

TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

January 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Final

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

City Staff: Connor Dunlap, Marisa Jaques

October 2024 Minutes read and approved. We did not meet in November or December Persons to be heard –

Liz is leaving the committee after 9 years. She also commented on the songbirds perching on the landscape. A lot of perching places have been cut back. Please consider the birds when we plant and trim. Keep the songbirds happy.

Update from **Connor**. Connor addressed the cutback from the harbor and Swan Lake. They will be more careful next time. Connor will work with the street crew who did the work. He also said that we should address the Harbor directly.

Changes since the last meeting. Starting September, Connor is the maintenance supervisor, including schools, streets and roads. A dedicated grounds maintenance supervisor position was added back into staff. Connor will be their supervisor. The hiring process is underway.

Large tree removal around the high school. Seven problem trees were removed. Wood piles were Placed for scavengers – they are gone.

Marisa introduced herself. She moved here from Utah 18 months ago. She has a degree in residential landscape.

Joe mentioned Kudos to Marisa for the work at the high school. We want her to know that we will be available to help with maintenance projects. Joe also wondered if there will be a landscape plan for the city. This is unknown at this point.

Old Business – Sitka rose project – no update. Still in planning stages.

Centennial Hall progress – Connor has not received any quotes. Spenard contacted Connor and said that they are looking for a vendor. At this point if we got a quote from anyone we could get going on it. Connor thinks it is still doable. If we can get it done before May. Deb will call NW Nurseries.

Deb asked for an update on the Seawalk.

New Business

Vote on new Chair and Vice Chair.

JoAnn nominated Deb Miller for Chair. Tom seconded. Passed.

JoAnn nominated Joe for Vice Chair. Deb seconded. Passed

2025 plans – Playground mulching project. Marisa is working on trimming the trees. We volunteered to help Marisa with mulching or other projects. We will add her to our text group.

Science Center has some growth coming out of their wall – on the back side of the rail near their fish run.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, noon at HCH

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Moore