

## **November 3, 2008**

### **Minutes**

**Attendees:** Ann, Andrea, Mike, Diane, Ellen, Hap, Brad, Jim, and 2 guests, Kate Foulds and Connie O'Connell

**October Minutes:** Minutes were read and approved.

**Budget:** All monies in the personal account for the Forestry Board was recently deposited in a CD and a money market account, 50/50. This was done immediately after the October meeting by the City Treasurer, Reene' and Diane McAllister at Commonwealth Bank in Anchorage.

**Calendar Project:** The 2009 draft will be delivered to the publishers on Wednesday, November 5. The format is the same as in previous years (size, number of pages, and paper stock), and 1200 calendars will be printed. The draft will be available for proofing around the 12<sup>th</sup>. of November and delivery of the calendars should be around December 1.

**Nursery:** Around 150 trees were dug with the help of scouts , their leaders and fathers for the November 2 tree-give-away. A check for \$100 was given to the scouts to assist in raising funds for a future educational project.

Ellen reported that approximately 230 smaller seedlings still remain in the nursery. Diane described how in the future, in lieu of how the nursery was replenished in the past, perhaps bareroot "liners", a suggestion by Mark Timmons, be considered as an alternative way of continuing the Fall give-away. This would be a more cost-effective way of still providing a much appreciated program to our community. These can be delivered in the Fall and given to the residents at that time. The Anchor-age and e-mails to residents can be used as a means of notifying residents of the arrival of the shipment and pick-up date.

**Anchor-age Newsletter:** Thank everyone who participated in the November 2 Fall tree-give-away and for the generous contributions to the Forestry Board fund.

**Canopy:** Hap recounted some of the history of the Canopy Program since his involvement by preparing a report showing the more popular tree species ordered through the program between 2004 and 2008 and also showing the number of canopy versus non-canopy trees between those same dates. Diane reported that she is trying to meet with John McGarvey this week about some canopy-related questions, including written legal waivers by participating homeowners, the subsidizing of trees on private access roads and establishing a standard for City-right-of-way planting as being at least 15 feet from the paved side of the street.

**Hazard Trees:** The listings are in and Andrea will be reviewing the identified trees to see if they are in fact hazardous, need to be added to watch list or may be in need of trimming. Alice will then get bids for possible removal during the winter months. Diane added that she will talk to Mark Timmons about “Hazardous Tree Identification” classes for Board Members.

**Arbor Day:** Brad reported that his idea for next Arbor Day includes preparing some handouts for the teachers about the recently labeled trees.

**Anchorage Pride:** All the areas have been cleaned and some dead brush and shrubs have been removed. Everything is looking much better and the residents are noticing.

**Old Business:** A list of wholesale nurseries and planters will be provided by Mark Timmons, in addition to a list of recommended trees for Anchorage. A letter requesting bids from a minimum of 3 each wholesale nurseries and contractors will be sent for the pricing of trees and the planting.

**New Business:** Diane has sent an e-mail to John McGarvey with a list of questions that the Forestry Board needs a legal opinion on so we can implement the Canopy Program accordingly. She has also requested an answer to the changes to the Tree Ordinance, which would update the requirement for tree replacement and increase the penalties for offenses. These changes would bring us up to date with other Tree City, USA Ordinances.

**Next Meeting:** December 1, 2008--9:30 A.M.

**Meeting Adjourned:**