

ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD MEETING

11 September 2017 - City Hall

ATTENDEES - Lucy Spickard, Chair; Ellen Welham; Diane McAllister; Jan Ruzich; Nancy Wilkinson; Ann Stiver; Donnie Walker; Erwin Booth; Renee Major

CALL TO ORDER - Lucy called the meeting to order at 8:50 AM.

AUGUST MINUTES - Jan moved to approve the August minutes; Diane seconded. The minutes were approved.

FORESTER REPORT

- August permits: 34 tree removal permits, of which 4 were for ash trees.
- August fines: One

HAZARDOUS TREES - Diane

- Diane distributed Anchorage maps divided into quadrants. Pairings for identification of hazardous trees and/or limbs in the city's right-of-way: Diane and Lucy - green; Nancy and Jan - red; Nan and Donnie - blue; Jim and Ann - yellow. The information is due at the October meeting.
- Booth requested that, especially for corner lots, information about the tree's location on the property is needed as well as the house number.

ARBOR DAY & SPRING TREE GIVE-AWAY - Diane

- Diane and Nancy will work with Andrea to select the trees to be purchased and given away.
- We will offer 3-gallon trees this year.
- Barbie Tafel will be the Arbor Day speaker.

CANOPY CAMPAIGN - Ellen; Nancy; Lucy

- The supplier was changed to Abrams Nursery because Sue Massey was unable to obtain the requested trees within the deadline time frame. Andrea finalized the list with Abrams Nursery; it will include 'Allee' Chinese Elm, 'Princeton' Elm, 'Princeton Sentry' Ginkgo, 'Espresso' Kentucky Coffeetree, Scarlet Oak, and 'Heritage' Oak. The special offer tree remains "Forest Pansy" Redbud.
- A separate order form was mailed to residents whose property was impacted by the recent MSD sewer construction.
- The deadline for orders is Friday, Sept. 15; late orders are expected. Angie will send out a reminder via ReachAlert.
- Angie will compile a spreadsheet of residents' orders.
- Ellen will create the flag-placement instruction sheets and give them to Nancy, who will label and sort flags, attach them to the instruction sheets, and bring them to the October meeting. Committee members will distribute flags and information sheets to residents. Booth has purchased three colors of flags. We have sufficient tree guards in stock.
- The Canopy Campaign committee members will call BUD in October. We hope to have BUD mark utilities by early November, and to have the trees planted before Thanksgiving.

USPIRITUS FALL FESTIVAL - Nancy; Donnie

Harvest Festival - Nancy

- Nancy and Jan will devise a children's activity for the festival on Sunday, Oct. 15.

Wishing Tree - Donnie

- We will plant the Wishing Tree in mid-November instead of during the fall festival. Donnie will work with Uspiritus to set the date for the ceremony. Booth and Lucy will scout nurseries for 3" diameter Tulip Poplar trees.
- Donnie will work with Uspiritus to finalize wording for a stone plaque and will arrange for its engraving. A donation to Cave Hill Foundation is customary in exchange for the engraving work. Donnie will submit the request for the donation to be sent.
- Donnie will work with Mark Obermeyer of *Anchorage Living* regarding coverage of the festival and of the Wishing Tree installation.

NEW BUSINESS - None

CALENDAR PROJECT - Jan; Lucy

- Jan showed a proof of the 2018 calendar, which will feature a spiral-bound planner format and photos of Anchorage barns. She will send it to C&R Graphics this week. We expect to distribute the planners at AnchorFest.
- Contact information for Anchorage Fire and Police Departments, City Hall, etc. will be included.
- C&R Graphics will print their logo on the back.
- The printing cost is within the \$800 budget.

TREE CITY USA / GROWTH AWARD - Lucy has contacted the Tree City USA department of the state to obtain a missing plaque, which will be mailed.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT - Lucy gave the City Council report.

THE ANCHOR AGE - Ellen

- Content of the October newsletter article will include the Uspiritus Harvest Festival participation by the Forestry Board; the Street Canopy Tree Campaign; and the 2018 planner.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

NEXT MEETING: October 2, 2017 at 8:45 AM at City Hall