## SITKA TREE & LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE Minutes of Meeting April 16, 2025

## 1. Attendance and hours Deb Miller, Joe D'Arienzo, Barbara Teepee and JoAnn Huff were present. Hours: Deb-10, Joe-4, Tom-5, Lisa-6, Barb-3 and JoAnn-4.5

- 2. March 18, 2025, minutes approved. We will approve February 18th at the May meeting.
- 3. Under Persons to be heard and 4. Old Business
  - Kent updated us on the Centennial Project. Kent, Marrisa and two other employees mulched the area which had been planted with help from Landscape Committee
  - Marissa also has been mulching on side of Centennial next to Public Library as well as the Sea walk
  - The Landscape Committee contributed our time to the Playground Volunteer Day. Tom trimmed trees along the path outside the playground while others pulled weeds from the corner inside the playground area.
  - Weeding the inside fence of Science Center still on list. We need to contact the Science Center.
  - It appears the Coast Guard is starting the project on Japonski Island. Mt. Edgecumbe High School would appreciate our help moving some of the Sitka Roses to the high school property.
- 4. New Business or Future Business
  - Plan is to remove trees from the concrete planters and replace them with plants from Ace or Spenards. Suggestion was made to use plants with color like Lupin, columbine, geranium
  - Our goal is to have two work parties-one on April 20<sup>th</sup> and one on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The first cruise ship arrives on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Limit those work parties to areas we cannot touch once tourists start coming. Mostly around the Centennial Building.
  - Will start with rectangular planter where buses are staged clearing out weeds.
  - There will be a one-hour meeting at Centennial on "How to Behave at meetings" from 12 to 1
  - Kent will ask Marissa for a priority list for projects she would like help with
  - Bridge entrance and Hootz, across from playground still on project list

## 5. Adjourn

• Next meeting on Wednesday at noon , May 20, 2025.