

Anchorage Forestry Board Meeting

Date: March 14, 2016, called to order 8:50 AM, City Hall

Attendees: Diane McAllister, Jim Williams, Nancy Wilkerson, Ellen Welham, Andrea Hanlon, Ann Stivers, Paul Wessel, Don Walker, Ursula Brooks, Erwin Booth, Rene Majors, Lucy Spickard, and Nan Dryden.

Minutes: Approved with spelling change.

Forester Report: No appeals or fines. There were 5 permits in February, and 15 permits in March to date.

Wagner Park: Lucy, Diane, Ursula & Connie O'Connell will meet. Also, Bill Wetherton and Diane Cook are City Council members working on the Wagner Park project.

----**Dogwood trees in Wagner Park:** We will wait until spring to see the condition of dogwoods and any watch list trees. Andrea will discuss her recommendations for all trees in Wagner Park with the committee. Rene said the hazardous tree removal budget is separate from the budget for other Wagner park trees removed.

----**Walking Path** through Wagner Park will be decided by the committee and the City Council.

Budget: We were over budget on Canopy Campaign, but under budget on Calendars.

Calendar: no report **Canopy/Spring Tree Replacement:** no report

Arbor Day/ Tree Give Away: Jim says trees will arrive today from Bouldin Nursery and Greenhouse.

Nancy, Diane, Ellen, Paul, and Lucy will help with trees. **Arbor Day** program is on Wed., Mar 16th at 6:00 PM with a **Tree Give-Away** to follow that evening. Each household is allowed 3 free trees. Also, Sunday, March 20th, from 1:00-3:00 is a **Tree Give Away** for people who did not attend the Arbor Day Program, or those who want to purchase additional trees for \$15 each. (Free after 3:00 PM). Lucy will coordinate the 3 lists of residents from Wednesday so we know who picked up their free trees already. We will display a sample of each tree. Nancy will have table cloth & refreshments on the table. Set up is 5:00 PM. Lucy is coordinating the artists' voluntary attendance. Lucy will send notice to Artist Guild and email reminder. Jim is handling the projector and Booth has extra cable and his computer. Diane said we need a sign in sheet for Growth Award credit. Jim asked Lucy to introduce speaker for Arbor Day, Wed. PM. Attending March 20 will be Jim, Don, Nancy, Lucy, Ursula, & Andrea.

Tree guards: Andrea has contact with SiteOne (John Deere) for tree guards of different type. We have 60 tree guards (\$3 each) currently and will not need more before the Arbor Day.

Growth Award/ Tree City USA: Award, signage, & Tree City Flag arrived.

The flag grommet needs to be repaired. Booth asked Lucy to request signage grommets?

Hazardous Trees: no report

Old Business:

----Don has examples of 3 stones for memorial in Wagner Park. Rene will run it by the Mayor. Several memorial stones are located near City Hall.

----Paul asked what we are doing to encourage residents to replace trees lost with sewer project. When sewer project has been completed we intend to incentivize with the spring give away and fall canopy programs. Andrea says the 2 inch caliper tree is ideal. The larger trees take longer to recover and put roots out.

----Deer repellent methods were discussed. Ellen will try to put some info in the newsletter.

New Business: Lucy says 3 trees have grown into the stone wall by Hobbs Chapel Cemetery. The removal/ repair cost will be \$9,000.00. Does the Forestry Board want to request money from the city to be given to the project? Much discussion followed. Technically, the Governor's office owns the cemetery property. The city owns the Hobbs Chapel, but the Anchorage Garden Club has a \$1 lease and manages the property. The city mows and trims the property, and helps with repairs. We will discuss again next month and vote whether or not to donate to the project. Forestry would have to present any donation amount to the city council for approval.

----Don wanted to commend Angie Chick. She was very pleasant.

---Keith Wafford, Anchorage School Principal, is retiring. The school property has no more space for new trees, therefore we decided planting a tree was not an option.

----Lucy read a Thank You note from Kelly Ransdell at Anchorage School, for the trees planted recently.

AnchorAge: Ellen will put info in AnchorAge with Forestry Meeting date changes for 2016.

Adjourned: 10:18 AM **Next Meeting:** April 4, 2016. Note that several members will be absent due to spring break the first week in April.