

ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD MEETING

April 4, 2016 - City Hall

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

ATTENDEES - Lucy Spickard, Diane McAllister, Nancy Wilkinson, Ellen Welham, Paul Wessel, Don Walker, Andrea Hanlon, Renee Major, Ann Stiver, Ursula Brooks, Erwin Booth

MARCH MINUTES - Paul moved to approve the March minutes; Nancy seconded. The minutes were approved.

FORESTER REPORT - Andrea

- 19 permits were issued for removal of 50 trees. There were no appeals.
- The Wagner Park project remains under the City Council's umbrella. Connie O'Connell will set up the committee and lead it, but Lucy will keep the project on our agenda. Andrea will meet with Connie to reevaluate existing trees and discuss the scope of the project.
- The hazardous tree project has been completed.
- Andrea reported that LG&E will begin removing ash trees located in the easement or which threaten wires. Homeowners have been notified, and all trees have been permitted. The LG&E forester has met with Andrea and Renee. Lucy asked if homeowners can still request removal of ash trees. Andrea said that the LG&E contact to ask is Phillip Robertson (424-9461). Renee noted that no contractor should be contacting homeowners to solicit business related to this project.

CANOPY CAMPAIGN

- A tree availability list will be needed by July or August in order to get the list in September's *AnchorAge*. The residents' deadline for ordering will be in October. We will forward a list to Andrea for her review.
- Lucy asked whether we might ask residents for suggestions of trees they would like. Attendees felt doing so might create confusion.
- Andrea explained the difficulty of selecting trees early enough for the September *AnchorAge* deadline. August is the earliest that nurseries can usually provide a list of available stock; September is probably a better time. Lucy suggested we generate a list in advance so that we can move quickly as soon as we have information from the nurseries.
- Andrea said that we may use previous lists as a starting point, but we will need to change the offerings every year in order to develop a mixed, diverse forest. We should probably begin with twice as many trees on the list as we will eventually want to offer.
- Andrea said that working with only one nursery is more efficient.

ARBOR DAY - Jim, Lucy, Andrea

- Lucy summarized the Arbor Day results and thanked volunteers. The speaker was well received by a standing-room-only audience of more attendees than the 70 who signed in. 217 of the 300 available trees were given away on Wednesday evening; the remainder were given away within 30 minutes on the following Sunday.
- Total income was \$267 (trees purchased: \$180; donations: \$69; tree guards purchased: \$18).
- We have 60-65 tree guards remaining in storage. These were obtained at a bargain price from a company that closed; newer guards will cost slightly more. A.M. Leonard sells tree guards for \$4.70 ea. (50+); there may be a lower cost for 100+. Andrea said that A.M. Leonard is a wholesale company, and that we may be able to receive a tax-exempt price.
- For 2017: Lucy noted that we will need to consider local events and schedule accordingly to avoid conflict. We especially want to make certain to avoid Easter Sunday. We may want to schedule Sunday's give-away for 2-4 PM instead of 1-3: Ursula noted that several residents who were unable to attend Sunday's give-away at 1 PM because of church found that there were no trees left by the time they arrived.
- Donnie asked for clarification of dates for the national Arbor Day vs. the Kentucky date. Andrea explained that the national date is the last Friday in April, while the Kentucky date is the first Friday in April.
- Ellen mentioned a recent *Courier-Journal* article about the Parklands of Floyds Fork and suggested that the park might be a possible resource for a future speaker.
- Paul asked about the popularity of the various species given away. Lucy reviewed the numbers of each that were taken on Wednesday vs. Sunday.

CALENDAR - Lucy

- Lucy reported that Peter Stutts of the KY Division of Forestry had requested an article about the Forestry Board's calendar to appear in the Division's *Tree Line Newsletter*. An article was written and sent to him.
- In researching the history of the calendar, Lucy learned from Peg Revell (Archives) that the first calendar - in 1995 - was funded by a grant from the KY Division of Forestry.

OLD BUSINESS

- Hobbs Cemetery: Greta Chessler and Jane Brown (Anchorage Garden Club) will manage the problem of trees growing into the walls and, if necessary, will appeal to the city for help with the project.
- Don showed photos he had taken of the trees that are growing into the walls.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lucy asked whether we had received the new Tree City USA signs. Renee will follow up.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT - Diane (No report.)

BUDGET REPORT - Lucy

- We are about \$1200 over (*total*) budget.
- The budget is on track. Although the Canopy Campaign was over budget, the overage occurred because more residents participated than had been expected: we took in more funds and spent more than we had anticipated.

NEWSLETTER - Ellen

- We will mention the results of the tree give-away and remind residents to watch for information about the Canopy Campaign, which may be of special interest to those affected by the MSD project.
- We will note the calendar article that will appear in the *Tree Line Newsletter*.
- The suggestion made in the March minutes about deer repellent(s) as a possible topic for an *AnchorAge* column was not necessarily meant for the April or May newsletters. Andrea will be consulted before an article is submitted.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

NEXT MEETING: May 9, 2016

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Welham

