

**ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
AUGUST 2, 2021 - CITY HALL**

ATTENDEES Lucy Spickard, Chair; Jan Ruzich; Diane McAlister; Paul Wessel; Nancy Wilkinson; Adele McCoy; City Forester Andrea Hanlon; Director of Public Works Gary Burkhead; City Administrator René Major; City Council liaison Jason Walters

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

JULY MINUTES A draft of the July minutes had been previously emailed to Board members. There were no additions or corrections. Paul moved to approve the minutes; Jan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

FORESTER REPORT - Andrea Hanlon

July permits There were 21 permits for a total of 76 trees, of which 9 were Ash trees. Five permits were for more than 5 trees; Andrea will check those locations prior to approval. The Street Canopy Campaign is a good time to plant trees for those who need to fulfill the permit requirements. Lucy will send reminders to residents who have removed more than 6 trees in the past year (Sept. 2020 - August 2021).

Fines and appeals One fine is pending for tree removal without a permit.

Status of City issues / Wagner Park - Gary Burkhead Public Works continues to fill in flat areas as needed. Watering is done every day. Gary reported that some plantings may need to be removed.

HAZARDOUS TREES - Paul Wessel The quadrants, identified by color on the Anchorage map, that will be surveyed and the teams are: NW/yellow - Ann Stivers and Jim Williams; NE/green - Lucy and Diane; SW/blue - Paul; SE/pink - Jan, Nancy, and Adele. Flags were distributed to the teams of Board members who will survey their designated areas. A stamp will be ordered and flags for future use will be stamped with the Forestry Board logo. The teams will place a numbered flag at the road's edge near each tree identified and compile a corresponding list of numbers that includes a description of each issue. Lists are to be turned in to Paul and Angie Chick, City Receptionist, by September 8.

CANOPY CAMPAIGN - Diane McAlister, Adele McCoy

The Board discussed the difficulty of obtaining growers' fall tree availability lists in August, when we need them in order to place residents' orders timely. Diane will inquire about Walnut Ridge Nursery's available trees. Diane and Adele will compile a list of possible tree offerings, submit it to Andrea for review, and determine a final list for the 2021 program. Program information will be included in the September issue of *The AnchorAge*; Angie Chick, City Receptionist, will develop an order form for residents; Jan will design an insert describing and picturing the trees to be offered. The deadline for orders will be September 22. We will use the same planters that we have used for the past several years.

ARBOR DAY 2022 - Nancy Wilkinson, Adele McCoy

Nancy and Adele will contact Bouldin Nursery and order trees for the spring giveaway by the end of September.

OLD BUSINESS

Ridge Road North (across from Post Office) The landscape architect has not yet provided his design.

Ridge Road South - Jan, Gary Two trees and 14 stumps remain to be removed. Podges Tree Service will remove the trees.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree removal request Board members discussed an inquiry by a prospective property owner about removal of a large number of trees.

Presentation on invasive bamboo Residents Todd and Dawn Hockenbury presented information about invasive bamboo species. The Board will evaluate how to publicize recommendations concerning planting of invasive species.

ANCHORAGE NEWSLETTER - Ellen Welham

The September issue will contain an article describing the Canopy Campaign, an insert of tree photos and descriptions (Jan), and a residents' order form (Angie).

CITY COUNCIL REPORT - Lucy Spickard

Lucy gave the City Council report.

ADJOURNMENT Lucy adjourned the meeting at 10:50 AM.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 13; 8:45 AM; City Hall