

ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
August 3, 2020
Zoom Meeting

ATTENDEES Lucy Spickard, Chair; Diane McAllister, Ellen Welham, Nan Dryden, Jan Ruzich, Donnie Walker, Adele McCoy, Gary Burkhead, Jason Walters, and Reneé Major.

CALL TO ORDER Lucy called the meeting to order at 8:51 AM.

MINUTES Motion to approve July minutes by Ellen, seconded by Adele, and unanimously approved. There are 8 vested members to the Forestry Board and Chairman, Lucy Spickard counts as member, so a quorum is present.

FORESTER REPORT Andrea is not able to attend today. Lucy gave report on permits; **84 trees permitted for removal, 12 are Ash. No fines or appeals.**

Wagner Park: No new plantings. The new Pedestrian bridge is finished to connect Wagner Park across Hazelwood on the walking path side. It needed a new concrete drainage tile.

Permits: There is an investigation of an area that is being cleared that may not have a permit.

CANOPY CAMPAIGN

Canopy tree choices designated **-- from Andrea's list below:

Bur oak- \$160

Heritage oak- \$160

**—Scarlet Oak- \$160

**'—Autumn Gold' Ginkgo- \$200.00

**'—Princeton' American elm- \$138

'Frontier' elm- \$138 (Smaller than 'Princeton'- fyi)

**'—Redpointe' red maple- \$117

**—'Green Vase' Japanese Zelkova- \$138

Flowering Tree Choices:

'Robin Hill' Serviceberry- \$125

'Royal Raindrops' crabapple- \$125

**—'Black Pearl' Eastern redbud- \$130

Carolina silverbell- \$120

—**Choosing a planter:** Andrea shared with Lucy the contact info for Al's Complete Lawn Care on English Station Rd. Last year the Forestry Board used Cortez, but there was a language/communication glitch, so if used again this year Diane and Andrea discussed a board member going out to communicate the first planting. Choosing Abrams Nursery for supplier this year.

—Jan will make a **Flyer of Canopy Campaign** for the September newsletter of photos of the trees. This goes with the order form in the newsletter. Angie does the order form. Add cost of the tree guards. Lucy will send planter info to Diane. Diane will call the planters to get info and send to Angie.

—**Tree guards** included in price, not optional. Cost is \$7 per guard. If tree gets larger, Lucy recommends using 2 tree guards.

—**Erwin Booth's dedication tree** did not survive, so the Forestry Board will order a Black Pearl Redbud to replace it.

OLD BUSINESS

—Tree City USA sends reference material which Lucy will put in a binder at Forestry Library Cabinet.

—Forestry has a membership to Tree City USA reference material which Lucy will send to Forestry Board.

NEW BUSINESS

—Report from Lucy about growing traffic around Anchorage. Old Henry and English Station are going to be made into three lanes. There is a cut through traffic problem at Glenbrook, Woodland, and Evergreen.

—**Mayor Hewitt** is retiring on August 9, 2020. Matt Delahanty was appointed to the vacant City Council position left by Cece Hagan. City Council is working to fill Mayor's position.

—**Beautification** across from post office: Diane sprayed weeds and recommends cutting back the crepe myrtles so they will grow back and bloom again. Also, plant some low landscape around the steps and some Nandinas for color. Thank you to Diane. Anchorage Public Works Department will trim back shrubs. There is a memorial bench to the left of the shrubs. Public Works will put this area on their regular trimming schedule.

—**Public Works Department** planted extra shrubs at Wagner Park. The screens for cell tower are due August 5, 2020. Public Works will be replacing some plants that did not make it around the cell tower due to too much sun. There has been a lot of trimming because of the rain and overgrowth of foliage around the streets. They took out overgrown foliage all along the inside three walls of the cemetery and took the chipper back to clean out.

—**Calendar:** The Forestry Board can distribute calendars via City Hall, Civic Club, Garden Clubs, etc... if Anchorfest or other gatherings are not held.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT Lucy gave the report.

ANCHORAGE NEWSLETTER

—Ellen will put article in the newsletter about the Canopy Campaign. Ellen added the loss of trees for 2019 and recent 2020 numbers to last month's newsletter. The article submission deadline is mid-September. Angie will plug that information into the article.

—Jan will do flyer, see above.

—Also, Gary will submit put before and after photos of the cemetery cleanup for the newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT Lucy adjourned the meeting at 10:15 AM.

NEXT MEETING Monday, September 14 2020, at 8:45 AM, most likely by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Nan Dryden, Forestry Secretary