

Anchorage Forestry Board Meeting

Date: Oct. 5, 2015

Meeting called to order 8:45 AM at City Hall.

Attendees: Ellen Welham, Ursula Brooks, Lucy Spickard, Jim Williams, Don Walker, Nan Dryden, Diane McAllister, Andrea Hanlon, and Rene' Majors.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from September by Nan, seconded by Ursula, and unanimously approved after a spelling correction.

Budget: no report

Educational Program: New Tree Planting handout and tips on mulch and planting by Andrea.

Calendar: Calendar will be ready Friday, Oct. 9, at Publishers Press in Shepherdsville. Ursula can do the pickup if Paul is not available. Lucy will coordinate. The PO will be ready when the job actually gets to Publishers Press. Ballpark price expected is \$400. We would like to send a fruit basket to the staff who worked on our calendars. Rene will check to see if we can do that and let Diane know. The person picking up calendars will deliver the fruit basket. Jim will order the basket. The price, if we had to pay for 400 calendars, would be over \$2,000.00.

Each family is allowed one free calendar on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at Anchorfest 5:30-8:30 PM. If someone wants two we will sell for \$5 each. We plan to deliver calendars to Anchorage businesses in mid-November. Lucy will bring the calendars and list to next meeting for us to share the deliveries.

Canopy: Ursula initiated a discussion about LG&E cutting back the canopy as we are replacing canopy trees with the campaign. Ursula discussed how LG &E is destroying the looks many older trees along our streets with severe pruning. It was mentioned that the canopy trees we are planting now will not be effected by trimming because of the established criteria for planting 15-25 ft from the road, and not allowing trees to be planted under or close to overhead utility lines. When Forestry Board members mark the flag placements all of these parameters are inspected to insure the new trees will not be in locations to be affected by the LG& E pruning in the future.

We have orders for 61 trees with total cost of \$6,089.50. We could not get the beech tree and informed all residents who had ordered those. We will pass out the flags and instructions to residents after the Nov. Meeting. We will call for underground lines to be marked, and mark the flags with spray paint after measuring. The trees will be planted in mid Nov., before Thanksgiving. Nan will contact the residents who ordered trees by email or phone to give information in advance of the flags being delivered.

Arbor Day/ Tree Give Away/ Spring Tree Replacement: Jim has a list of trees available. Andrea will help with selection. Arbor Day speaker: Bernheim has been reliable in the past. A speaker from Keeneland was very good, and Lucy will contact. Lucy asked for availability of auditorium in Wed., March 16 for Arbor Day speaker.**. The Spring Tree Giveaway will be March 20, 2016.

Hazardous Trees: Forestry board did preliminary scouting of hazardous trees done in all 4 quadrants. Lists will be turned in to Sandi who will forward to Andrea.

Growth Award/ Tree City USA: We spent \$50,202.00 last year. Forestry is involved in some city landscaping, hazardous trees, forestry budget line items, and other expenditures. We need to exceed last year's amount to keep the growth award. Volunteer hours were reported as calculated= \$3,243.00. (In 2012 we had 796 hours.) Rene will convert 2014

monetary amount into hours so we know our volunteer hours last year. If we don't spend enough money and have enough volunteer hours we need not apply for the growth award.

Old Business: none

New Business: Permit report: 8 permits this month: Irrigation, LG&E, electric fences, gas lines, trenching, and trees.

AnchorAge: Info about trenching and canopy program update.

Adjourned: 10:30 AM.

Next Meeting: Nov. 2, 2015

**Auditorium was not available for March 16.