

ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
9/14/20 Zoom Meeting

ATTENDEES Chair Lucy Spickard, Nan Dryden, Nancy Wilkinson, Jan Ruzich, Adele McCoy, Andrea Hanlon, Diane Mc Allister, Ellen Welham, and René Major.

CALL TO ORDER Lucy called the meeting to order at 8:48 AM on Zoom.

MINUTES Motion to approve by Nancy, seconded by Jan, and unanimously approved.

FORESTER REPORT There were 26 permits for removal, and a total of 92 trees removed, of which 12 were Ash. Deadline for tree orders is currently Sept. 18, but the newsletters are late arriving. Trees are dying from the damage by the severe drought last Aug.-Oct. 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

Hazardous Trees: Three of the four quadrant lists are complete, and Ellen will track down the missing list.

Cell tower: Maintenance completed the beautiful landscape project around the fence.

NEW BUSINESS

Area by the railroad in the old Anchor location: Lucy will talk to Bill Wetherton to restore the bench that is there. Diane has been cleaning up the old plantings. Diane has a plan that is in the minutes from August. The City pays an annual lease to the railroad for that property where the clock and steps are located.

Trees near railroad on 146 are in need of work, but this property is technically owned by residents and maintaining trees is their responsibility. The City got a state grant to plant trees in that area in 1993, and the City mows the lawn there. Focus is on Evergreen Road to Bellewood Road. René suggests Anchorage Public Works to do the work. Forestry will compose a letter to homeowners to ask for permission from property owners to trim trees and get rid of vines. Nancy, Adele, Jan, and Lucy will walk the property again with Andrea on a Monday to make a list of what needs to be done to provide maintenance in this area. Ellen will compose the letter.

Canopy Campaign: Orders for canopy trees will be due by Sept. 24, and we will place orders to suppliers by Sept. 25. The Reach Alert was sent out to direct residents to the city website Sept. 1. The tree canopy information is under news and announcements. City will send a new Reach Alert notifying that we are extending deadline for canopy tree orders to Sept. 24. Next month Diane and Nan will send out letters to residents, flags, BUDs calls, etc..

Calendar theme will be Zen this year. Jan is asking for a committee to discuss the next year's themes and hopes to do some details about reminders for tree care, etc. If there is no Anchorfest we might choose some days to hand out calendars at the gazebo or something like that.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT Lucy gave the report.

ANCHORAGE NEWSLETTER Gary has before and after photos of Hobbs cemetery cleanup.

ADJOURNMENT Lucy adjourned the meeting at 9:45 AM

NEXT MEETING Monday, Oct. 5, 2020, at 8:45 AM

Respectfully submitted by Nan Dryden, Forestry Secretary