



## TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

June 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**Members present:** Lisa, Deb, Liz, Elias Erickson

**Assembly:** Dave Miller      **Staff:** Michael Colliver , Melissa Henshaw

**May 2022 Minutes tweaked & approved**

**Report of Hours:** Lisa-5, Deb-7, Joe-5, Liz-3, Rebecca - 1

### **Persons to be heard**

#### **Melissa Henshaw – Outreach for Strategic Plan**

A PowerPoint presentation .

This gives the staff an action plan based on the comprehensive plan.

We brainstormed with her as follows:

What do you love about Sitka? Natural Features, not logged, Trail System, Green city, lots of trees, extracurricular activities, nonprofits thrive, incredible environment and views everywhere, safe place to live, low stress, less effort to live here, subsistence lifestyle, healthy lifestyle

Challenges: Produce quality and cost, ferry service, cost of living and housing, inpatient rehab facility

How to address challenges – Inspire hope in people that there are ways to afford to live here. Affordable homes, Community greenhouse and garden, codes to allow tiny houses.

There is an online survey that we are invited to submit.

Michael Colliver – Crescent Harbor restroom new facility update: now they are working on the historical component.

The cost has increased from \$300 K to \$500 K. The new restroom would be located adjacent to the existing structure . A portable restroom is \$60K.

Grounds crew temp positions are full, but Mia has moved on, so we need a full time groundskeeper. Still need custodial staff.

The bus stop is complete at Crescent Harbor. There will be work on the landscaping around it. The plants were salvaged. The trees were not.

Next phase of the Sea alk is still in discussion. We asked about our bridge approach planting. The current plan is to leave the panting, but the bench may need to be moved. Lighting will be added, and native planting is planned.

Tom Young cabin buoy is still being worked on. They have two buoys being painted.

There is a Park and Rec grant for an execution plan for the 11 local parks. There are contractors coming into town to help get this started. The result will be a work list with priorities.

Still contending with vandalism, mainly graffiti.

The Merry Go Round at the Seawalk children’s park is out of order. It needs new expensive bearings.

Question about whale park first stairway to the bottom: Plan is for the stairs to be changed to an s-turn pathway

Dave Miller – He thinks we do amazing work as a city committee. The garden at the firehall is awesome. Thank you.

**New Business** – Weeding party 8am on Saturday – Crescent Harbor parking lot near the new bus shelter.

Next meeting is Wednesday, July 13 at 5pm in person at the library

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Moore