

**ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
JULY 12, 2021 - CITY HALL**

ATTENDEES Lucy Spickard, Chair; Jan Ruzich; Diane McAllister; Paul Wessel; Nancy Wilkinson; Ellen Welham; Adele McCoy; Ann Stivers; Gary Burkhead, Director of Public Works; Andrea Hanlon, City Forester; Reneé Major, City Administrator; David George, guest (arborist - Grand Canopy)

CALL TO ORDER Lucy called the meeting order at 8:50 AM.

JUNE MINUTES A draft of the June minutes had previously been emailed to Board members. Lucy suggested amending wording regarding the Ridge Road landscaping project to read "Gary continues to clear and prune the area as tagged." Jan moved to approve the June minutes as amended; Nancy seconded the motion. The June minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

FORESTER REPORT (Andrea Hanlon)

- **June permits** There were 8 permits for a total of 23 trees of which 2 were Ash trees.
- **June fines or appeals** There were no fines or appeals.
- **12413 Lucas Lane** The permit was for removal of 11 trees. The property owners will be moving, and the new owners will not be expected to plant replacements.
- **1503 Cold Spring Road** The permit for removal of 14 trees (including 2 Ash trees) will be included in the July count. Andrea clarified that the trees were declining, too close to the home, or were eliminated to create a play area for children.

STATUS OF CITY ISSUES (Gary Burkhead)

- **Wagner Park** Leveling of the grassy area has continued. The trees have been treated for bagworms as needed but one tree may be lost.
- **Other concerns** The Board discussed various ways to follow up on permits for removal of large numbers of trees. Further discussion will be conducted at a later meeting. Jan volunteered to design a brochure for the Civic Club's Welcome Wagon packets to explain the work of the Board and procedures for removal/replacement of trees.

HAZARDOUS TREES (Paul Wessel)

- **2020-21 project** Gary reported that stumps have now been removed for trees identified in the previous year's project.
- **2021-22 project** Anchorage maps were distributed; Board members volunteered to identify hazardous trees. Flags will be placed near the trees of concern. Gary will obtain flags and provide them to Board members at the August meeting. The survey of hazardous trees will begin in August, with reports due to Paul and to Angie Chick, City Receptionist, by the September 13th Board meeting.

CANOPY CAMPAIGN (Diane McAllister, Adele McCoy)

- Diane and Adele will compile a list of 9 possible trees to offer this year. Diane expects to have growers' availability lists by early August. The Board will finalize the list of offerings at the August meeting. Jan will prepare a descriptive insert to accompany the order form; both will be included in the September issue of *The AnchorAge*. The mid-September deadline for orders will be determined at the August Board meeting.
- We will use the planters who have done the work for the past two years.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Ridge Road landscape project** Gary will walk the area with Jan to review the tagged items.
- **Ridge Road landscaping across from post office** Landscape architect Gregg Bennett (The Kleingers Group) will provide a design for the area as soon as possible.

CALENDAR PROJECT (Jan Ruzich) A Forestry theme is being considered.

THE ANCHOR AGE NEWSLETTER (Ellen Welham) The August newsletter article will include

- an explanation of the hazardous trees program and an advisory to residents that flags will be placed at roads' edges near trees or limbs of concern, and
- a brief description of the Canopy Campaign, including an alert that order forms will be included in the September issue.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT (Lucy Spickard) Lucy gave the report.

ADJOURNMENT Lucy adjourned the meeting at 10:05 AM.

NEXT MEETING 8:45 AM - Monday, August 2, 2021, at City Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Welham