



TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Feb 17 , 2015 Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Joe D'Arienzo, Deb Miller, Lisa Moore, Marjorie Hennessy, Chris Gale, Cora Nesbitt,
New Assembly Liason is Michelle Putz
Municipal Staff: Lynne Brandon, Jeff Cranson, Judd Kirkness, Gary Barr
Visitors: Lisa Saddler Hart, Amelia Gage

Hours: Joe - 2, Deb - 1, Lisa-1, Chris -2, Lynne - 3, Cora - 1, Majorie - 2
Dec minutes were approved.

Note: Chris Gale did the Jan minutes - not available today

Persons to be Heard

Amelia Gage - representing Celebrate Katlian St - Started with Health Summit 2014 in October. 2 public meetings were held. Major issues were safety and greenspace. The Grid area is the first area that could be a notable difference. Talked to city MX re trimming of overgrown plants and trees. Wants to explore what our group may have in our plans. They do have volunteers available to help with a planting. Their budget is \$2,000 from the Health Summit for all of their projects. They want to have this project done by summer. She expressed an interest in using native plant material. Their next meeting is Feb 26th.

Judd mentioned the intersection of Kaggwanton - another area of "low hanging fruit".

Amelia said that the GIS data said that ground is BIHA owned.

Gary reported that reworking Katlian Street is in the 5 year plan. He said that our project should stay out of the right of way just to make sure that any work is not disturbed. Our group will meet at the sight on Monday at noon.

Lisa Saddler Hart - representing herself. Referred to Sitka community Food Assessment Indicators Report. She has legislation passed to have garden stands at their homes. One of the issues is adding sources in the community to harvest food. There is an edible forest project planned in Seattle now where people can harvest food. She is very interested in edible landscaping. This is a step to enhance our food security. She just wants to open a conversation about this. Think about having a certain percentage of our projects being edible. There is potential for having T&L work with the Sitka Local Foods Network.

Judd reported on Palmer's success for having edible landscape - they publish ripening dates for fruit and have scissors attached to their kale plants. The forest service is working on best practices for using edible landscape.

We also discussed possible transplant of native berry bushes.

Michelle mentioned putting our existing edible landscape plants on our website.

Another idea is to add specific varieties to our plant list - try hazelnut trees.

Old Business

1. Tree Ordinance - added section on edible plants. Motion for this was made and passed.
2. Projects for 2015 - Planting of crabapple trees at Crescent. Baranof rework - need to make a plan for the two corner beds and along the fence. Could make this edible. Resources may be available for Gardens in Schools. There are spaces available to start (the weed pit). The new principle may be very enthusiastic. Meet at Baranof for our next meeting.
3. Plan to put our ordinance before the assemble on March 24th.

New Business

1. Harrigan Hall plan review - reviewed plant list. Ask if the currant is edible. Asked if we can use an edible cherry tree. Questioned a few plant choices. Michelle recommended Siberian Kiwis for the climbing plants. Produce grape size fruit. Hops are beautiful for an ornamental.

This whole project is on the "hit list " for funding. The CPEP funds were over committed.

Respectfully Submitted by Lisa Moore

Next meeting is March 24, 2015 at Baranof