

ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
Oct. 5, 2020 – Zoom meeting

ATTENDEES Lucy Spickard, Chair; Diane McAllister; Ellen Welham; Jason Walters; Adele McCoy; Nancy Wilkinson; Jan Ruzich; Reneé Major; Andrea Hanlon

CALL TO ORDER Lucy called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM.

MINUTES The minutes were approved.

FORESTER REPORT – Andrea

- There were 26 tree-removal permits; 56 trees total (1 permit included 26 trees); 3 Ash
- Wagner Park: Public Works Director Gary Burkhead will meet with Andrea today to mark trees that need attention.

HAZARDOUS TREES – Ellen

- All four quadrants were evaluated. There were approximately 37 notations on the lists turned in.
- Andrea has the teams' lists. She will review and provide her final list to the City this week.

CANOPY CAMPAIGN – Diane and Nan

- 41 trees were ordered. This number includes the special-order trees and Erwin Booth's dedication tree.
- Abrams Nursery is out of the 'Black Pearl' redbud, of which 9 were ordered. Andrea will discuss alternatives with Kenton Abrams when he is available and will report to Diane, who will inform those residents who ordered the 'Black Pearl' trees. 'Forest Pansy' redbud was suggested as a feasible alternative if they are available.
- The flags are ready to be distributed.
- Diane will send Cortez the list of addresses.
- Cortez will pick up the trees from Abrams. They expect to begin planting on Nov. 18, weather permitting.
- Diane will accompany the planters on site when they begin to plant.

ARBOR DAY

- Dr. Aruni Bhatnagar, who was to have spoken at last year's program that was cancelled because of pandemic concerns, has tentatively rescheduled his talk for Weds., March 17, 2021. However, since the 17th is St. Patrick's Day, Lucy will contact him about re-scheduling for Thurs., March 18, instead.
- Dates for the 2021 program and tree giveaway -- Mar. 18 and Sunday, Mar. 21, respectively -- will be announced in the Forestry Board's calendar. All dates will be noted as subject to change. If necessary, the giveaway can be handled as it was in 2020.
- Diane, Nancy, and Adele will review the availability list from Bouldin Nursery, consult Andrea, and select the trees to offer. The order will be placed as soon as possible.
- The budget is \$4,600. Trees will be 3-gallon trees.

OLD BUSINESS

Wrought iron bench near Railroad track Gary will be consulted about cleaning the bench. Bill Wetherton does not believe it needs to be repaired.

Vines in Railroad track area Reneé reported that Public Works has removed the vines, including poison ivy, from the crape myrtles.

Ridge Road survey

- Lucy, Nancy, Adele, and Jan will survey the trees and plantings along Ridge Road between the road and the CSX tracks from Glenbrook to Evergreen Roads. They will consult Andrea and Gary about maintenance needed.
- Ellen and Lucy have drafted a letter to be sent to property owners explaining the work that will be done and offering them the opportunity to decline the work. Reneé has the letter, and the City will mail it.

Memorial flag program

- An Anchorage Eagle Scout will complete an Eagle Scout project using three flags to memorialize veterans.
- Gary, Reneé, and the mayor have worked with him to select a location for the memorial. He has chosen the City Hall area near the existing flag.
- They will review the final design of the project with input from Lucy, representing the Forestry Board. City Council will make the final decision.
- The project is expected to require a year or more of preparation, including a fundraiser, development of the design, approval, and installation.

Ginkgo tree across from post office The dead Ginkgo tree has been replaced. The tree is in honor of McDonald Gray, first Civic Club President, 1966.

NEW BUSINESS

Anchorage Garden Club/Forestry Board Post Office Beautification The Anchorage Garden Club has approved the expenditure of \$3,000 for improvement of the grounds at the post office. Phase I will be replacement of the tree that was removed from the post office lawn and other smaller maintenance needs and plantings. Lucy will serve on the committee.

Glenbrook Rd./Woodland Rd. island The three damaged trees will be replaced. There was discussion about what trees or shrubs to plant to allow visibility. Andrea recommended not planting dogwoods in that location and suggested limiting the plantings to one tree at each end of the island. With input from Lucy, Andrea will determine trees or shrubs to be planted.

CALENDAR PROJECT - Jan

- The 2021 calendars will be distributed at Anchorfest on October 15. The theme is beautiful photos of Anchorage.
- The calendar will include a disclaimer about the uncertainty of planned dates because of the pandemic.
- This calendar will be printed on slightly heavier and more slick paper and will include punched holes for hanging.
- 250 calendars will be printed; 30 will be held for Civic Club's Welcome Wagon packets.
- We will not record names of homeowners taking calendars.
- Each household is entitled to one free calendar; additional calendars may be purchased at City Hall for \$5 each.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT – Lucy gave the report.

ANCHOR AGE NEWSLETTER (NOVEMBER ISSUE) – Ellen

- Calendars will be distributed at Anchorfest and available later at City Hall. Each household is entitled to one free calendar; additional calendars may be purchased for \$5 each at City Hall.
- Weather permitting, the planting of Canopy Campaign trees will begin on November 18.

ADJOURNMENT Lucy adjourned the meeting at 9:55 AM.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 2, 2020; 8:45 AM