Arboretum Associates Board Meeting
Monday, December 13, 2021
UI Facilities Large Conference Room and Zoom

Present: Kat Clancy, Kris Roby, Paul Warnick, Joy Fisher, Jan Leander, Harriet Hughes, Bill Bowler, Yvonne Barkley, Erik Anderson, Lucy Falcy, Nancy Sprague
Absent: Julie Miller

Approval of Minutes
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2021 meeting. Motion passed.

Plant Sale
Plants are starting to grow in the greenhouse.

ArborNotes
Joy has received articles from Paul, Kris, and Kat, but needs an additional general article for the next issue. Yvonne offered to send her a few of the articles she wrote as an Extension Forester.

Annual Meeting
April 12, 2022 is the proposed date for the Arboretum Associates annual meeting. Kat will check with Jenny Kostroff about reserving the Great Room at the 1912 Center. Paul will do his annual presentation and we will hold off on deciding about an additional speaker.

Paul’s Survey
Paul compiled a list of 18 potential projects that he asked Board members to rank by priority. He presented the results of this survey and noted that the projects fell into three groups: the top six, middle six, and bottom six projects. The top six projects include: ADA accessible paths, bridge replacements, pond improvements, front entry, restroom/s, and south end parking lot expansion. Paul asked Board members to each allocate $150,000 to the top six projects and presented a summary of the proposed allocations.

Paul also gathered data on more realistic cost estimates for the proposed projects. For the bridge replacement project several options were presented, including a kit for a wooden bridge with an arch, a prefab steel frame pedestrian bridge, or replacing the decking as it currently is. A question was raised about using endowment funds for maintenance for this project.

Multiple options were discussed for the restroom project, also. Precast concrete vault toilets, similar to those on the Latah Trail could be installed for around $25,000. The need for a second toilet in the middle of the Arboretum was also discussed. Paul will see if there may be
savings if both restrooms are installed at the same time. There were concerns raised about vandalism and maintenance issues.

Paul estimated that the south end parking expansion project could cost around $10,000 for gravel. He anticipated adding ten additional parking spaces and potentially creating another outlet in part to provide better access for school buses.

Paul stated that he had received good direction about where to move forward on these top projects and that he will bring more specific information to our next board meeting.

**Arboreta Updates**
Paul reported that he’s been out of commission for the past three weeks due to back issues.

Paul met with the people involved in the Golf Course Slope Project and they decided to spend $2000 to find where the reclaimed water line is. This project is weather dependent so it may take awhile. If the pipe needs to be replaced the potential replacement cost may be $20,000. The good news Paul received is that the project only needs to be 18 inches away from the pipe.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

**Next Meeting** will be on January 10, 2022.