



Jensen-Olson Arboretum
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To the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee,

I would like to request expedited approval for use of JOA Discretionary Funds from the Endowment for painting of the exterior residence on the property.

A CIP project has been in the works for several years to replace the original single-pane windows of the residence and garage at JOA. It was determined this would be a good time to re-paint the exterior of the structures due to peeling paint. The loss of paint is exposing the original wood siding to the elements and will compromise of the structure in the near future. Additionally, it attracts the attention of Arboretum visitors who ask if I realize the paint is peeling.

However, bids for the combination of work exceeded CIP funds set aside for these projects. As a result, painting was eliminated from the project.

The Conservation Easement held by Southeast Alaska Land Trust allows for maintenance of the property and its structures. Permission is found under Terms and Conditions, Section 5, Consistent Uses of the Property; part A. Permitted Improvements, item 1. Existing Improvements.

Additionally, the 1993 Administrative Agreement Concerning Jensen-Olson Arboretum allows use of the Support funds (Endowment) as financial support for the property. In the Agreement, Section 5 Financial Support of the Arboretum, paragraph 5.1 Application of Support Funds states within “the Support Fund shall be applied first to preserve and protect the Arboretum Property, and then to maintain the developed horticultural areas of the Arboretum Property (including the residence and other structures located thereon and integral to the Arboretum).”

As the manager and resident of the property, I encourage the PRAC and Assembly to recommend use of the Discretionary Funds to protect the longevity and integrity of the Arboretum. Keeping the structures in sound condition demonstrates to the public CBJ's pride in management of our unique botanical gem.

I urge the PRAC, the Assembly, and the City Manager's office to consider expediting the appropriation of funds in order to facilitate the painting in a timely manner.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ginger Hudson
JOA Manager and Horticulturist