

Anchorage Forestry Nov. 5, 2018. City Hall 8:50 AM

Attendees: Lucy Spickard, Jan Ruzich, Erwin Booth, Nancy Wilkinson, Diane McAllister, Ann Stivers, Ellen Welham, and Nan Dryden.

Minutes: A motion to approve the edited October minutes was made by Ellen, seconded by Jan, and approved unanimously.

Forester Report: Lucy reported 58 trees down, 10 were Ash. Andrea is out of town, and there are no Forestry appointments scheduled today.

Wagner Park: No news.

Police station landscaping has begun. Andrea's company developed a plan.

City Landscaping: Andrea, Booth, Lucy, and Reneé identified the plants to be removed around the city hall area. Jan will work on the plan for the new plantings. Phase 1 is for City Maintenance to clean out areas that have overgrown bushes and trees in islands and triangles. Phase 2 is the plantings.

Circle and Triangle clean up: Booth has removed the trees and shrubs identified previously. The larger trees will be removed as part of the hazardous tree removal.

Hazardous Trees: The list of areas that could use a tree for next year's Canopy Campaign will be reviewed before next year's campaign. (Ann and Jim) and (Nancy and Jan) will review their lists and turn in for hazardous trees and areas that could use a canopy tree next year. The current lists of hazardous trees turned in to Angie will be reviewed by Andrea and Booth. Nancy suggested we do the review in August instead of September because some trees drop leaves early.

Area of Bellwood Rd. that needs some landscaping to soften green space, need to suggest to resident, but Forestry will not pay for this. We have denied another resident near there who asked for the City to do the plantings. The land is private property. Perhaps redbuds would be better than another planting that would require maintenance. We will discuss further and have an overall plan. Prior to this meeting, Andrea suggested 3 redbuds by the sparse property. Lucy will review with Andrea again and it may be part of the 2019 Canopy Program.

Triangle in middle of the City on Evergreen Road needs a tree, but we will have to move the power lines crossing overhead of the island. Lucy will look into it.

Canopy Campaign: Diane will deliver the flags today. Diane will call Thursday or Friday and get a date for BUDS. Nan will send the email today to notify residents to put the flags out. Andrea will get the notification of a delivery date. Tree guards will be put on the trees as they are planted by the planter. Having Andrea coordinate with the nursery and planter is very helpful,

—Nancy recommends we develop a master plan for the Canopy/beautification plan.

Arbor Day & Spring Tree Give-away:

—**March 20, 2019**, the volunteers Diane, Nancy, Jan, Jim, Renee, and, possibly Paul, will be working on the Arbor Day Program.

—**Speaker** for Arbor Day Program: Tavia Cathcart Brown, Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve Executive Director.

Old Business: Lucy will contact Stephanie Cronan at Anchorage School to let her know we approved the tree donated at the Arbor Day Program for the environmental club at the school. Stephanie will be in charge of claiming the tree at the program.

What is the count of the tree watering doughnuts? Booth will report to Lucy. The green bags are more effective than the brown doughnuts. Tree gators should be used for 2 years, June through the Fall, on newly planted trees.

New Business:

—Andrea ordered our spring trees for Arbor Day from the list Diane, Nancy and Lucy gave her. The budget is \$4600.00 so more trees were added. There are approx. 280 trees. The dogwoods that did not survive last year will be replaced if residents let us know about their dogwoods from last year not surviving. We should get the same dogwood that we ordered last year. The Kousa is the species that we will be getting this spring.

—David Naselsker will be writing an article for "The Anchor Magazine" for the Forestry Board on Invasive Species. honeysuckle, Bradford Pear, Honeysuckle, and replantings.

Bellewood/ Uspiritus/ Centerstone: Fall Festival was a success. Planting for the vine hut as begun and the rest of the plantings will be in the spring. The structure will be put in place in the spring. There is a maze located near the vine hut project. The old dead tree will be removed ASAP.

Tree City USA: We are on track for 11 points, but we only need 10 points.

City Council: Lucy reported that the City Council wants Forestry to continue with the Canopy Campaign and not skip next year as planned. They also want us to send letters of suggestion to residents who we have identified as good candidates for planting a Canopy tree on their property.

—Historical Preservation Committee is hiring a professional to help them update their guidelines.

Anchor Age Newsletter articles by Ellen. Canopy Campaign update.

Meeting Adjourned 10:50 AM Next meeting: 8:45 AM, Monday, Dec. 3. The Holiday Party for the City is Dec. 12.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nan Dryden, Forestry Secretary.