

**ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
OCTOBER 4, 2021 - CITY HALL**

ATTENDEES: Chair Lucy Spickard, Jan Ruzich, Nancy Wilkinson, Ellen Welham, Paul Wessel, Adele McCoy, Diane McAllister, City Manager Reneé Major, City Forester Andrea Hanlon, City Council Liaison Jason Walters; other attendees: Greta Chessler, David George, Tyleen Stoutt

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

SEPTEMBER MINUTES: Paul moved to accept the September minutes; Jan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

FORESTER REPORT - Andrea Hanlon

- **Permits:** There were 16 permits in September for 25 trees of which 5 were Ash trees.
- **Fines and appeals:** There were no fines or appeals in September.
- Lucy will ask Gary Burkhead, Director of Public Works, whether a "Bracken's Brown Beauty" magnolia had been ordered to replace a dedicated tree at Wagner Park.
- Lucy sent 10 letters to residents who have removed more than 6 trees between September 2020 and August 2021. These residents' tree replacement plans are not known at this time. None has ordered Canopy Campaign trees.

HAZARDOUS TREES - Paul Wessel

Andrea did not find any Ash trees identified in the hazardous tree survey that would benefit from treatment by residents.

CANOPY CAMPAIGN - Diane McAllister, Adele McCoy

- Forty-two trees were ordered for 16 residences. Thirty-two were special-order trees and 10 were canopy trees.
- Andrea cautioned that the focus of the program should remain on canopy trees.
- The Board discussed the current requirements concerning corner lots. The consensus of members was to leave the procedure as it exists.

ARBOR DAY - Diane McAllister, Nancy Wilkinson

- The event will be held on March 23, 2022.
- Ellen will confirm with Dr. Bhatnagar of the University of Louisville's Envirome Institute about his availability to speak at the evening program. (Although Dr. Bhatnagar had been scheduled to speak in 2020 and again in 2021, the program portion of the event was canceled in both years because of the pandemic, and Dr. Bhatnagar was then invited to speak at the 2022 event.)
- The Board considered possible adjustments in the management of the tree giveaway: e.g., the number of trees to be given to each household and ways to make the event run smoothly. Further discussion and planning were postponed for future meetings.
- Andrea has ordered 300 trees and has requested 50 of each species if available. Lucy reviewed the list of trees ordered. The Board discussed options for possible substitutions if needed.

OLD BUSINESS

- The East/Central Ridge Road area landscaping work is nearing completion. We await information about the landscape plan for the area across from the post office.
- Gregg Bennett of The Kleingers Group is expected to provide his plan for the post office area this week.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Board discussed possible ways to implement and maintain a Memorial Tree Program as requested by several residents and suggested by City Council.
- Paul suggested a memorial wall for ease of maintenance going forward.
- Lucy will suggest a memorial wall to City Council in light of the issues of ongoing maintenance and possible replacement of trees that do not survive.

CALENDAR PROJECT - Jan Ruzich

- The calendars have been printed.
- Nancy, Greta, and Tyleen will distribute calendars at Anchorfest on October 14.
- Lucy will arrange for the tablecloth, Tree City USA banner, and donation box needed for Anchorfest.
- Residents who do not receive their calendars at Anchorfest may pick them up later at City Hall.
- Residents are allowed one calendar per household free of charge. Jan will provide printing cost information to René, who will determine the amount to be charged for each additional calendar.

ANCHOR AGE NEWSLETTER (NOVEMBER) - Ellen Welham

- Information for residents regarding picking up and purchasing additional calendars.
- A reminder that deer often damage young trees in the fall; encouragement to apply tree guards, available at City Hall.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT - Lucy Spickard

Lucy gave the City Council report.

ADJOURNMENT: Lucy adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 1, 2021; 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Welham