



TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

January 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Joe, Lisa, Deb, Liz

Assembly: Rebecca Himshoot **Staff:** Michael Colliver **Guest:** Jasmine Shaw

December 2021 Minutes tweaked & approved **Report of Hours:** Lisa-2, Deb-4, Joe-1, Liz-2, Rebecca-1

Persons to be heard

Jasmine Shaw – 4H coordinator – Discussion of having 4H students (5-18 year olds) collecting Fireweed seeds. The seeds are very small with a bit of fluff on them. Jasmine said that this project would fit in with their program. Jasmine will do some research to see if people in town have collected these before. Liz also mentioned collecting lupine seeds. She has had luck planting lupine pods. The plants come up and do well. Michael Colliver was in favor of using local plants that are propagated locally. Rebecca mentioned that there are lupine at heart-lake at the bench. A forest service employee just dropped seeds and the plants grew up. She recommended checking with the forest service.

Michael mentioned that there is a three-year cycle of some plantings looking good. There is a rotation cycle of replenishing the plants. They are hoping that the local plants like lupine and fireweed will look good longer.

They are planning to replenish the mixes at the waterfront around centennial hall. The goal is to keep the maintenance and cost as low as possible while still giving the community and guests a good show.

We also discussed foxglove. Michael said OK as long as we go at it with a plan and give it some attention.

Michael Colliver – update – Connor did plant bulbs at the fire hall. A few trees have come down with the weather. The team (2.5 people) are absorbed by the street crews to maintain the streets. So prep work for the spring is falling behind. Looking at replacing trash bins in 3 locations because of the bear problems. May use bins similar to the recycling with sliding doors. The bears used trashcans with rings as a toy.

Birds and benches project is being discussed.

Baranof Warm Springs – working on condition assessment report.

Budget planning process has been completed and is now with the assembly. Mostly status quo.

Parks and Rec update: There are 11 local parks that are being worked on with a strategic plan – vetted in house with Park and Rec sub committee. Hope to have it done by fall. This will drive projects, planning and prioritization. The goal is to have a working document, not just a plan on a shelf. Community recreation program is new, replacing community schools. Proposals and options are being worked on to present to the assembly.

There are black mold issues at the Tom Young cabin. With covid, the usual volunteers have not been there for a thorough cleaning. So this project is on the cities task list.

There has been some vandalism/damage at the playground.

The Lincoln Street tourism project is still being determined. City staff was leaning toward one-way, single lane traffic, but the planning committee is more interested in closing the road to traffic instead. There is a work session tomorrow (1/13) on the short-term tourism plan. There are 67 days identified as potential for closing Lincoln Street during specified hours.

Hard winters make it hard to get prepped for spring. With the lack of crew, there are pocket beds thawed that Tree and Landscape could work—raking and cleaning up for spring. This would be a big help toward getting prepared for spring. We will take this on and the first project will be this Saturday at 10 am, at the fire hall. We told Michael that we would welcome email requests for this sort of work. We can also be proactive and email Michael if we see a bed that needs attention.

Old Business – Work session on strategies to increase our membership on Wed, Jan 26th at 5pm. Deb will ask Jessica to schedule the zoom.

New Business – none

Next meeting is Wednesday, February 9 at 5pm via zoom. A work session is planned for Jan 26th at 5pm via zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Moore