

**ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
AUGUST 1, 2022 - CITY HALL**

ATTENDEES Chair Jan Ruzich, Diane McAlister, Adele McCoy, Lucy Spickard, Ellen Welham, Paul Wessel, Nancy Wilkinson, City Administrator Reneé Major, Tyleen Stoutt

CALL TO ORDER Jan called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

May, 2022 Copies were distributed to Board members for review. Lucy made a motion to approve the May minutes; Adele seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

July, 2022 The minutes had been emailed to members. The italicized correction has been inserted in the minutes: "*Lucy has attempted to contact the family associated with the memorial bench but has been unable to locate them; the declining dogwood near the bench will be replaced.*" Lucy made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected; Paul seconded. The minutes as corrected were approved unanimously.

FORESTER REPORT

Permits Eight permits were issued in July for removal of 21 trees, of which 1 was an Ash.

Fines and appeals There were no fines or appeals in July.

ARBOR DAY TREES Jan reported that City Forester Andrea Hanlon has received an availability list from Bouldin Nursery.

OLD BUSINESS

Park Road Project Lucy has forwarded to Barbie Tafel the Board's questions that were generated at the July meeting. Barbie has submitted a bid. Lucy will request that Barbie provide a detailed, scaled landscape plan, breakdown of costs to purchase and plant, and warranty information. Lucy noted that we will owe Barbie for work completed to date. After consultation with Public Works Director Gary Burkhead about what work Public Works can perform, we will seek bids from several suppliers and planters for the remainder of the work.

Invasive Plants Ordinance Update City Council has completed a first reading of the amended ordinance; the second reading will occur at the August City Council meeting. If approved, the ordinance will go into effect in January, 2023. City Council member and Forestry Board liaison Jason Walters proposed the ordinance. Council members inquired about penalties for violation; these have been confirmed and are contained in the body of the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS / Canopy Campaign 2022 - Diane, Nancy, Adele, Jan

Committee The committee will meet periodically regarding progress of the program.

Trees to be offered Jan presented a list of possible available tree offerings. After discussion, the list was narrowed to five varieties. Jan will consult Andrea about the effect on pricing of the reduction in offerings.

Planter Diane has contacted the planter used in 2021 to request a bid for this year.

Deadline for orders Friday, September 16 will be the deadline for tree orders.

Order and flag forms Diane will work with City Hall staff to update forms.

Flyer Jan will create a newsletter insert with tree photos and descriptions.

Publicity The Board discussed various means of publicity in addition to the newsletter.

TREE CITY USA / GROWTH AWARD - Jan

Jan displayed the certificate, signs, and plaque commemorating 33 years of status as a Tree City USA and 12 years of receiving the Growth Award.

CALENDAR - Jan, Tyleen

The 2023 theme will be flowers of Anchorage and will feature photographs contributed by Tyleen.

NEWSLETTER - Ellen

The September article will highlight the Canopy Campaign and the Hazardous Trees Program.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT Jan gave the report.

ADJOURNMENT Jan adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

NEXT MEETING Monday, September 12; 8:45 AM; City Hall

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Welham