

Anchorage Forestry Dec. 4, 2017, City Hall 8:50 AM

Attendees: Lucy Spickard, Don Walker, Nancy Wilkinson, Andrea Hanlon, Erwin Booth, Ann Stivers, Renee' Major, Connie O'Connell, Diane McAllister, Ellen Welham, and Nan Dryden.

Minutes: November minutes moved to approve by Diane, seconded by Nancy, and unanimously approved.

Forester Report: There were 31 trees permitted for removal in Nov., and 5 of those were Ash. There were 0 fines or appeals.

Wagner Park: Connie is asking for any suggestions for Wagner Park in addition to the park benches requested last year. Discussion led to requesting a few swings and moving the current bench closer to the road.

Hazardous Trees: List of 40 hazardous trees this year, none are in the business district. Two are scheduled for pruning, but the rest will come down. The newsletter has a notice that if you have a number on a tree it is coming down. The bidding approval will go to city council next week and will be done by end of the year, if weather holds.

Canopy Campaign: Andrea commented on what a fine job Ellen and Nancy did with the program. There were 31 total trees, 15 were for MSD, and 10 of those were for one location. MSD replacement program gave a few troubles with locating trees. The idea for large orders would be to have residents provide a map of requested tree locations. This is the last year for the MSD replacement offer. BUD needs 48 hours to mark property. Nancy suggested revisiting the current rules for Canopy Campaign. Ellen gave her notes to Lucy and they will have a meeting to discuss the requested changes. At our March meeting the board will hear the outcome of the Canopy meeting. The planter, Mike Mason, did a great job. The City of Anchorage paid \$4690.00 to Abrahms Nursery. Planter, Mike Mason will be paid pending receipt of bill for approx. \$2600.00.

Arbor Day & Spring tree give away: Barbie Tafel is the speaker, Wednesday, March 21 at 6:00. Diane will have the trees delivered March 19.

Uspiritus Fall Festival: Huge success thanks to Donnie Walker, Booth, and others. The staff was outstanding, and Curry Nicholson, an Anchorage native, in his second term as Uspiritus chairman of board of trustees, does a great job. Connie O'Connell spoke on behalf of the City Council. We will promote that Abby Drane is the new President, CEO of Uspiritus. We discussed advertising the good relationship that is between Uspiritus and the city. We will include the link to their website in our newsletter. Lucy will send thank you and follow up to Anchorage magazine editor, Mark Obermeyer, and Abby Drane from Uspiritus.

Old Business:

New Business:

—**Replacement of dead trees:** Nancy brought up planting replacement trees near the railroad and city common areas in areas where trees have died. Nancy will do the review and bring the info to the board.

—**City Council:** Connie O'Connell is the City Council liaison for the Forestry Board. Nancy will attend next meeting instead of Lucy.

—**Growth Award:** We are on track to win the Growth Award for 2017. Lucy is in charge.

—**Forestry Planners:** Board Members are distributing the planners to the list of non-residential entities with total of 45 planners to go out.

Anchor Age Newsletter articles by Ellen. Arbor Day save the date, Uspiritus link, Wishing tree wishes, Stone for Wishing tree, Lawn Pro Mike Mason did a great job on Canopy planting, etc...

Meeting Adjourned 10:20 AM. Next meeting: Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, 8:45 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nan Dryden, Forestry Secretary.