

Anchorage Forestry Minutes Aug. 8, 2016 City Hall 8:45 AM

Minutes: July minutes motioned by Nan, seconded by Paul, and approved unanimously, after edit made for permits last month.

Attendees: Lucy Spickard, Ellen Welham, Connie O'Connell, Don Walker, Paul Wessel, Andrea Hanlon, Rene Major, Nan Dryden, and Nancy Wilkinson.

Canopy Campaign: Trees selected are the six approved by Forester and Committee. Swamp White Oak, American Princeton Elm, Tulip Poplar, London Planetree similar to a Sycamore, Zelkova Serrata, & the Kentucky Coffee tree.

--An additional tree will be offered at full wholesale price, the White Dogwood, for planting in front yard, not in the easement. The idea was to offer a tree to increase participation.

--Discussed names of trees for the form, and Andrea gave information about various trees.

"Swamp" white oak can be planted in Fall, unlike most white oak which are best transplanted in spring. We may not offer it next year since it was offered 2013-2016.

--Ellen will keep the Forestry Board copy of the reference book at her home while editing forms and trees for the newsletter and order forms.

Our 2016 Supplier is Massey Nursery, and Mike Mason (Lawn Pro) will be the 2016 planter (these are the same planter and supplier used in 2015). The order forms go out in the Sept. Newsletter. City Hall takes the orders, tallies the funds, and makes a spreadsheet for the Forestry Board. The Forestry Board will distribute the flags and information about planting after the October meeting. Paul asked about continued interest in the Canopy program. We decided the MSD project may boost participation next year.

--Right-of-way varies with every street in Anchorage. Renee will help Don look up information after the meeting. MSD does not have to repair a fence if it is on the MSD easement.

Hazardous trees: Aug. 29 meeting will be run by Diane and the hazardous tree map will be handed out at that meeting. Hazardous trees within 20 feet of the road are taken down by the city. City will allow trees 15-20 feet of the road. Last year a full section of Ash trees was replaced in an area too close to the road. The city gave approval after the fact, but will not allow trees close to the road in future. Discussed the importance of the Canopy program to replace fallen trees.

Forester's Report: none

July Permits: We had 44 tree permits, 6 of which were Ash in July. Outstanding \$625.00 fine was paid. Another Outstanding fine may be appealed to City Hall, but has not been paid as of today. No new fines this month. Technically, residents must get a permit if a tree goes down.

Wagner Park: Connie, Lucy and Andrea walked around the park and identified areas where new trees will be planted. Forestry Board may be able to get those trees included in the Canopy Campaign pricing from Massey. Lucy will call Massey Nursery to make sure they can include the Wagner park trees on the Canopy Campaign order. City is replacing trees that have been taken down in areas residents have dispute. Residents will choose the trees from the canopy list and the city will pay the total cost for those trees and planting. Easement is 15 ft from center of road when there is a question about easement. Walking path at park is going to be 5 ft. in Width. Flags currently are marking the inside boundary of the future walking path. Legal Parking is 2 wheels on & 2 wheels off the pavement.

Old Business: City Council formed a Triangle Committee. The purpose was for the beautification of Anchorage triangles. City met with Glenbrook Rd. residents to unveil a final plan for the traffic circle on Glenbrook. There will be 3 Serviceberries, 2 Kousa Dogwoods and 1 Ginkgo. Lucy and Rene will talk with Andrea about reviewing the plan for the triangle. Forestry Board thinks the plan for the traffic circle is too dense. Discussion about the traffic pattern. There are 500-600 cars cutting through that road each day.

Tree City USA/Growth Award- Renee made a suggestion about giving out t-shirts to promote Tree USA or a similar subject. A suggestion was to ask for art work from the students at Anchorage School. Suggestions for a theme included promoting Tree USA or planting forward - meaning we should plant so that future generations will have trees to enjoy. The idea will be revisited at a later time.

Calendar Project - The APTA lost their calendar printing sponsor for the school year 2016/17. The School calendar will be on the web. Therefore, our Forestry calendar may play an important part in households that used the school calendar. The Forestry calendar already includes important dates for the school.

City Council - Historic Preservation will begin adding a monthly piece of information in the Anchorage Newsletter.

Lucy Spickard will report to the City Council that adding a Special Offering for the Canopy Campaign has been approved by the Forestry Board and Forester.

Newsletter - Ellen will have a write up in the Sept. newsletter about the Canopy Campaign. She will also work with Angie on the Canopy Campaign order form that will go in the Sept. newsletter.

Meeting adjourned - 10:15

Several stayed afterward to fold, address and stuff envelopes for the letter going out to the residents effected by the MSD project.

Minutes Submitted by Lucy & Nan

Next Meeting: Aug. 29, Diane McAllister will chair the meeting in Lucy's absence. Ellen will take the minutes in Nan's absence.