

Anchorage Forestry Board Meeting Oct. 3, 2016

Called to order at City Hall at 8:50 AM.

Attendees: Lucy, Nancy, Ellen, Ursula, Paul, Renee, Connie, Booth, Andrea

Minutes: Motion to approve: Nancy; Second: Ellen; approved.

Forester Report: Andrea

- June permits: 30 trees, of which 2 were Ash trees.

- Fines/Appeals: Renee reported one fine was appealed and reduced from \$650 to \$300. One fine was issued for a tree removal without permit.

City issues: Wagner Park - Connie O'Connell

-----Connie discussed a proposal to purchase 3 picnic tables and a bench for Wagner Park. She will approach the Civic Club Board at its Tues. meeting to consider donating several thousand dollars (in line with past donations) to cover the costs. If the Civic Club contributes and City Council approves, the orders will be placed. It is possible that the equipment may not be in place until spring. The project could involve a multi-year expenditure.

-----Andrea asked about the status of trees to be purchased for Wagner Park. No order has been placed to date.

Renee, Lucy, and Andrea will coordinate efforts to generate the list, select a nursery or grower, and arrange delivery. Depending on trees selected, it may be more cost-effective to purchase separately from the canopy campaign order. Booth will handle planting to save on planting cost.

Hazardous Trees: Ursula

All 4 lists have been submitted. Lucy and Angie have copies of the Forestry Board members' lists. Angie (City Hall) also keeps an ongoing list to provide to Booth. Andrea will mark the trees and Booth will check the rights-of-way.

Canopy Campaign: Nancy, Ellen, Nan

- Lucy reviewed Nan's summary. Orders & money are in, flags have been organized and will be delivered by the committee the week of Oct. 17, emails will be sent to participating residents to inform them of progress, and the Canopy Committee will call BUDS and spray-paint approved locations.

- We will strongly urge residents purchase and use tree guards. Messages about this will be in the emails to program participants, as well as, in the November AnchorAge. After January, guards will cost more, due to depleted supplies and increased prices. Booth said we probably have enough for this year. (56 in stock, 44 ordered for Canopy trees this year)

- Lucy explained the issues with the coffee tree quality. We ordered the Espresso variety. Sue Massey (nursery) has offered to waive the delivery fee (value \$650 for full load) to offset the additional cost. (\$171 /each Espresso vs \$90 / each originally priced variety) There was a total of 9 coffee trees ordered. Total of 65 trees were ordered; 15 were the special-order dogwoods.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Tree City USA/ Growth Award: Lucy

- Lucy has calculated that we need 10 points (probably have 14 points to date)

--Wagner Park: add trees; picnic tables and walking path will be placed appropriately, avoiding tree roots; existing trees in the area of parking are already close to decline.

--Arbor Day: added display of art used in the calendar

--Canopy Campaign: expanded program to include special-order dogwoods

--Board members need to calculate their volunteer hours in 2016 (other than for meetings) and send to Lucy. Lucy will total the meeting hours for all.

--Paul reminded that we also did a clean-up of Wagner Park.

--Lucy will see if our calendar project article has appeared in the KY Div. of Forestry's quarterly newsletter.

Calendar Project: Lucy

-- The 2017 calendar has gone to the printer. Lucy explained that the photos will cover the entire page(s), but the calendar pages will have margins because of a software issue. Nancy suggested the margins can be used for making notes.

-- Credits will mention that the photos were inspired by Bill Wetherton.

-- Total of 350 calendars were ordered; we always receive extras. If we have a tremendous oversupply compared to demand, this year, we will consider doing a planner or small desk calendar size next year..

- Paul will deliver thank you fruit basket to Publishers Printing Co.

City Council: Renee Majors

- No Forestry Board member attended.

- Renee summarized the fine appeal situation.

Budget Report: Lucy sent a report out. We are on budget and the report is saved in Dropbox.

ADJOURNED @ 10:50 AM, NEXT MEETING: Nov. 1, 2016 @ 8:45 AM

Minutes by Ellen Welham