

Anchorage Forestry Board Meeting

May 4, 2015, 8:45 AM, City Hall, called to order 9:03 AM.

Attendees: Paul Wessel, Don Walker, Ursula Brooks, Lucy Spickard, Ann Stivers, Andrea Hanlon, and Nan Dryden.

Minutes: April minutes approved.

Budget: City budget for Forestry in 2014 was \$28,550.00. Future budget suggestions due next month. Board has a copy of the current budget for review. The current budget shows a smaller calendar budget because we ordered less the year we tried the City Hall pickup method. We decided to request the larger calendar budget in hopes of arranging Scouts to distribute.****

New Forestry Handbook given to Nan and Lucy. Board received copies at April Meeting.

LGE pruning: LG&E is currently in Anchorage for routine trimming on 4 year cycle.

Calendar: Lucy will use all 21 pieces of art the Artist Guild members submitted last month. Lucy will bring the calendar photos to the next meeting. Ann will contact Mike Brewer to ask if the Boy Scouts would deliver calendars to the front doors or to mailboxes this Fall in exchange for a donation. Rene is checking with city attorney to see what is an allowable donation amount. We will produce the larger calendar size this year, not the planner format. We will have it ready by Anchorfest to handout and order a reduced amount, or we can increase the total order number if the Boy Scouts can distribute. Paul suggested donating extra calendars for the artists who have their work represented in the calendar.

Canopy/Spring Tree Replacement: Begin contacting nurseries in June/July. Goal is to have the grower/supplier also do the planting.

Arbor Day/ Tree Give Away: Jim gave a complete report last month.

Hazardous Trees: Finished.

Growth Award/ Tree City USA: Need 10 points each year for the growth award, and in 2014 we turned in 11points. We did not have an increase in volunteer hours as compared to the prior year, so we did not get the Growth Award. We will use 2014 programs for this 2015 Growth Award cycle, as long as we are updating the 2014 programs this year. Maybe a walking tour in the Fall would be attractive? (Interpretive tour is worth 3pts). Hazardous tree program (5pts) has never been used for points so we can use it this year. Calendar this year is a cooperative program with the artist guild,(3pts), handbook (2pts). Also, we had Ash bore educational program (5pts) this year. Since we don't need the points we will table the walking tour until next year.

Old Business: none

New Business: budget work ongoing.

AnchorAge: Submission: The Anchorage Forestry Board sponsored a guest speaker and 250 trees were given away to Anchorage residents who attended the events March 25 and 29. Kousa dogwoods and Kwansan cherries were the most popular. Many thanks to City Maintenance for their support. If you planted trees be sure to water them regularly this spring and summer until their roots are well established. Tree gators are available at the City Maintenance Building.

Next Meeting: June 1, 2015

***Nan spoke to Rene', City Treasurer, after this meeting. Rene' needs the Forestry Board budget suggestions before the June meeting. Nan will get board input via email.