

**ANCHORAGE
FORESTRY BOARD
MINUTES**

January 7, 2008

Attendees: Mike Brewer, Hap Dunford, Brad Farrar, Diane McAllister, Ann Stivers, Jim Williams, Mark Timmons, and Sally Wilson.

December Minutes: The December meeting consisted of preparing the 2008 calendars for distribution.

Budget: No report. An acknowledgement was made of having received \$1000.00 from the Civic Club to help cover the cost of the “Forever Green” CD that was given to each household along with the 2008 calendars. Michael Lombardy narrated the video.

Canopy: Hap reported that information regarding the 2008 Tree Canopy Campaign will be mailed out in January with responses due by February 15, 2008. Hap read a listing of the types of trees available which, as before, will be 2” diameter, nursery-quality trees. TreeGators will be available for purchase at \$20.00 each.

Nursery: Ellen reported that 500 trees were ordered for early spring delivery. Ellen read the different types ordered which included a variety of favorites. Mark commented on the difficulty of growing pecan trees from bareroot seedlings due to their large taproot. The suggestion was made that these 50 trees ordered may be given outside of our standard fall distribution in order to enhance their chances of survival. Some suggestions were: donate to John Schnatter for new trail or to E.P. Sawyer Park.

Calendar: Jim reported on the wrap up of the 2008 calendar project, recommending that the Forestry Board treat Dee Sharber and her staff to a pizza lunch in January in appreciation of their efforts. Mike Simon will also be thanked with the customary engraved mint julep cup.

Hazard Trees: Alice told board members that the number of hazardous trees and the estimated cost of removing them is higher than last year. The actual number was not available but Jim thought that the cost included a significant amount for the pruning of dying trees in the medians in Somerhill. Mark Timmons commented that once a tree has been declared hazardous, it must be removed.

Newsletter: The next “Anchor Age” will include information (letter, order blank, etc.) about the Tree Canopy Campaign. Everyone will be encouraged to watch the CD “Forever Green”.

Arbor Day: Mike mentioned the area west of the school as a possible Arbor Day project. He envisioned using the City's chipper to reduce the honeysuckle and other vegetation along with the dead limbs from trees to be used as chips on walking trails through the area. He also spoke of labeling some trees and applying for a grant to cover the cost.

Old Business: "Forever Green" CD: Mike is soliciting feedback from residents about the video.

Citizens request process: Mark Timmons said that he would discourage consulting with private citizens about tree issues. He said Jefferson County Extension Services is an option, but emphasized that the workers are very busy and cannot do house calls. This relates to residents calling board members about the decline of existing trees on their property. Because we are not arborists and the liability involved, the suggestion was made that there is a list of recommended arborists at City Hall for residents.

New Business: Mike officially passed the gavel to Diane McAllister as Forestry Board Chairperson. Diane stated that she would like to formalize some perimeters for Forestry Board membership, such as numbers of members, possible longevity of members, and/or rotation of members, requirements of duties of becoming a member and continuing as a member, etc. She is soliciting ideas and suggestions from board members and will report her findings in February.

Mark Timmons mentioned that Green River Nursery in E-town had some trees at good prices, which have been weakened by pesticides but would still survive and look great after a year or two. The contacts were Gary Phelps and Marie.

There was a discussion and a decision to donate an auction item to the school again this year. A pink dogwood at a 2" caliber, including planting, with a value of \$250.00 was agreed upon.

Next Meeting: February 4, 2008, 9:30 a.m.