

Anchorage Forestry Board Meeting

Date: Dec. 7, 2015

Meeting called to order 8:45 AM, City Hall

Attendees: Don Walker, Ellen Welham, Ursula Brooks. Lucy Spickard, Diane McAllister, Nan Dryden, & guest Nancy Wilkinson.

Minutes: Motion to approve by Nan, seconded by Ellen, unanimously approved.

Budget: no report

Arborist Report: Not present.

Tree Permits/ Appointments: November had 7 permits. There were 19 trees taken down at Towner Place, no signature on the permit dated 11-4-15. Andrea Hanlon has authority to sign off on permits, and Sandi Kuntzer has signed off on permits in the past when trees are dead. This permit was approved by Booth in Andrea's absence. We discussed the process of having permits approved and the need to clarify the process with Andrea. We texted Andrea to see if she could come to our meeting to discuss. Lucy had a call from concerned neighbor to question these trees being lost.

Calendar: Sandi has passed out 150 from City Hall. Lucy passed out 25 more, and is going to the garden clubs and artist guild. Lucy may contact APTA President, Kyla Beck to arrange selling them at Christmas in Anchorage.

Canopy/Spring Tree Replacement: All 62 trees are now planted within 15-25 ft of roadway. Nan suggested ways to simplify the program. We decided to share the duties among the board for the future. Don had a question about the removal of wire baskets. The specs say to remove top 1/2 of wire basket. We texted Andrea and will get answers before next meeting.

Arbor Day/ Tree Give Away: Jim has speaker from Bernheim Forest arranged. Massey Nursey bid high with \$500 delivery. Jim recommends Boden Nursery at \$14.50 per tree, all 3 gallon, except cypress and one other are 1 gallon. Jim will decide how many will be given out per resident. Trees delivered 11 AM, March 14, Monday. We need help getting the trees unloaded. Program Wednesday, March 16. Lucy will contact artists from calendar to see if they want to display their art that evening.

List of 300 trees we are ordering:

Jane Magnolia 25

Sweet bay Magnolia 25

Cherry (3 species) 25 of each

Serviceberry 35

Tulip poplar 10

Ilex pencil 20 (fast growing evergreen)

Kousa dogwood 15

Pondcypress 20 (fast growing)

Leland Cypress 20 (May replace with Norway spruce, Diane will call.)

Murray Cypress 20

Japanese Stewartia 20

Hazardous Trees: no report.

Growth Award/ Tree City USA: Lucy is confident we will get the growth award this year. We did not receive the award last year because our 2014 expenditure did not exceed the 2013 expenditure. Cities complained and now the increased expenditure is not included in the assessment. Forestry Board total hours for 2015 will be 256 hrs. resulting in a value of \$5173.95 at the 2015 rate of \$20.24 per hour set by the Arbor Foundation. Last year we turned in 191 hrs valued at \$17.50 per hour.

--- We need to take photos of our programs.

Old Business:

--Don says the school collaboration is not going to be active because they are overloaded with current curriculum. We will look for other outreach

--Don will follow up on a memorial tree planted for May Jones. Will keep this in mind when we do Canopy Program 2016, and let Bill Juckett & Don work on the placement.

--Ursula recommended a change to the canopy guidelines(15-25ft), to plant trees further away from power line pruning. Diane explained we cannot plant them further because the city cannot put them on private property. Ursula suggested planting trees that are not so broad at maturity. The current guidelines prevent planting near power lines. Trees undergoing extreme pruning were planted many years ago before the Canopy program. No change to the current plan was decided.

New Business:

--Connie O'Connell is City Council liaison with Forestry. She is working on a design for improving Wagner Park. Diane McAllister suggested the Forestry Board be involved in obtaining the trees for the city plans, if we can offer

assistance. Lucy says Growth Award offers 5 pts for work with a park development. The Forestry Board recommends City Arborist's involvement with the park development and Forestry Board being kept in the loop with the planning of this park.

--Diane McAllister is resigning as Chair of the Forestry Board after December. She has been chair for 7 years and a member for 15. She will stay on as a member in 2016. We are very grateful for her leadership.

--Associate members attend meetings for one year then chair a program when they become a full member. We would like Nancy Wilkinson to join our board as an Associate.

AnchorAge: Ellen will put out the monthly updates about Forestry programs. Sandi does a great job with the tips, we just want to tell more about what we are accomplishing. Suggest this month mention 62 trees planted with Canopy Program, 7 permits, Tulip Poplar was donated to Anchorage School from Forestry Board. The new tree is to the right of the front entrance drive.

Adjourned: 10:30 AM

Next Meeting: Jan. 4, 8:45 AM