

ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD MEETING
January 4, 2016
City Hall

ATTENDEES - Andrea Hanlon, Diane McAllister, Renee Major, Ursula Brooks, Ann Stivers, Ellen Welham.

CALL TO ORDER - Diane, acting as Chair in Lucy Spickard's absence, called the meeting order at 9:00 AM.

DECEMBER MINUTES - Diane moved to approve; Ann seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

FORESTER REPORT - Andrea

- Permits in December: 1 addition to house; 3 invisible fence
- Status of city issues: Andrea, Connie O'Connell (City Council), & Diane met to discuss the planning of Wagner Park landscaping and trees. We will wait to see what the new homeowner does regarding landscaping before planning landscaping for the park. There has been discussion of designating it as a memorial park. Diane noted that there are photos and ideas online about planning memorial parks. Renee described hardscape improvements that the city has already begun.
- Hazardous trees: The bid went to Kentucky Tree, and work was started early.

CANOPY CAMPAIGN - Andrea

- Andrea discussed the issue of wire baskets and burlap around trees. She confirmed that the tops of the burlap and wire baskets were cut or folded back and that the burlap or baskets did not need to be entirely removed.

ARBOR DAY - Jim (absent)

- The presentation will be at City Hall (Wed., March 16). The school is not available on that date.
- Lucy will contact artists whose work was featured in this year's calendar to invite them to display their work at the presentation. Renee said that City Hall has 2 easels. A decision will be made later about where to display the artists' works: in City Hall vs. at the barn where trees are given out. Renee suggested placing the display in the small meeting room with refreshments on Wednesday and moving it to the barn for Sunday's tree giveaway (March 20).
- Bouldin Nursery's tree list was attached to last month's minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

- May Jones memorial tree: A tree in memory of May Jones will be donated by the Forestry Board. We can obtain a tree in the fall through the canopy campaign.

NEW BUSINESS

- Renee announced that at the annual Jefferson County League of Cities dinner, Ecotech donated a tree to any city that had signed up. In addition, Anchorage won the door prize, an additional 5 trees, for a total of 6 (3 autumn blaze maples and 3 red oaks) that Ecotech will donate and plant. Andrea will scout locations for planting. Andrea said that we can plant them now but might need to wait until February if the ground freezes solid. Diane has flags to designate tree placement.

CALENDAR PROJECT - Lucy

- Lucy has an idea for next year's calendar.

TREE CITY/GROWTH AWARD - Renee

- We needed 10 points and had 13. We are awaiting results.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT - Diane

- Diane relayed information about the recent burglary.
- Renee explained the city's ReachAlert program.

BUDGET REPORT - Nan (absent)

ANCHORAGE NEWSLETTER - Ellen

- A correction is needed regarding required diameter for replacement trees as stated in the Jan. newsletter: it should read "1½ inches" instead of "1 inch."
- 4 permits were issued in December.
- We will remind of the dates for the Arbor Day presentation and tree giveaway
- Ecotech has given 6 trees to be placed in the city (notes above).

MEETING ADJOURNED - 9:45 AM

NEXT MEETING: Feb. 1, 2016; 8:45 AM

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Welham

Addendum :

Calendar Report: (Lucy submitted in advance) There have been 254 calendars distributed. This includes the 14 that the Welcome Wagon has stored. There have been 21 calendars sold - for a total of \$105.00.