

Arboretum Associates Advisory Board Meeting  
Monday, September 12, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.  
Jack's Creek Conference Room, Facilities Building

Present: Kris Roby; Sally Greene; Dave Tank; Terry Gray; Brian Johnson; Paul Anders;  
Kayla Casey, and Joy Fisher

Absent: Paul Warnick; Bill Bowler, Jan Leander

Dave moved to approve the minutes as modified from 5/09/16 meeting  
(adding Treasurer's report) and Terry seconded. Motion passed.

**Gazebo Update**

Brian reported that the situation regarding the donor who wanted to donate a gazebo has stalled. The donor was concerned with the estimated cost which was more than he had originally intended to give. The donor has contacts in the construction industry and wanted to talk to them about the possibility of delivering a gazebo for about 25% reduced cost. We have not heard back from the prospective donor and the development office has promised to follow up.

**Arboretum Strengthening Connections Survey Results and Update**

Brian stated that there is broad support for the array of elements and concepts in the new plans. The greatest concern consistently has been the parking on Nez Perce Drive. Ray Pankopf has the greatest responsibility for long-range planning. The Campus Planning Advisory Committee is looking to update the plan and possibly incorporate some of the new elements. It was last updated in 2000. The next step is to get some of the arboretum changes included in the new document. It might be years or even decades for some of these elements to emerge. This is frustrating because some elements could be implemented more quickly, such as changing the parking design on Nez Perce Drive.

Joy commented that we do have funding available and we would like to find what elements we can fund and get going sooner.

Brian suggested that another step would be to designate the "I" tower hill part of the arboretum. This would not mean that we would have to improve it immediately, but at least the designation would be a start. A path would be a logical place to start, but if a trail were built, there would then be the expectation of maintaining the path.

The consensus was that working for the designation of the “I” Tower Hill as part of the arboretum would be a good start. Brian said he would follow up on that possibility.

Joy stated that it is important to involve faculty in finding out what their academic needs are for the arboretum. Brian reminded everyone that there is an Arboretum Executive Committee to bring forward what is missing from an academic perspective but that group has not been active. Joy mentioned that there also was an Arboretum Advisory Board at one time, but it has since fallen apart as well.

#### **2016 Plant Sale Review and Discussion of Date for 2017**

There has been concern expressed that the current date is too late. The possibility of partnering with the Native Plant and/or Moscow Garden Club sales was discussed. The consensus was to table the decision until the full membership, including Jan and Paul, are here to discuss any change.

#### **Science Saturdays Review**

Terry reported that the attendance was roughly 45, 33, and 22 for the three sessions. The Board expressed their hope that Will Boyd will continue to be involved.

#### **Treasurer’s Report**

Income: \$10,800

Expenses: \$9257 which included half the cost of a new tractor (\$6,900) and money for Paul to travel.

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#### **Appointment of Board Member**

We need to replace Amy’s position. Cort Northrop and Nancy Sprague have expressed interest. Kris will talk to them to see if either/both are interested in holding leadership positions.

#### **Arboreta updates**

Paul was unable to attend due to a medical issue. Kris shared that Paul received a letter from the College of Engineering stating that they have a team of students who will be working on the pond project.

#### **Scavenger Hunt progress/updates**

Dave has all of the materials from Amy. He will review it and share that information at the next meeting.

**Arboretum Art Show 2017**

Jenny from the 1912 Center sent an email with proposed wording for information to go to potential artists. Kris will send wording with a few revisions back to Jenny and Terry will post it on our facebook page. Rather than set a specific date, the information will specify "April" for the show. We will decide a specific date at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm  
Submitted by Sally Greene

Next Meeting 10/10/2016