

**Anchorage Forestry Meeting
March 2, 2015, 8:48 AM.**

Attendees: Paul Wessel, Jim Williams, Ann Stivers, Lucy Spickard, Ellen Wellham, Nan Dryden, and Andrea Hanlon.

Forester Report: Andrea Hanlon

- Educational Program on Emerald ash borer.
- Educational Program on Asian longhorn beetle.
- LG&E are beginning their pruning near the Anchorage area. It is a 3-4 year rotation.
- Kentucky Tree has started taking down the hazardous trees from our list in Anchorage.

Minutes of Feb. Meeting approved unanimously after motion by Paul and second by Ellen.

Budget: no report.

Calendar Report: Lucy reported 2015 calendars picked up at City Hall was not very effective. She delivered to several community groups, etc.. We now have approx. 100 left over. We ordered 825. Next year we will do the larger size calendar. The Artist Guild will provide the art work. Jane Brown will photograph the art that is chosen. Original deadline was March 5, but need to extend the deadline. Art must be original and have a tree in it, for consideration. On March 5 Jane Brown will take a photo of work that is for sale. There are 3 of these pieces. The new deadline is May 29. Lucy plans that at the June Forestry meeting we will choose the art for the calendar.

Calendars will hopefully be ready for Anchorfest. Discussed continuing the calendar program. May order a smaller amount. There was no interest in delivering calendars to all of Anchorage again. Discussion on whether there is interest or demand from residents and what is our minimum number to continue the program? Lucy will talk to Publishers about the minimum #. Paul recommends a planner format. Calendar cost was \$493.30 for 850. We will table the discussion until we have more of these details.

Canopy Report: not currently active, no report.

Spring Tree Replacement & Arbor Day: Jim will be available to supervise delivery to maintenance building on March 23. Arbor Day program is Wednesday, March 25, 6:00 PM. Our speaker Andrew Barrett from Bernheim. Diane and Jim will meet with speaker this Thursday. Jim encourages forestry member participation. Sunday, March 29, 1-3:00 is the give away. Jim will get maintenance to help. Paul recommends Signorama on Bluegrass parkway to do the banner. Paul gave Jim a permit for the banner, and Jim will take care of the banner.

---Jim asked for a list of Forestry members who can help with March 25 and March 29 tree give away: Paul, Lucy, Ann, and Ellen are available. Other members not present at this meeting should contact Jim to let him know if they are available. Nan is available for the 29th, and tentative for the 25th.

Hazardous Trees: Currently trees are being taken down by Kentucky Tree.

Growth Award: Lucy says we needed more volunteer hours to get the Growth Award in 2014. We should keep track of our volunteer hours so we don't underestimate again. This is an award based on increases from the previous year, and perhaps we will only get the award on alternate years?

Old business: Forestry Handbook suggestions. We would like to have a more detailed Table of Contents and page numbers for each entry listed. Nan will talk to Sandi. The board was otherwise very impressed by the look of the handbook and the information included. Thank you to Sandi. Could this be made available on the city website?

New business: No one in attendance felt comfortable speaking or was available to be the Boy Scouts Forestry Guest Speaker on April 12, 5:00 PM at St. Lukes. If Diane is available, we all agree she is our best representative. Pending input from Diane.

Contact: Michelle Arnold, Ph. #'s 290-7151 or 523-7656. They want to know what the role or importance of the Forestry Board, tree ordinance, permits & replacements, why, how trees benefit people, animals and environment. Tell about how we give away trees and the canopy program. Anything else that may be of interest to them.

AnchorAge newsletter: Nan will ask Sandi to put a reminder to water newly planted trees. Sandi may also put a note at her discretion from her file of Forestry articles.

Meeting adjourned: 9:50 AM

Next meeting: April 6, 2015. Paul will take the minutes for Nan who will be out of town.