

**Anchorage Forestry Board Meeting, Feb. 6, 2017**  
**Anchorage City Hall**  
**Called to order: 8:50 AM**

**Attendees:** Lucy Spickard, Ellen Welham, Nan Dryden, Nancy Wilkinson, Diane McAllister, Ann Stivers, Jim Williams, Don Walker, Ursula Brooks, Paul Wessel, Andrea Hanlon, & Erwin Booth. Guest: Jan Ruzich.

**Minutes:** Dec. 2016 and Jan. 2017 Minutes were motioned by Ellen, seconded by Nan, and approved by the Board.

**Permits:** There were 4 permits in January, none were Ash. No report on outstanding fines or appeals.

**Calendar:** Lucy introduced Jan Ruzich, who will be helping with the calendar and joining the Forestry Board.

**Forester report:** No news to report.

**Wagner Park:** Connie O'Connell had been working on locating a tree for a swing in Wagner Park, but none are appropriate. There will be no swing set either.

**Delivery of the Arbor Day & Free Give Away trees** will be at the Anchorage Public Works Building is on Monday, Mar. 20, in the AM? Forestry Board members will call City Hall that AM to find out expected delivery time so they can come help. Paul Wessel has taken care of the banners from North East Sign-orama. There are customizable sections with the info on speaker, dates and times.

**Arbor Day:** Wednesday, March 22, 6:00 PM. Ursula is doing refreshments, flowers, tablecloth. Erin Thompson is the speaker and is the Louisville Forester, Division of Community Forestry. Subject is "How is Anchorage helping city of Louisville with their canopy campaign". We will be donating \$100 to the speaker. Booth will get the screen and cables needed, and Lucy will ask speaker what she needs for the presentation. In addition, Lucy will remind speaker to bring her own laptop.

**Tree give away** Sunday Mar. 26, 2:00-4:00 PM. List should be decided in December next year.

This year we have same total as previously with 300 trees, with less variety. Lucy will do a color insert for the newsletter, with info on each tree offered. We discussed having more total trees in future, but no decision made.

**Arbor Day Foundation Give-A-Tree postcard program:** Donny sent Lucy info on a possible addition to the Arbor Day program. The Arbor Day Foundation has a Give-A-Tree Postcard purchase which pays for planting tree in National Forest. Nan, Jan, and Don will get info and report back. We will have \$50 to spend on the Give-A-Tree postcard promotion.

**Calendar:** Theme for 2018 calendar is "barns", with a leaf or tree in the photo if possible. Jan and Lucy are working together and getting 14 photos. Ursula will be helping by tracking down National holidays, phases of moon, general dates. Lucy will add local dates.

**Forestry 2017 Committee Assignments:** Lucy has the list of Forestry committees, all leaders are in place.

**City Council:** The new Anchorage City monopole cell tower is complete. There have been only 6 burglaries in Anchorage in 2016. We discussed what a good job our police do patrolling and we discussed crime in the surrounding area outside of Anchorage.

**Anchorage Newsletter:** Ellen will put in the article about Arbor Day speaker, the program, and give away. Residents can get 3 free trees after the Wednesday program. No one gets more than 3 trees. Residents may also pickup their 3 free trees at the Sunday give-away, 2:00-4:00, if they are not at the Wednesday 6:00 PM Arbor Day program.

**News:** Booth is picking up the reworked the iron gates today which will be returned to Hobbs and the cemetery. The refurbishing was sponsored by Anchorage Garden Club. Anchorage resident, Bill Wetherton is VP of Carmen Industries in Indiana where the work was done for a reduced fee. Booth and one helper did the removal, transport and will do the replacement. Many thanks to Bill W., Booth, his help, the Anchorage Garden Club, and all the community minded people who contribute to our city.

**Next Meeting Monday, March 6, 8:45 AM.**

**Adjourned 9:30 AM.**