

ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
MARCH 2, 2020

ATTENDEES: Lucy Spickard, Chair; Jan Ruzich; Diane McAllister; Donnie Walker; Nancy Wilkinson; Adele McCoy; Ann Stivers; Reneé Major; Gary Burkhead; Andrea Hanlon.

CALL TO ORDER: Lucy called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES: Diane moved to accept the February minutes; Jan seconded. The minutes were approved.

FORESTER'S REPORT (Andrea Hanlon):

- There were 38 tree-removal permits in February; 21 of those were removed by LG&E. Of the 38 trees, 6 were Ash trees; of the 6, one was removed by LG&E. LG&E is still working to cut trees. There were no fines or appeals.
- Gary reported on the status of City issues. Public Works is handling basic maintenance of plantings. The stumps of the hazardous trees that are removed will be removed last.

ARBOR DAY (March 18, 6 PM - program and tree giveaway; March 22, 2-3 PM - giveaway of remaining trees):

- The speaker will be Dr. Aruni Bhatnagar of the U of L's Christina Lee Brown Envirome Institute and Green Heart program. He will speak about the effect of the envirome (natural, social, and personal environments) on human health. Lucy reported that his presentation to the Anchorage Garden Club was extremely interesting and very well received. She will speak at the Anchorage Botanical Society's next meeting to encourage attendance at Arbor Day.
- The Board will contribute a \$100 honorarium to the Christina Lee Brown Envirome Institute.
- Lucy reviewed the list of volunteer jobs. Board members discussed specific arrangements and procedures.
- Each household will be given a tree-order form at Arbor Day registration. Residents must have the form to receive trees on March 18.
- Sunday's giveaway will be held from 2-3 PM. It is likely that all trees will be given away within the hour.
- Donnie will obtain yard signs to direct residents to Public Works for Sunday's giveaway.
- Discussion was held about the value of evergreens to human health, per Dr. Bhatnagar's research. We may consider offering an evergreen as the "special" tree for the 2020 Canopy Campaign, since an evergreen cannot serve as a canopy tree.
- Tree guards will be sold at the giveaway location for \$7 each and donut-shaped hydrators for \$16 each.
- We will provide a box for cash donations to the Forestry Board and a basket for donations of tree-related books.
- An IT expert from the Envirome Institute will synch technology with City Hall for the presentation. Ellen has been in contact with him and will pursue his visiting City Hall before the evening of the program to do so.

OLD BUSINESS

- Bram and Maddie Willets' \$100 donation to the Betty Willets Memorial Library enabled the purchase of two large, illustrated books selected by Adele and Nancy. The books will be designated references for use in the library.
- The dedication of the dogwood tree planted in Booth's honor and the reception to follow will be held on April 6th at 8:45 AM. There will be no Forestry Board meeting on that day. Adele will purchase donuts; coffee will be made at City Hall.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT (Lucy): Lucy gave the report.

ANCHORAGE NEWSLETTER (Ellen):

- Residents will be invited to Booth's tree dedication and reception.
- The Arbor Day presentation and distribution of trees will be summarized.

ADJOURNMENT: Lucy adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

NEXT MEETING Monday, April 6th, 8:45 AM -- Booth's tree dedication and reception in lieu of regular meeting

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Welham (for Nan Dryden, Secretary)