

Forestry Minutes
June 5, 2017
City Hall, 8:50 AM

Attendees: Lucy Spickard, Diane McAllister, Ellen Welham, Ursula Brooks, Nan Dryden, Ann Stivers, Jan Ruzich, and Erwin Booth.

Minutes from May were revised for spelling. A motion and a second were made, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Permits: There were 36 trees taken down, 3 of those were Ash. One property had 10 trees approved for removal. Residents can do a 3:1 ratio for replacement over a year's time.

Canopy Campaign:

-----The Committee will meet after this meeting to select trees for next year to get pass along for the Arborist's approval.

-----A resident recently contacted Nan to get name of planter used for 2016 Canopy Campaign because two of her dogwoods had not survived or done poorly, and she wanted to order a replacement that would be similar. Nan gave the contact info for Massey Nursery. Sue Massey found and delivered a replacement tree and inspected the trees. Sue thought one of the trees had been planted too low but might survive if replanted and raised. The resident then asked for the name of the planter, which Nan provided. The planter Mike Mason come out to inspect the tree and said it was planted too low. He planted the replacement tree for free and raised up the other low tree. The resident tipped the workers. All parties were happy with the outcome. Nan had asked the city Arborist, Andrea Hanlon, to inspect the questionable trees, but that was cancelled when the resident said all was solved to her satisfaction.

The Forestry Board does not guarantee the trees planted by Canopy Campaign. The cost of the guarantees would make the cost too high. There is no guarantee to residents, but the supplier and planter we used were happy to come out and give their assessments and offer solutions.

Old business:

-Bellewood, on Wednesday July 12, Forestry members will observe a Bellewood classroom working with old Anchorage Forestry calendars to create an art project. Jan will take photos. The time is divided into shifts between 8:30-11:00AM. Forestry board members will sign up for shifts so as not to overlap. The Bellewood school will also plant a "wishing tree" this Fall that the Forestry Board will donate. Don Walker is leading the efforts including contacting media, and arranging an engraved stone to mark the tree placement. Ellen will help Don with the media.

New business: Deer Scram has been recommended as a deer repellent. The city used it this year and it worked well.

Growth award: Calendars and changes to other programs qualify for points.

Calendar: Jan and Lucy are working with a new contact person in the same company for publishing the calendars. This next year we plan to use a "planner" book format. Jan and Lucy are taking photos of barns and other things in Anchorage so they will have photos for 2 years. Changing the format will be worth points toward the Growth Award.

City Council: On file.

Anchor Age: Deer Scram info and volcano mulching will go in the Newsletter.

Adjourned at 9:45 AM. Next meeting July 10, 2017. Elle