

ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD MEETING
February 1, 2016
City Hall

ATTENDEES - Andrea Hanlon, Diane McAllister, Renee Major, Ursula Brooks, Ann Stivers, Ellen Welham, Don Walker, Jim Williams, Nancy Wilkerson, Connie O'Connell, Booth, Nan Dryden, Paul Wessel, Lucy Spickard.

CALL TO ORDER - Diane's retirement celebration began at 8:45 AM. Lucy called the meeting order at 8:55 AM.

JANUARY MINUTES - Lucy gave the changes to the minutes from December. Ellen moved to approve and Diane gave the second. Minutes were unanimously approved with changes.

FORESTER REPORT - Andrea reported that she approved a permit for 19 trees to be removed at a home this past week. The resident wanted to make a play area for their children, and will replace trees this year either 1:1 or 3:1. There is a 10 day waiting period between submission and approval. Both Lucy and Nan had calls from residents concerned about the number of trees being removed. For a permit on a project this large Renee will inform Lucy in advance so that the Board may be informed in the event that residents have questions.

CANOPY CAMPAIGN - Revenues of \$5,440.00. Massey Nursery was paid \$5,868.00. The Lawn Pro was paid \$5,456.00.

ARBOR DAY - Tree delivery is March 14. Jim will check on the specific details and contact Nancy, Diane, Ellen, Don, & Paul, who will be there to help unload. Dr. Paul Cappiello from Yew Dell Gardens, previously Bernheim Forest, will be our Arbor Day speaker March 16, at 6:00 PM in City Hall. The Forestry Board approved a \$100 honorarium to go to Yew Dell Gardens in exchange for Dr. Cappiello's time as speaker. We will give away 3 trees per Anchorage residence March 16 after the program. Lucy has talked to the artists who submitted art work in the calendar, they may display their art in city hall beginning at 2:30. Nancy will take care of paper products, lemonade and cookies. Renee will have the coffee.

Tree Give Away- For residents not in attendance March 16, they may pick up their 3 free trees on Sunday. Forestry volunteers are needed Sunday, March 20, 1:00-3:00 PM. We ordered 300 trees. After 3:00 on Sunday residents can get unlimited trees for free, but if they want to purchase additional trees before 3:00 PM they may do so for \$15 per tree. Paul has ordered the banner. Lucy will bring a donation box.

OLD BUSINESS--Tree guards- Andrea report next meeting.

--**Responsibilities of the Forestry Board** with regards to City Arborist Responsibilities have been clearly stated on a document. Forestry board programs will be implemented by the Board. We will choose the trees from a list of trees pre-approved by the Arborist, Andrea. The Forestry Board will order the trees with input from Andrea. Andrea will be in charge of the hazardous trees program, with help from the Board to canvas the city doing the initial ID.

--**MSD** has paid owners for the trees removed along the easement for sewer project. Anchorage city will encourage owners to replace the trees. We may talk about a discount plan/wholesale costs for replacement next Fall. The project may be finished in late Fall 2016, but MSD has until Jan. 2017. There is a 20 ft easement after construction is finished. At present the easement is 50 ft while construction ongoing.

--**Firewood** can be picked up along the side of the road as LG&E leaves some wood when they remove trees.

--**Woodchips** are available from maintenance department. Contact Booth.

NEW BUSINESS-Wagner Park Report. Connie is working with City Council to get the project off the ground. Louisville Design and Development presented a plan for the full hard scape and partial soft scape. Also, Suzette White, Nature by Design, has given a soft scape design. Connie is enlisting the help of the Forestry Board to build on that plan. Don suggests planting a Beech tree for May Jones's memory, and we voted to add it to the plan. Connie says we need to evaluate the dogwood trees that are there to see if they can stay or need removal. Andrea will inspect and make a recommendation. Diane McAllister, Andrea, Connie, and Ursula will form a committee to look into the project and make recommendations to City Council. Booth brought up the need for open space for kids to play, and stressed maintenance needed to mow around any signs, plaques, trees, etc...

Forestry board meeting date changes--- March 14, May 9, July 11, August. 8 & 29, are the changed dates for 2016.

All other dates are those originally scheduled on the first Monday's of each month. All new dates are approved.

CALENDAR PROJECT - Lucy asked the Board about the community interest in the calendar project. Lucy arranged next year's photos with the theme "iron gates of Anchorage". Board will revisit this next month after we have had time to ask about community interest.

TREE CITY/GROWTH AWARD - no report

CITY COUNCIL REPORT -Forest School Lane robbery was solved by video from security camera.

BUDGET REPORT - Nan gave the Canopy budget report above. Sara Richie is the new city Deputy Treasurer. Forestry Board will present a quarterly report at our meetings. Renee reminded us that we need to have a report in April so it can be incorporated into the city budget. Nan will ask Sara for the report for the next meeting.

ANCHORAGE NEWSLETTER -Ellen will enter info about Arbor Day speaker, tree list for the giveaway. Lucy will prepare the insert with the info about each tree.

MEETING ADJOURNED - 10:30 AM.

NEXT MEETING: March 14, 2016, 8:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Nan Dryden, Secretary.