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RE: Support of use of Discretionary Funds from JOA endowment and revenue for use to paint exterior of Residence and garage onsite.

To the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee,

It has come to FJOA's attention that due to pricing, painting of the exterior of structures was eliminated from this year's CIP project. The project was to replace windows and paint exteriors. Painting the exteriors is a necessity to maintain the quality of the buildings. FJOA would like to make it known that we support the use of JOA Endowment Discretionary Funds as necessary to maintain the existing structures, the residence and garage. It is evident the structures need repainting due to peeling paint on many surfaces.

The 1993 Administrative Agreement Concerning Jensen-Olson Arboretum – included in the Conservation Easement - 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).”

It is the FJOA's intention to support the longevity and integrity of the Arboretum. Not only of the horticultural areas, but of the structures that provide housing and equipment storage necessary to maintain the value of the place. Keeping the structures in sound condition demonstrates to the public CBJ's pride in management of our unique botanical gem.

We 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,

Patricia White
Board President, FJOA