

**ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD**  
**January 4, 2021 via Zoom**

**ATTENDEES** Lucy Spickard, Chair; Reneé Major, City Administrator; Jason Walters; Adele McCoy; Andrea Hanlon, City Forester; Ellen Welham; Ann Stivers; Paul Wessel; Donnie Walker; Diane McAllister

**CALL TO ORDER** Lucy called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM.

**MINUTES** Paul moved to approve the December 2020 minutes; Jan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**FORESTER REPORT**

- **Permits:** Seven permits were submitted. Nineteen trees were requested for removal in December; 8 of those were Ash.
- **Fines/appeals:** There were no fines or appeals.
- **Ridge Road project:** Nancy and Jan walked the area again and added notes and markers to clarify the work needed. Reneé will contact Gary Burkhead, Director of Public Works, about the work.

**ARBOR DAY (March 2021)**

- 300 trees have been ordered for the giveaway.
- Specific plans for safe operation of the giveaway will be developed with Public Works and City Hall staff. They will be announced in the March newsletter.
- In lieu of an in-person program, we will provide residents links to several Arbor Day Foundation videos. Lucy and Ellen will select several options.
- Jan will create a flyer to be included in the March newsletter.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Landscaping at the Anchorage Post Office:** The Anchorage Garden Club has completed the work. There will be a bench and hitching post as well.
- **Area across Ridge Road from the Anchorage Post Office** (steps to railroad track): The area has been tilled and Liriope has been planted. The yucca will be removed; hollies and Taxus will be pruned in the spring.
- **Leaf removal and wood chipping** (Paul): Paul contacted several small local cities about their programs, with varying degrees of success in obtaining information. The City of Lyndon has an extensive leaf-removal program. Paul will also contact Lyndon's contractor for additional information. He has not learned of any city that has a chipping program.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Committees and projects for 2021:** Minutes and newsletter - Ellen; Arbor Day - Nancy, Adele; Calendar - Jan; Canopy Campaign - Diane, Adele; Hazardous Trees - Paul; Growth Award - Lucy
- **Tree replacement:** Peg Revell contacted Lucy to ask if trees removed on Hickory Lane have been replaced. Lucy will consult with City Hall to determine replacements in the past two years.

**TREE CITY USA/GROWTH AWARD** (Lucy)

- **2020 Growth Award:** Lucy reviewed the activities that are expected to earn the City the 2020 Growth Award (10 points are required; we submitted 11 points): Street Canopy Campaign; Andrea Hanlon's work with LG&E in their pruning and maintenance program; Hazardous Trees Program; addition of Adele McCoy to the Board; Board members' participation in Anchorage Garden Club's maintenance and landscaping project at the Anchorage Post Office.
- **2021 Growth Award:** In 2021, we expect to earn points for the addition of Paul Wessel as a full Board member; the Ridge Road project; the Board's cooperative work with Reneé, Gary, and Andrea; Lucy's and Jan's article that was published in Jane Brown's *The Spirit of Anchorage 2020*, a copy of which has been purchased by the City for inclusion in the Betty Willets Memorial (Forestry) library.

**CALENDAR PROJECT** (Jan)

- All calendars designated for businesses have been delivered.
- Only 2 calendars remain at City Hall.
- Lucy thanked Jan for ordering an accurate number of calendars for our needs.

**ANCHOR AGE NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2021** (Ellen)

- Announcement of Nan Dryden's departure from Board and addition of Adele and Paul to the Board.
- Arbor Day Event "Save the Dates" announcement

**CITY COUNCIL REPORT** (Lucy) Lucy gave the report.

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.

**NEXT MEETING** Monday, February 1, 2021; 8:45 AM

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Welham