



TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

September 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Joe, Lisa, Deb, Liz

Assembly: Rebecca Himshoot

Staff: Michael Colliver

August 2021 Minutes tweaked and approved **Report of Hours:** Lisa-1, Deb-4, Joe-1, Liz-2, Rebecca - 1

Persons to be heard Michael Colliver

Vandalism is a continued problem. There are graffiti artists on camera at the skate park. Hopefully this will be resolved with the evidence.

The master plan for the grounds operation is being updated. Michael has seen the tree inventory from Jim Flott that the tree and landscape committee worked on years ago.

There are issues with dogs on the fields. There is a new animal control officer working on this. Bears have been a problem. Removed the trash cans from Kimsham because of this. Private refuse has been dumped in these cans. We are looking into the option for large steel containers. Bears are hitting all the schools as well as the Jarvis service center. Bear rings were installed on all problem cans, but the big bears can still flip them over. They are working on the problem.

About 20 Americorps volunteers are going to mulch and weed garden beds next Friday, Sept 17. They will work on HCH grounds and library campus. This is their day of service.

Liz asked about the culvert on Petersen. The salmon are coming up through the culvert. They were done in time. Cudos for a good job.

There are 20 trees on Seward Ave. planted in 2005 by DOT in the green strip between the road and the sidewalk. Was our committee involved? There is an MOU with the city about the construction but not with the trees. The trees are planted close together. The city does not have regular maintenance scheduled for this.

This is an excerpt from T&L minutes from Dec 2005:

DOT requested a tree recommendation for replacing the historic trees they removed from Japonski Island with their road project. We recommend using a professional and the trees should be replaced.

Old Business – Round about Deb spoke with Penny about the roundabout. Penny said she has an agreement with DOT and has something in process to be happening for them to renovate the roundabout. Deb will follow up with Penny.

Michael said that the same people for the Seward Ave are the same for the roundabout. Michael will ask them about the roundabout and getting a MOU or MOA.

Deb asked that Michael get permission for us to work on it to clean it up next spring. Safety must be a consideration.

We discussed the roundabout on Edgumbe Drive. Conner takes care of this one. Judd designed this with the engineering department. The clover was part of a meadow mix plan. Now there is a problem with it needing to be mowed and maintained. Rebecca requested that next summer be the summer of the roundabout improvements and maintenance.

New Business – This weekend – finish the Seawalk maintenance. Sunday at 9 am. We asked Michael for debris removal. He will let us know what they can do. Also, Michael will send out a liability form for us to sign. Joe will bring bags. Everyone bring clippers, tools, gloves, buckets, etc.

Rebecca asked about the Astilbe beds in the HPR planting at Blatchley. It is a project we could take on in the spring. It may be a losing battle. We miss Chris Gale who used to spend so much time on this maintenance.

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 13 at 5pm via zoom

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Moore