



## TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

May 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Members present:** Joe, Lisa, Deb, Liz

**City Staff:** Michael Colliver

**April 2021 Minutes tweaked and approved**

**Assembly Liaison:** Rebecca Himshoot

**Report of Hours:** Lisa-1, Deb -5, Joe -3.5, Liz-4, Rebecca – 3.5

### **Persons to be heard**

**Michael Colliver** – Update: Thank you for the help with the Fire hall planting last weekend. They also had a volunteer crew working on the path of hope, AmeriCorps (30) and JKT (16).

Lower Mohler – long jump pit installed. Dropped mulch for Pioneers of AK at the bridge approach perennial garden.

Sitka Track Team held a fundraiser during the city-wide cleanup – cleaned 650 pounds of trash.

Worked on Tennis Courts including replacing net hardware, and Goddard hot springs tubs.

Roundabouts – a question was raised about their status. The one on Edgumbe Dr. is city owned and was planted by Judd. It is maintained by the city. The trees were put in to slow down traffic. Lake and Lincoln roundabout is state land.

Michael was told that in the design, it was something the city was going to take on, but a volunteer was taking care of it for a while. Michael has not been able to find a MAU between the state and the city. The question was asked if we could use some of the cruise ship gift to the city to improve this. The funds are going to be discussed at the May 25<sup>th</sup> assembly meeting. Michael discussed a potential planting plan – heavy equipment would be required, and is difficult to schedule.

Hardscaping would be a potential option. The Tree and Landscape committee could be involved with this. Until we have a written agreement with the state it is difficult to take on the project.

Update on Baranof Elementary school planting removal – waiting for funding.

**Old Business – Fire hall planting beds renovation** – Work project last weekend, attended by Rebecca Himshoot. This is the first time we have had an assembly member work with us on a project and her efforts are much appreciated. As a follow-up, Conner may need help with the river rock placement. The cherry trees that were just planted came from our Crescent Park planting. Michael would also like to level out the turf. Howie Pitts volunteers to mow there. Our group will volunteer to check it for weeds. Michael said that fire hall volunteers could help with the weeding.

**New Business** – Summer maintenance plans – Library and centennial hall complex needs mulch. Repurposed brick material from airport could be used to replace planted material from some of the smaller islands. There are a few that are dangerous for the crew to maintain the plantings, but ok to leave the trees. Another area to consider for the brick is near the stop lights that are currently rock and gravel – there would be better access with bricks. For planting maintenance, refer to Conner's list. The high school needs a big clean up, including alder removal. Sondra Lunvick is the principal now.

We are planning a work party on June 6 from 9-11 at the high school.

**Arbor Day May 17** – The new cherry trees at the Firehall are our Arbor Day planting.

Next meeting is Wednesday, June 16 at 5pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Moore