



TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

April 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Joe, Lisa, Deb, Liz

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

April 2022 Minutes tweaked & approved

Report of Hours: Lisa-1, Deb-12, Joe-6, Liz-4, Rebecca-1, Noah-2 JoAnn Huff - 2

Persons to be heard

Michael – Thank you to the group for everything.

Updates: The Tom Young cabin buoy replacement was supplied by the Coast Guard. The original buoy was found near Kruzoff Island and is difficult to access.

New vandalism and graffiti on the outside of the library and community playground as well as the skate park and pioneer park. They have two juvenile suspects.

Still looking for temporary hires.

Tourism planning : Two portable restrooms are coming next Tuesday. There is one at Matsutoff Street and the other near the Pioneer Home / Book store.

More bear resistant trash cans are being placed out and about. O'Connell Bridge, City Hall, Lake and Lincoln. The visitor's center will beautify the cans in some manner. There will be more than one pickup per week.

There is a meeting on Monday to look at the next part of the Sea Walk.

Baranof Warm springs had an infrastructure issue with the boardwalk because of heavy snow. It has been taken care of.

Trash – a large steel container is staged at the back parking lot at Kimsham.

Americorps is going to volunteer to work on the Path of Hope this spring.

The city is working on an MOU with the Cancer's Survivor group regarding the art pieces along the walk.

4H kids came out and picked up trash. Litter Free Sitka has a big push for cleanup this month. They are a Facebook group.

Sitka High School did their cleanup and gathered 5500 pounds, including a refrigerator.

Free soil went out yesterday and is already nearly gone. Mulch was not available due to city needs.

The Birds and Benches Elizabeth Peratovich bench is supposed to go in on May 26th in the courtyard at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

Baranof Elementary is going to remove the garden in the fall to have more pedestrian space in the fall. The other planting bed will be modified. If possible the planting material will be repurposed. The Baranof principal is the person directing the plan.

Discussed volunteers wanting to take care of city gardens. Michael said that he would prefer any volunteers work through our group. There is the potential for us to promote this using the spreadsheet of all the gardens the city takes care of.

This may be a good project for next winter.

Old Business – Tree City USA – We voted not to pursue the title for this year.

Joe and Deb presented to the Assembly via a powerpoint presentation on May 10. They were well received

KCAW interview was Monday, April 25th via zoom. Joe and Deb attended. They got a new member from this process, Elias Erickson, who was confirmed last night.

New Business Discussed documenting the local meta sequoia trees and their history.

Next meeting is Wednesday, June 8 at 5pm in person at Centennial Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Moore