



TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

April 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Joe, Lisa, Deb, Liz, Noah Goodwin-Bain, Brennon

Assembly: Rebecca Himshoot **Staff:** Michael Colliver

March 2022 Minutes tweaked & approved Report of Hours: Lisa-5, Deb-12, Joe-7, Liz-5, Rebecca-1, Noah-5, Brennon-4, Kim Kirkness-6

Persons to be heard

Liz – Shared an Arbor Day project that Cape Cod did – distributing 1500 saplings of white oak for native tree planting

Michael – Thank you to the group for the help at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

They are dealing with vandalism in several sights. They are working with the PD.

Restrooms will be open at the end of this week. Easter festivities are happening at the ball fields and Pioneer Park.

There is an initiative for a new organization for the replacement of community schools.

There is vandalism at the Tom Young cabin. Also the buoy is gone. They need to find a new buoy. A local replacement is not available.

Work is ongoing to refresh the airport grounds.

Park and Rec has a grant to look at an asset management plan for 10 sites. Michael is hoping to have a planting standards plan to be implemented with this effort. There is a process being developed on how to accept donations / bench / artwork, etc.

Spring cleanup is coming up. Litter Free Sitka is a Facebook group. They are working around town, including removing bear trash caches. Also 4-H and a high school athletic team are working on clean up.

Downtown tourism Sitka - . Portable restroom facilities are coming, trailers with up to eight stations. Flush, sinks, etc.

These will have power, water and sewer, and will be operable before the crowds arrive. This is for the tourist season.

The ADA unit is smaller. Additional trash cans will be added downtown.

Three temp grounds maintenance staff are hired. Still need two cleaners for downtown. The position is Full Time temporary.

Mulch and soil donation will not be much this year. There is a large demand so they will try to get something together to give to the public.

There are a few beds that they would like to be our next project, around City Hall, HCH, Crescent Harbor, High School before graduation.

There is no update regarding the round about.

New Business - Arbor Day Project – It looks like we will not be able to plant a tree, but maintenance could be done at Pioneer Park, including planting of new maple trees, Sea Walk pruning, Harbor Drive parking lot . A tree was hit by a car. Street sweepers knock off branches – those trees could be pruned. Prices of trees and landscaping supplies are doubled this year.

Old Business

KCAW interview is Monday, April 25th via zoom. Joe, Deb and Liz will attend. They will get together before that for details.

Noah's last day is the first week of May.

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 13 at 5pm via zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Moore