

ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
12/7/2020 Zoom Meeting

ATTENDEES Lucy Spickard, Chair; Diane McAllister; Ellen Welham; Nan Dryden; Nancy Wilkinson; Jan Ruzich; Adele McCoy; Paul Wessel; Andrea Hanlon, City Forester; Gary Burkhead, Director of Public Works; Reneé Major, City Administrator.

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

MINUTES Motion to approve November 2020 minutes by Jan Ruzich, seconded by Ellen Welham, and unanimously approved.

FORESTER REPORT

- November had 8 permits: 24 trees with 8 being Ash. There were no fines or appeals. (One owner had 13 trees.)
- City will be mulching city trees this week, making sure mulch doesn't touch the trees. Andrea will inspect the mulch on the Cortez plantings for Canopy Campaign.
- Trees do not need water at this time of year. Trees watered in when planted do not need more water now. Bushes do not need water now either.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ridge Road cleanup project: The committee met Nov. 16, and Andrea, Gary, Jan and Nancy looked again at what Forestry had marked for tree removal. Jan has the notes and will get information to Gary. This property between Ridge Road and the railroad is maintained by the City. The City is taking out dying and stressed trees and brush that badly needed cleanup. Reneé will send a letter to the affected residents. If there was any chance a tree could touch the CSX tracks, Gary is waiting on that.
- Anchorage Garden Club has sponsored a Scarlet Oak tree for the post office.
- Diane has been instrumental in making improvements at the old anchor location by the railroad tracks. City Maintenance will place sod in the spring, and trim the Holly bushes (do not prune).

CANOPY CAMPAIGN

- We had 42 total trees (39 planted and 3 delivered to be planted by a resident who paid \$10 fee per tree for delivery).
- Abrams Nursery was the supplier.
- The planter was Pascual Perez from Cortez Landscaping. They did a good job planting Nov. 20th and 22nd. On Nov. 23rd they picked up tree guards from City Maintenance and installed when they mulched.
- The invoice from Cortez Landscaping was \$3,120.00 with \$30.00 for delivery fee. (The Resident paid \$30 to the City.)
- Total to Cortez \$3,150.00 (see attachment).
- Total cost of 42 trees with planting was \$6,500.90.
- Grand total: \$9,670.00 included the planting and trees.

ARBOR DAY - March 18, 2021

- There will be no in-person speaker for Arbor Day. Ellen found Arbor Day Foundation website videos that could be used for virtual Arbor Day program.
- Trees have already been ordered, and we will do a drive-by giveaway as done last year at the Public Works building.
- Awareness video will qualify for growth award credit. Information will be attached to or handed out with the trees that advertises the Arbor Day website.
- Tentatively have asked Dr. Bhatnagar to speak in 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lucy noticed leaf pickup in other cities.
- Paul Wessel will look into the programs at other local cities (St. Matthews, Lyndon, Windy Hills, others).
- Note to avoid drainage culverts. Coordinate pickups with weather and avoid rain.
- Reneé advised that issues to be considered in bidding would include number of pickups per year and timing of pickups for best price.

TREE CITY USA/GROWTH AWARD - Lucy

- Lucy announced that the requirements for the Growth Award have been changed for 2021.
- Andrea will work with Lucy and the Board next year to interpret the new requirements and their impact on our program.

CALENDAR PROJECT - Jan

-Jan distributed 2021 calendars at Light Up Anchorage. She will forward several photos of the event to Angie for inclusion in the January *The Anchor Age* newsletter.

-Calendars are still available for residents to pick up at City Hall, one per residence. Extra calendars may be purchased for \$6 each.

ANCHORAGE NEWSLETTER (January issue) - Ellen

-Canopy Campaign summary and wrap-up.

-Reminder that calendars are available at City Hall; extras for \$6 each.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT Lucy gave the report.

ADJOURNMENT Lucy adjourned the meeting at 9:45 AM.

NEXT MEETING Monday, January 4, 2021; 8:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Nan Dryden, Forestry Secretary