

**ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
DECEMBER 6, 2021 - CITY HALL**

ATTENDEES Chair Lucy Spickard, Nancy Wilkinson, Diane McAllister, Jan Ruzich, Ellen Welham, Adele McCoy, City Administrator Reneé Major, City Forester Andrea Hanlon, Director of Public Works Gary Burkhead, David George

CALL TO ORDER Lucy called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MINUTES October 2021 and November 2021 minutes had been emailed to Board members. Jan moved to accept both months' minutes; Nancy seconded. Both months' minutes were accepted unanimously.

FORESTER REPORT - Andrea Hanlon

- **Permits:** There were 11 permits in November for 29 trees of which 3 were Ash trees. Andrea had reviewed and approved one permit for 11 trees.
- **Fines and appeals:** One fine is in progress.
- **Status of City issues / Wagner Park:** Gary reported that the park has undergone cleanup and the replacement tree dedicated to Brian Rublein has been protected against deer. Public Works continues to identify low areas to level.
- **Other matters:** Gary has obtained a stamp with the Forestry logo that will be used to identify the flags marking hazardous trees and Canopy Campaign tree locations.

HAZARDOUS TREES - Gary Burkhead, Andrea Hanlon

Gary reported that the trees have all been marked. The list of trees is out for bids. Bidding will open on December 9, and the final bid will be awarded with City Council approval.

CANOPY CAMPAIGN - Diane McAllister, Adele McCoy

- All 42 trees have been planted.
- The Board reviewed issues that occurred in this year's program. Before the 2022 Campaign, the Board will discuss how to clarify to residents the requirements of the program and consider changes in the types of trees to be offered.

ARBOR DAY (March 23, 2022)

- Dr. Bhatnagar of the U. of L. Christina Brown Envirome Institute has been again scheduled to speak. Ellen will communicate with Dr. Bhatnagar's assistant about the topics he might discuss.
- The trees for the giveaway have been ordered.
- Jan will prepare the flyer for *The AnchorAge*.
- Board member Paul Wessel will obtain the banner.
- Masking, refreshments, and pandemic-related concerns will be discussed at a later date as appropriate.
- Jan suggested using the program as an opportunity to recruit young Board members.

OLD BUSINESS

- Lucy, Reneé, and Nancy will review plans for the "post office" area landscaping.

TREE CITY USA and GROWTH AWARD - Lucy

- Lucy reviewed the points earned in 2021.
- Board members will submit their 2021 volunteer hours to Lucy for inclusion in the application.
- Lucy, Jan, and Reneé will complete the necessary application.

CALENDAR PROJECT - Jan Ruzich

- There are 20 calendars remaining. Information about picking up calendars is included in the December newsletter, which will arrive to residents soon.
- Several businesses have picked up calendars, but there are not enough remaining for distribution to all businesses.

- Board members discussed ways to communicate to the businesses that the calendars are available to them.

THE ANCHORAGE NEWSLETTER (January 2022) - Ellen

- Announcement of Jan as the new Board Chair
- Reminder to residents about tree removal requirements
- Note that Christmas trees will be picked up by Republic Services with yard waste.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT - Lucy was unable to attend the City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - Lucy adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

NEXT MEETING: 8:45 AM - Monday, January 3, 2022 - City Hall

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Welham