

Anchorage Forestry Minutes 12/5/16
City Hall, Called to order 8:47 AM

Attendees: Diane McAllister, Ellen Welham, Ann Stivers, Don Walker, Nancy Wilkinson, Ursula Brooks, Lucy Spickard, Nan Dryden, Andrea Hanlon, Renée Major.

Minutes: Nov. minutes approved with change of Dec. meeting date to Dec. 5, and misspelling.

Permits: November has 29 removal permits with many on the same property where they are removing many scruff trees. We have one fine pending for trenching without a permit on Park Rd.

Hazardous trees: There were 31 trees identified as hazardous with 2 needing pruning. We would like tutoring on what to look for in hazardous trees as a majority of trees we identified as hazardous did not make the list of 31 identified by Forester and city maintenance. We will have tutorial next fall before we canvas the area. Most of the issues were with the right away.

Canopy Campaign: The trees are being delivered as we speak. Planting is scheduled for tomorrow. There has been an issue with BUDS markings. All had to be redone because of delay in planting due to weather. Usually BUDS deals with the planter. We may ask the BUDS to also deal with our planter next year. The total trees ordered is 66. Andrea recommends bald cypress or weeping willow for swampy low areas. Also add specification that trees can't be planted near other trees. Canopy campaign committee will meet with Andrea to discuss verbiage for next year.

Arbor Day: Date for March 22, 2016. Due to prior commitment Barbie Tafel is not available for 2017. Ask her to speak for 2018. Andrea is going to ask Cindy Sullivan to speak for 2017. She is helping Jeff. Co. schools add trees to their property since schools are "community park". Andrea has her contact info and will make the contact. Lucy expects Barbie to send her a list of possible speakers. Andrea also recommends Lee Squires, Mike Hammond, etc.

Old Business: Kentucky Division of Forestry wanted to have an issue about our Anchorage Forestry calendar in their newsletter.

New Business:

- Our Plant for the Planet program is an LG&E and KU program designation \$75,000.00 yearly for individuals and community Tree planting. We need to apply for the grant. Deadline for next year is Dec. 2017. We will form a Committee to apply. The private property on Ridge Rd. near the railroad is a perfect area where we can't use our tax base to fund this area for planting. The area is technically private property, the state was granted an easement to build state road 146 through that area near the railroad, but the city maintains the property.
- We discussed GoFundMe projects to get money for projects. Nancy shared she heard 54,000 trees are lost each year in Louisville.
- We discussed traffic through Anchorage. No solutions.

Tree USA/ Growth Award: Renee and Lucy are working on the Growth Award. Lucy needs a photo of Wagner Park where Forestry Board trimmed trees. We should get the award. We will definitely get the Tree City USA designation. Look for the signs at each entrance of Anchorage and let Lucy know if we need to order more signs.

Calendars: will be delivered this week to city businesses by Forestry Members.

City Council:

--Anchorage school administrators introduced themselves at City Council.

--A resident is concerned with noise from lawn services and there was discussion. Renee Majors will make courtesy calls for residents if they are having issues.

--Lucy made a city council report.

--A child almost got hit by tree limb that came down on Hazelwood walking path on Glenbrook Rd. City said nine large trees needed to come down because hazardous along the walking path. At one point the railroad came down that way and was a designated right of way. The city split the cost because it was a former railroad along the walking path. The cost for the city was \$1800.00. The service employed was Sang Tree Service.

Newsletter: Info on the Canopy Campaign wrap up. New Tree Guards are in and they are longer. New brochures on tree care are in and available at City Hall. Calendars are in at City Hall.

Adjournment 9:57 AM.

Next meeting Jan. 9, 2017