

Anchorage Forestry Board Meeting

Date: June 1, 2015

Meeting called to order 8:50 AM, City Hall

Attendees: Paul Wessel, Don Walker, Ellen Welham, Lucy Spickard, Diane McAllister, Nan Dryden, Andrea Hanlon, Renee' Major.

Minutes: Motion for approval of May minutes by Paul, second by Don, approved unanimously.

Budget:

--Our budget has not changed from last year.

--There is extra money set aside that we've used in the past for hats, tree guards, etc... This money must be used each year in order to keep our not-for-profit status. We decided to use these funds to have 50 copies of our Forestry Handbook available at Anchorfest and in city hall. Also, Rene will have Sandi link the booklet to the city website. Don will outreach to the school with a copy of the Forestry Handbook to see if they have interest in integrating it into the curriculum or for the school Arbor Day.

--Traffic circles around town have needed some sprucing up. Renee says the city has been contacted by residents about improving the Glenbrook traffic circle. The residents have been asked to submit a plan and the city will review. Lucy will contact the residents and neighbors to coordinate a plan. The Forestry Board will support the plan by providing the trees to the plan when we do the Canopy program. Andrea will suggest a low maintenance deciduous maybe ornamental tree for the plan.

Arborist Report:

--Andrea said we will have increased tree permits because of winter damage. Many trees are not hardy here in our transition zone, particularly Leyland Cypress.

--LG&E has a list of Ash trees they are removing. We are trying to get confirmation if the trees are on right of ways or on private property. Andrea is in contact with the arborist working for LG&E. Property owner would still have to sign the tree permit LG&E submits in order to take down a tree that is in the right of way.

Tree Permits/ Appointments:

Calendar: Lucy passed around the 21 photos of the art we will use. She solicited from the Anchorage artists guild. We hope to have this calendar for Anchorfest. Diane says the boy scouts delivering would be a liability, so we will have them available at Anchorfest and some delivery. Artists featured can have extra copies. We ordered 850 calendars last year. We may do 500 this year. No cardboard back, no wrapping.

Canopy/Spring Tree Replacement:

Diane and Nan will get availability list and get to the board in July or Aug. Lucy said Keenland orders from Dayton and areas north of Louisville. Our usual growers have been in this area. Lucy suggested giving a tree guard per tree. Will try to have list by July. Suggest the supplier include installation in the fee.

Arbor Day/ Tree Give Away: We usually have 6-8 tree choices. Lucy suggested we have larger supply and fewer choices. Diane will ask for dogwoods this next year.

Hazardous Trees: no news

Growth Award/ Tree City USA: Lucy says keep track of all hours.

Old Business: none

New Business: Street signs for Anchorage entrance look great!

AnchorAge: Diane pulled an article from the local paper about mulching and will have Sandi put some of that info into the AnchorAge.

Adjourned: 10:00 AM.

Next Meeting: July 6, 2015 @ 8:45 AM.