need 12" of soil -

Annual Bed under the eaves - has soil -

Suggested schedule for the planting - could be done in one day - Arbor Day is the third Sat in May. Discussion that this may be an earlier project and we could make our Arbor Day event another planting. Decided to make this our Arbor Day grant!

T&L agreed to work with Monique and Jud to help with the Library project.

Motion to work on the library project as our Arbor Day Project - approved.

4H will be applying for the arbor day grant and will plant at Swan lake park

John Zarley is a local person who is hoping to do a fish waste composting project - it is a few years out. This is at the end of Smith Street. This would be great

Old Business

1. Arbor Day

Event - Discussed lots of options and things we have done in the past including:

Library - this is our event

Poster Contest for the school - 5th grade? Or 4H

seawalk

raise the arbor day flag

Raven Radio interview

Articles for newspaper

Other groups will have Arbor day Event - we should be involved.

2. Goals Matrix - Big picture of where we should be going... should include
Jud gave us a list of 32 items that are the CBS Parks and Grounds Maintenance Sites - his priority is based on which looks worse.

Parks and rec does have this and they multi vote on priority projects.

This would help us with long range planning and vision.

Look at the city as an arboretum. Pick a tree - New species - visit arboretums to see great specimen trees.

We could work this into the new city comprehensive plan (19 sections - Assembly will take a section each month) We could have the planner come and do a session with us.

Jud could use this matrix as a tool.

Monique recommends Showing our projects and plans on a map with the timeline.

Green space from Alice Island through town and the whole seawalk

Demonstration planting

Electrical substation at Erhler or Kramer

Ball Field

Lake and Lincoln - large fork liftable planters

Interpretive Signage

Art in the Parks

Edible Plantings

New Business

Community Orchards or Food Forest Grant - \$1K with a match required - could bring in some plant stock and soils. We could cover the match. Jud will make the application. Due Feb 12th.

Location? Campus at Sitka Community Hospital - needs fixing up -
Pacific High - already has apples and berries - could enhance that.
Swan Lake Park - would need a lot of work - back burner

Trees? Plum, Kiwi Vines, sour cherries, mushrooms

From Tristan - Assembly will be talking about playgrounds in the near future - crescent harbor - taking out a tennis court. It is OK to leave a playground in its current state, but to renovate it, you have to use the ADA regs

Edgecumbe round about - the city does not have the same idea about sight lines at the state - could plant rosa rugosa and a few columnar trees.

Monique - Plan for Arbor Day - May 21st.

Respectfully Submitted by Lisa Moore

Next meeting is February 16th.