

Anchorage Forestry Meeting June 6, 2016

8:45 AM, City Hall

Attendees: Diane McAllitser, Ellen Welham, Ann Stivers, Erwin Booth, Connie O'Connell, Don Walker, Ursula Brooks, Andrea Hanlon, Rene' Majors, Lucy Spickard.

Minutes: Ellen motioned, Diane seconded, unanimously approved May minutes.

Forester Report: Weeping Katsura trees (cultivar Amazing Grace) now need selective pruning on Ridge Rd near the railroad. Andrea will work with Booth to arrange. May feature these trees in the newsletter because they were planted with a state grant many years ago arranged by Betty Willets. Lyndon has done some recent plantings along Lagrange Rd. by the railroad. This right of way belongs to the railroad.

Permits, We had 9 permits in May, 23 trees with 9 of them being Ash trees. One fine is still outstanding.

Wagner Park: Connie reports there is discussion on what surface to use for the pathway. Andrea recommends a Kusa dogwood as one option of tree to plant in the area where new plantings may be needed. There are old trees to be removed. At the site of the Tulip Poplar near the future path, Andrea recommends an elevated path near the tree to preserve the roots of the tree. Paul, Don, Ursula, Lucy trimmed and pruned the trees in Wagner Park on a work day arranged by the Forestry Board.

Connie asks for input from the community on what they want for Wagner Park.

Canopy Campaign: Canopy Committee will present 12 trees from the Anchorage Forestry website to Lucy by the end of the week, and she will send to Andrea for review. She will choose 9 to approve. In August we will send the approved list to the suppliers for bids. Keeping in mind that the suppliers do not have firm lists until later in the Fall.

Growth Award: We received tree tags with info on mytreeourforest.org to promote a National Campaign. We will discuss. The 2015 Tree City USA info sheet says Lexington has had the oldest forestry program and Anchorage plants the most trees in Ky. per capita. Lucy shared info that has come to the Forestry Board.

Calendar: No new photos submitted of gates. Lucy has enough photos. Mayor Hewitt declared May the Historic Preservation Month.

City Council News: Lucy shared some info from recent City Council meeting. Walking path bid for east side of Evergreen--Ridge to Woodland, with a bridge over the creek near the culvert. Don told Rene that Tom Knepsheid, Anchorage resident, has business providing bridges, and he could be a source for the bridge. Next phase is Old Harrods Creek Rd. from Owl Creek towards Beech.

Old Business:

--Hazardous Tree Program begins in September. Booth says hazardous tree program is working to keep power outages from being caused by trees falling in the right of way or taking out power lines in the right of way.

--Memorial Tree for May Jones will go on CityHall property in the Fall. Don Walker is coordinating.

--Tree on Osage Road declared a hazardous tree and taken down, but it was not in the right of way. City will donate 1-2 canopy trees in the Fall of 2016 to the resident near Wagner Park to replace.

New Business: Ann has a question about moving a Tulip Poplar from her yard to Wagner Park. Will ask Andrea next month.

Newsletter: Fall Canopy Campaign is coming. Ellen will put something in the newsletter about the success of the Hazardous tree program.

Adjourned: 9:50 AM. Nan motioned, Diane seconded, unanimously approved to adjourn
Next meeting July 11, 2016.