



TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

February 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Members present and volunteer hours: Deb 2, Liz 1, Joe 1, Lisa 2

Guest: JoAnn Huff – Prospective new member

Final

City of Sitka: Connor Dunlap, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor for the city

October 2023 Minutes tweaked and approved

Note: We did not meet in November, December, or January

Persons to be heard - Connor

Lost a mountain ash during the big wind storm on the seawalk – it broke off below ground level

The weeping blue cedars at centennial hall took a beating – one is leaning and needs support installed

Connor has a funding request of \$10,000 for the new centennial hall planting – if approved, it will be available in July. The planting is the two beds on either side of the entrance. We will plan to plant in the spring of 2025 with prep work done in the fall this year.

2013 Urban Forestry Management Plan update - we discussed the pros and cons of accepting a grant to update our Urban Forestry Management Plan – The current one is not being used. We discussed the city updating the current state of our trees with our volunteers helping. Connor will ask Jim if we can utilize volunteers, and the workload for city employees. He will also ask if this includes identification of danger trees as well as the cost of this to the city.

Old Business

Centennial Hall Planting – If approved, the funding will be available in July. We will order plants in the fall and start the prep in the fall

New Business

JoAnn Huff is interested in being a member of our committee. She will apply to the city.

Firehall and courthouse cleanup in the spring. Date to be determined at the March meeting.

Vennebergs planting needs a trim and thinning.

Clean up Library boxes

Centennial Hall cleanup – work around the tourist days

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 13 at 5:30 pm, in person at HCH.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Moore