

# Anchorage Forestry Board Meeting

**Date.** August 3, 2015

## **Meeting called to order 8:51 AM, City Hall**

**Attendees:** Ursula Brooks, Don Walker, Paul Wessel, Ellen Welham, Nan Dryden, Diane McAllister, and Andrea Hanlon

**Minutes:** Motion by Paul and second by Diane with unanimous vote to approve June minutes. There was not a July meeting. We approved July meeting notes after Paul motioned and Nan seconded approval.

**Budget:** no changes

**Calendar:** Lucy will give report next meeting. All is on track for distribution Anchor Fest.

**Hazardous Trees:** Andrea gave educational program on hazardous trees. In order to be hazardous it must have a target. Premature fall color when we do our search in early September is indication of stress. Epicormic growth from center of the tree is also an indication of stress. Planting too deep is a problem. Fungal fruiting bodies, especially at the base of the trunk, is a sign that the tree is under stress. Lichen growth is a sign of stress. Co-dominate stems (2 or 3 equal size trunks from the same base) causes a weak point where they share bark. Included bark and multi-trunk trees are also sites of weakness of the bark. Girdling Roots originate from planting when roots weren't spread out far enough or hole was not big enough. Many other signs are root decay, missing roots, leans, decay in the main crotch, carpenter ants, lightning strike, cracks and holes. Totally dead trees are not the only hazardous trees. If it is 50% or more dead or you can see from the car the decay, please put that down on the list. Use the address for each tree area. Right of way is approximately 15 feet from the roadway.

LGE is offering a program to treat the Ash trees that are healthy, in order to prevent the Ash Borer infestation. LGE is taking down Ash trees that threaten their lines in the right of way. Otherwise, residents must take care of their own dead trees, unless they are in the right of way.

Ursula will bring our assignments next month for the hazardous tree search.

**Canopy/Spring Tree Replacement:** We will try to do work via email to get the tree list and make decisions in time for the September AnchorAge. We do not guarantee the trees because we have only a 3% loss and the cost is almost double the price of the wholesale trees. We advertise no guarantee. We need our orders in as soon as possible in October, and plant before Thanksgiving.

**Growth Award/ Tree City USA:** Don is working on a program partnering with the school to get the Forestry Handbook info more exposure. Ms. McCoy will be the teacher liaison. Don will invite her to our meeting.

**Arbor Day/ Tree Give Away:** no report

## **Old Business:**

**New Business:** One of our residents lost a tree and asked for a waiver of the new tree planting requirement. We voted to approve the waiver.

**AnchorAge:** Will put info in about Canopy Campaign in Sept. The forestry board has new handbooks that can be picked up at city hall. We will have our pamphlets at AnchorFest.

**Adjourned:** 9:43 AM.

**Next Meeting:** Sept. 14, 2015