

Anchorage Forestry Board Meeting, April 3, 2017
Anchorage City Hall
Called to order: 8:50 AM

Attendees: Lucy Spickard, Ellen Welham, Nan Dryden, Nancy Wilkinson, Don Walker, Andrea Hanlon, Rene' Majors, & Erwin Booth. Also in attendance is our New Associate Member, Jan Ruzich.

Minutes: Board unanimously approved Feb. and March Minutes.

Permits: This past month we have had permits to remove 20 trees, 8 were Ash, no pending fines.

Forester report: Andrea has nothing new to report at present.

Wagner Park: City Maintenance will be mowing Wagner Park this week, and then will put in 3 tables with benches, and one trash can. We are also waiting on delivery of one curved bench for the park. The tables and benches will be moveable for ease of mowing. If there is an issue with items being moved, the city will look into solutions.

Free Give Away Trees for Arbor Day Celebration: Arbor Day was a huge success. Fifty-three residents attended the meeting on Wednesday evening with the speaker. There were 80ish trees left over after Wednesday event to be given away on Sunday. The weeping trees were not as popular this year. There was an availability issue that left us with the option of many weeping trees. We collected \$174 Wednesday and \$239 on Sunday for total of \$413. Of the total, \$95 was from donations.

Arbor Day Foundation Give-A-Tree postcard program: Lucy gave out the cards we had left over to Forestry Board Members. Thank you to Lucy for her leadership on all Forestry programs, especially Arbor Day.

School Auction: Forestry Board donated to the APTA Auction, "1st in queue" for tree give away 2017. It was well received, and we plan to do again if asked. The total of \$4350 was paid for trees for Arbor Day tree give away. Erin Thompson donated her speaker's fee to the Metro Tree Give Away fund. Signs were success, they are stored here in City Hall for next year, along with "value of a tree" poster Jan made. Ellen came up with a form for next year. The resident will take the form from "sign in" to the "distribution". We reviewed ways to streamline next year such as having complete resident lists, perhaps giving tokens to encourage residents to attend speaker before getting their trees. We plan to give away planting instructions and mulch education.

Tree City and Growth Award: Anchorage has been awarded designation as a Tree City USA for the 28th year, and the Growth Award for the 7th year. Some of our new initiatives at Arbor Day this past month will qualify towards the Growth Award for next year.

Calendar: The next year's preparation has begun with Lucy and Jan coordinating. Barns are the theme for 2018. Will make a list of the barns and will get photos all during the year. Discussed offering an agenda format. The Printing Company we have used for many years has printed the calendars for cost. Will get bids from Anchorage residents with companies that could do the work in case our past contact is unable to offer to do the project. Don mentioned Bellwood school might have pictures to contribute to the calendar. Nancy suggested different groups could contribute to a central theme.

Police Dept. Discussion: We are very thankful for their presence and service to our community.

Newsletter: Ellen will put an article about Jacob and Tasha Yunker winning the Forestry donation for school auction. Also, we will advertise shop.arborday.org for Give-a-Tree cards. Jan will send a photo of our newest poster from Arbor Day to be included in the newsletter.

News: Next Meeting Monday, May 1, at 8:45 AM.

Adjourned 9:35AM

Respectfully submitted by Nan Dryden, Secretary.