



## TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

August 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

**Guest:** Ben Hughey

**Assembly:** Rebecca Himshoot

**July 2021 Minutes tweaked and approved**

**Report of Hours:** Lisa-1, Deb-5, Joe-3, Liz-4, Rebecca - 1

**Persons to be heard** Ben Hughey – Parks & Rec Committee

Ben gave the committee an introduction to work being done by a Parks & Rec subcommittee (Ben, James Poulsen, and Sarah Laurie), working with National Park Service planning expert volunteers who will help them go through the planning process, to come up with a comprehensive plan for certain subsets of CBS recreation facilities. The goal is to identify these subsets, create a shared vision for each (through public input ) and then create a succinct one-page document (approved by the assembly) for each facility subset which needs to be addressed, such as lower Moller Field. This document will help Michael Collier with his planning and implementation and also, interested groups will have a “shovel ready” plan to submit for grant applications. There are grants available now through the American Rescue Plan and there will be more money available through the new Infrastructure Bill in congress now.

Ben will email T&L committee members a draft of the vision and goals and a list of the subsets being considered. There will be time for public comment this fall.

**Old Business – Round about** Joe discussed the issues with the round about – the challenges to doing a quick weeding fix seem insurmountable. Rebecca recommended that we pursue a long-term resolution instead. We also discussed having a MOU with the state and the city as a priority. We are also interested in knowing the arrangement between Penny and the DOT.

Lisa did not reach out to Kelly at the DOT but will call her before the next meeting.

**New Business** – Maintenance project – Breakwater, sidewalk near Sage Building. Tentatively planned for September 5, 9am - noon.

We need to recruit at least one more committee member. We voted to have Liz draft a letter of recruitment to the editor of the Sentinel.

Rebecca discussed the knotweed issue along the roadway. It is continuing to spread, and if not stopped, the road system will be continuous knotweed and would outcompete salmonberries and other plants. The knotweed is primarily on state highway. Juneau and Prince of Wales are both working hard to get rid of their knotweed. Cooperative Extension is an option to find out what can be done. Deb will reach out to Jasmine.

Lisa will ask DOT about their knotweed policy.

Next meeting is Wednesday, September 8 at 5pm via zoom

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Moore