

Anchorage Forestry Oct. 1, 2018. City Hall 8:50 AM

Attendees: Lucy Spickard, Jan Ruzich, Andrea Hanlon, Erwin Booth, Renee' Major, Diane McAllister, Paul Wessel, and Nan Dryden.

Minutes: September minutes moved to approve by Ellen, seconded by Jan, and unanimously approved.

Forester Report: There were 17 trees permitted for removal in September, and 2 of those were Ash. There were 0 fines or appeals.

Wagner Park: The Park has been cleaned.

City Landscaping: Nancy & Jan will look at Police Station and Cell Tower and discuss with Andrea landscaping ideas. City Maintenance will remove any trees/shrubs that need to be removed. It is a large project and Andrea suggests we hire a landscape architect to design with input from Andrea, Nancy, and Jan.

Hazardous Trees: Booth explained the right-of-way on East Cove Rd. Ellen will update a city map with all rights-of-way information for relevant roads and bring it next month for Booth to review. (Booth and Andrea will review and note hazardous trees as usual.)

Canopy Campaign:

—Andrea suggested an article a month to educate about benefits of trees. Perhaps aerial maps can pinpoint areas that need trees. August 2019 newsletter article will review the maps and advertise the need for canopy trees.

—We've got orders for 19 trees for 2018. Handing out flags in November. Booth will take out tree at Bellewood in early November. Diane will deliver the flags. Diane will check the roots and measure at least 2 feet from sidewalk. Nan will email the residents who have ordered trees.

We may go to an every-other-year cycle of Canopy Campaign, unless there is a weather event. Lucy will give the report at city council. Leave it in the budget in case of a weather event.

—Andrea will identify the trees for a list of Canopy Trees from which we may choose each year.

Arbor Day & Spring tree give-away:

—**March 20, 2019**, the volunteers are Diane, Nancy, Jan, Jim, Renee, and, possibly Paul, will be working on the Arbor Day. Jan will work prior to the event. Ursula, Jan, and Ellen will help with refreshments. Bouldin Nursery is checking on sizes. The expected total is around 300. Several trees died last year because of hard winter. Bouldin Nursery will replace the dogwoods that did not survive from last year. The number is approx. 30 Kousa Dogwoods extra that he could bring. We will not be advertising that we have a replacement. We will make it clear that there is no warranty expressed or implied with this program.

—**Speaker** for Arbor Day Program Suggestions: Nan will call to arrange. Tavia Cathcart Brown, Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve Executive Director. Speaker should bring a copy of presentation on flash drive. Mar. 20 at 6:00 PM, presentation will be approx. 20 minutes. Topic to be decided.

—Last year Angie suggested a **door prize**: tree guards, gators, cards for Arbor Day, flower seeds, etc... Tickets will provide proof of attendance. Discussion turned to giving everyone a packet of seeds that will attract Monarch Butterflies.

Each homeowner is allowed 3 trees per property. **Residents must be present to claim their 3 trees per property.**

Old Business: Resident asked to qualify for Arbor Day Program on back of the property concerned, but utility lines are above one available area, and sewer line is in the other area in question. Renee will speak to Andrea for clarification and then Renee will write a letter from the city since no phone is listed.

New Business:

—Stephanie Cronan is starting an environmental club at Anchorage School. They would like Forestry Board to donate a tree. We approved and will offer their choice of tree from Arbor Day.

—Resident would like to publish an article about burning bushes being invasive. Renee suggested he send his article to Andrea who will review, edit, and approve for article, perhaps on invasive species.

—Deer are overwhelming. Lucy has some info she will forward to City about a community that neutered male deer.

Bellewood/ Uspiritus/ Centerstone: Fall Festival craft booth at Bellewood Oct. 21, Nancy & Jan will Plan the activities and Lucy will also be representing the Forestry Board by working shifts at the booth.

Anchor Fest Oct. 18.: There is a petting zoo at the gazebo this year.

Tree City USA: Lucy has many projects that are worth many points. She will review with Renee.

Middletown crime report: On this website you can see statistics for our area.

City Council: Lucy reported.

Anchor Age Newsletter articles by Ellen. Canopy Campaign was successful. Tree guards available.

Meeting Adjourned 9:50 AM Next meeting: Monday, Nov. 5, 2018, 8:45 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nan Dryden, Forestry Secretary.