

Anchorage Forestry Nov.11, 2017, City Hall 8:50 AM

Attendees: Lucy Spickard, Don Walker, Nancy Wilkinson, Ursula Brooks, Ann Stivers, Andrea Hanlon, Erwin Booth, Renee' Major, Jan Ruzich, Ellen Welham, and Nan Dryden.

Minutes: October minutes moved to approve by Nan, seconded by Jan, and unanimously approved.

Tree colors peaking this week!

Forester Report: There were 28 trees permitted for removal in Oct., and 13 of those were Ash. There were 0 fines or appeals.

Wagner Park: no report

Hazardous Trees program lists due today. Diane McAllister is the chair. Booth will get the list next week that has been approved by Arborist for removal of hazardous trees. In general, the Forestry Board has been doing a good job of identifying the initial list. Andrea asks for specific identifying details for the locations.

Canopy Campaign: Nancy, Ellen, Lucy are chairpersons.

—Kenton Abrahms (Nursery) will deliver the trees next Monday, Nov. 13, to the planter, Mike Mason. Planting will be done next week after BUDs and spraying the approved locations.

—Ellen will call BUD today, and follow up with email and message to contact Nancy if any questions.

—Nancy recommended include tree guards for all trees ordered next year.

—MSD replacement trees were a one-time offer.

Arbor Day & Spring tree give away: Diane is chair.

Uspiritus Fall Festival: Nancy and Jan are chairs, already planning to participate next year. The pumpkin bracelets and Q-tip art were successes. The leaf art was not as much of a hit. We plan to keep it to two crafts at the booth next year. The weather shut it down early. Patsy Harkess, Kristin Wilson, Ellen Welham, Cathy Wessel, and Katie Speiden were volunteers. Thank you.

Old Business:

—**Calendar project:** planners were well received 250 for \$800. Tom Chessler for C&R Graphics is our contact person. Maybe next year have more space to write on the calendar. Maybe have calendar oriented so the squares are larger. Shiny cover OK, but with paper that we can more easily write on. Jan did a great job. Perhaps next year's theme could be an educational "trees of Anchorage". This is the season for getting the Fall pictures. Suggested we get photos of trees to send to Jan. Get photo of the bark and whole tree. There is a Ginko at Wagner park, also a Bald Cypress at Osage and Evergreen.

—**Wishing Tree at Bellewood** meeting today at 3:00 to discuss the upcoming program promoting the planting of the Tulip Poplar tree at Bellewood. Don and Booth will attend. Mark Obermeyer from Anchorage Living Magazine, will hopefully cover the event to advertise the Forestry programs in partnership with Bellewood for the three recent programs: calendar recycling art in the classroom, the Festival booth we offered, and the Wishing Tree. Jim Mahenes is a contact person for Uspiritus.

New Business:

—**City Council** report by Lucy.

—**Yew Dell Gardens:** Don suggested we support Yew Dell Gardens. Forestry Board voted to have the city be a member of Yew Dell so we can receive the Yew Dell newsletter. Next month we will put the notice in the city newsletter encouraging residents to check out the Yew Dell website and the educational opportunities there for trees.

—**LG&E** offers a matching grant for tree planting called Plant for the Planet. We decided not to do this, since we have the funding for our plantings from the city.

—**APTA Auction 2018** has asked for the Forestry Board to donate the right for the winner to choose the first 3 trees from the Arbor Day/Free Tree program.

—**Growth Award** plaques might deserve to be displayed. We will put the small plaques on plate rack on the shelves for now and bring down for display when we have a program. Tree USA flags are also available for our programs and displayed on flag pole at City Hall.

Anchor Age Newsletter articles by Ellen. Canopy Campaign update, Uspiritus, Tree guards, APTA auction offering.

Meeting Adjourned 10:00 AM. Next meeting: Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, 8:45 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nan Dryden, Forestry Secretary.