

## **ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD, Aug. 5, 2019 City Hall**

**ATTENDEES** Lucy Spickard, Chair; Diane McAllister, Ellen Welham, Nan Dryden, Donnie Walker, Adele McCoy, Ann Stivers, Paul Wessel, Andrea Hanlon, Gary Burkhead, and Reneé Major.

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

**MINUTES** Motion to approve July Minutes by Jan Ruzich, seconded by Diane, and unanimously approved.

**FORESTER REPORT:** July had 19 trees removed, 3 were Ash. There was one fine waived last month.

**Wagner Park:** City Maintenance has moved a tree off Ridge Rd., which is now at Wagner Park. This was a canopy campaign tree from 2018 that was planted in the wrong place. Andrea suggests wait a year and can move it next year, if needed. City Maintenance is filling in holes with dirt and raising areas that are low in Wagner park.

**Cell Tower:** Shrubbery was removed, and two Pine trees were left. Andrea submitted a new landscaping plan that has been approved. Gary ordered a black mesh to be attached to the front of the fence.

—Moving the Anchor to the new area will cost the city \$40,000.00. The granite was donated. Bronzing the Anchor, painting the frame, creating a raised bed, and planting flowers will be finished the third week of August. CSX donated the Kentucky plaque on the existing stone marker for the Anchor. It will be relocated nearby at the Anchorage Trail. Case Construction is doing the work.

**MONTHLY VOLUNTEER HOURS** Lucy passed around the time sheet.

### **CANOPY CAMPAIGN**

—Diane got bids from two Nurseries, River Farm and Abrams. Andrea contacted Kenton Abrams. He sent Diane last year's list. Andrea is waiting for him to give a current list of 6-7 choices for this Fall. We are asking for good shade trees that will create a canopy. The specialty tree is to be decided. Andrea will ask Abrams what ornamental tree he might have this Fall.

—Planters haven't sent any bids in to City Hall. Diane requested bids from Al's Complete Lawn Care, Brackens Brothers, Jason with Podges, Lawn Pro, Perez, Smitty Browning. Andrea will follow up with Podges, AL's, and Perez. Lawn Pro agreed to supply labor to replant the tree that the City buys to replace a canopy campaign redbud tree that died at a Katy Mellow's on Walnut Lane. The city will also order the Venus Dogwood for Booth's tribute tree.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Bellwood Wishing tree:** Don & Nancy met horticulturist regarding Bellewood and Wishing tree, who said the (Tulip Poplar) was planted too deep, wire basket and burlap was left on there, hole was too small, the roots were twisted, and some other reasons. The tree was bought with Vine Hut money, planted by Lawn Pro, and supplied by Abrams. Don will speak to both and show his photos, to ask what they can do to help rectify the situation.

**Bellwood Vine Hut:** No changes in this project. They have no money for projects. Lucy says the donations were specifically for the Vine Hut project. Don is looking into this.

**Newspaper Article** Diane remarked on article in the paper that says planting trees is best way to fight climate change, and another newspaper article.

**Calendar:** Jan is working on the theme of the calendar and photos. Make more room to write on days, include the Forestry, City, and school/community events. Maybe include photos on activities, as well as trees, etc. (250 calendars, budget \$1500.00.)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Library** A card and sticker will be used to note the forestry library books. Lucy needs a Volunteer to help organize. Residents may check out a book for a month with their cell phone number.

**Tree Identifications/Education:** We had a discussion on how to involve Anchorage children. This is a work in progress, and we are thinking of including something in the newsletter with a contest of sorts? Nan will research.

**Budget:** Discussion centered on decreased Canopy Campaign budget and we are considering a proposal to hold the Canopy Campaign every other year and perhaps spend more money on increased size of the Arbor Day trees.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORT** Lucy gave the report.

**ANCHORAGE NEWSLETTER**

**ADJOURNMENT** Lucy adjourned the meeting at 10:15.

**NEXT MEETING** Monday, Sept. 9, 2019, at 8:45 AM

Respectfully submitted by Nan Dryden, Forestry Secretary