

## **Anchorage Forestry Board Meeting**

**Date May 9, 2016**

**Meeting called to order 8:50 AM, City Hall**

**Attendees:** Lucy Spickard, Ellen Welham, Nancy Wilkinson, Nan Dryden, Andrea Hanlon, Connie O'Connell, Rene Majors, Erwin Booth.

**Minutes:** Ellen motioned to approve April minutes, Nancy seconded, unanimously approved.

**Forester Report:** Permits this past month: 15 requests, 41 trees down (most were dead). We have one appeal, but Forester says they were clearly in violation of trenching rules.

**Calendar:** Lucy has photos of gates in Anchorage, and photos of lanterns by the gates. *The Anchor Age* article to ask residents for photos. Rene suggested Wagner gates as a promotion of the Wagner park opening.

**Wagner Park:** Connie reported several trees dying along Osage in Wagner Park. The walking paths will be widened. We discussed replacing the dogwood trees, noted the easement for the walking path access from Hazelwood, and a potential second path may be decided upon. Plan to leave an open area (potential location of the dog show, maybe grade the open area?). We will discuss community park uses and goals and give recommendations for future trees. Trees in decline are marked with orange paint and those in question will be marked with orange tape. There are suckers growing out of trees at Wagner Park, Forestry will trim suckers Friday, May 20 at 10:00 AM.

**Other City News:** City is putting in a walking path connecting road from Evergreen to Woodland. There is a tree in the creek that will have to be removed to make way for concrete wings of the increased culvert. There will not be a sidewalk, but will have a walking path. The homeowner agrees to let the city use some of their yard for access. The other trees will stay.

**Canopy/Spring Tree Replacement:** Nancy, Ellen, Lucy and Nan will form a committee to organize the project. They will be meeting separately. When Connie ran the program in past, when residents ordered trees for placement out of Canopy area they paid full price and full price for planting. City council is voting on raising budget to \$16,000.00 for Forestry, taking into consideration an expanding Canopy program in 2016. The committee will bring recommendations to the Board with respect to allowing residents to order & plant trees outside of the 15-25 ft. canopy area. BUDS may be an issue with increasing the planting locations.

**Hazardous Trees:** If residents have questions about tree removal what should Forestry Board members do? Call Rene at City Hall. If we have questions about LGE tree removal, we may call LGE Forester, Phillip Robertson, 502-424-9461.

Ellen has question about trees on her street. Booth says that location is on private property.

**Growth Award/ Tree City USA:** Growth Award signs are in, but not up yet

**City Council News:** Lucy gave an update from the meeting.

**The Anchor Age:** Ellen will put a message in about Hazardous Trees, reference the Forestry Handbook. Message about calendar photos. Also ask for photos for calendar. Angie is doing a great job.

**Adjourned: 9:50 AM.**

**Next Meeting: June 6, 8:45 AM.**

**Respectfully submitted by Nan Dryden, Forestry Secretary.**