

**ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
DEC. 3, 2018 - CITY HALL**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:50 AM by Lucy Spickard, Chair.

ATTENDEES: Lucy Spickard, Ellen Welham, Diane McAllister, Andrea Hanlon, Erwin Booth

MINUTES: Since a quorum was not present, approval of the November minutes will be delayed until January.

FORESTER REPORT:

- Lucy reported 74 tree-removal permits in November, 12 of which were for ash trees. There is one appeal pending.
- No update on Wagner Park.
- Old trees have been removed at the police station and the City Hall/cell tower areas; replacements will be planted in spring.

CANOPY CAMPAIGN (Diane and Nan):

- It has been too wet to dig and plant the trees before Thanksgiving, as originally planned. The trees are expected to be delivered to the planter on Fri., Dec. 7, and will be planted next week, weather permitting.
- Diane and Nan are managing details about flag placement and communication with residents who placed orders.
- Victoria Garr donated a Red Maple to the Anchorage School Environmental Club (c/o Stephanie Cronan) and a Sugar Maple to Wagner Park.

ARBOR DAY - 6 PM, March 20 (Nan, Diane, Nancy, Jim, Renee, Paul, Lucy):

- The speaker will be Tavia Cathcart Brown, Executive Director of Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve. The board will ask her for a short introduction to the Nature Preserve before her talk on Monarch butterflies.
- The trees for the giveaway have been ordered.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Lucy will find out what is to be covered in David Naselsker's magazine article about invasive species.
- Discussion was held about the feasibility of opening up the space in the center of the city triangle by moving the overhead power lines to connect at the sides. City Council member Diane Cook is looking into moving the anchor to that area.
- Booth will count the number of watering donuts that the city has at present.

TREE CITY USA / GROWTH AWARD (Lucy): We have 11 points, including 4 for Youth Education (the Uspiritus/Centerstone vine hut project) and 7 points for the tree inventory and analysis, completed in summer.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT (Lucy): Lucy gave the report.

ANCHOR AGE NEWSLETTER (Ellen): Andrea will forward to Ellen an article by William Fountain, extension professor at UK, about dealing with ice damage to trees (e.g., it is important not to knock ice off branches, but to let it melt). Ellen will incorporate some of that information and provide a link to his article.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:25 AM.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON: Dec. 12; noon; City Hall. RSVP to Angie by Dec. 5.

NEXT MEETING: January 7, 2019; 8:45 AM; City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Welham