

**ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 - CITY HALL**

**ATTENDEES:** Chair Lucy Spickard, Paul Wessel, Adele McCoy, Ellen Welham, City Manager Reneé Major, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, City Forester Andrea Hanlon; Other attendees: Greta Chessler, David George, Tyleen Stoutt

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

**AUGUST MINUTES:** Lucy had previously emailed to the Board the minutes of the regular August 2 and special August 9 meetings. Paul moved to accept the August 2 minutes; Adele seconded the motion. The August 2 minutes were approved unanimously. Paul moved to accept the August 9 minutes; Adele seconded the motion. The August 9 minutes were approved unanimously.

**FORESTER REPORT** - Andrea Hanlon

- There were 15 permits in August for a total of 90 trees of which 13 were Ash trees.
- There was one fine in August; it was paid.
- The Board discussed removal of trees on two properties, for 36 trees and 42 trees respectively. Andrea reported that she had reviewed and approved the removals. The Board felt there was no need for further review.

**STATUS OF CITY ISSUES** - Gary Burkhead

Deer have damaged a dedicated magnolia at Wagner Park, and the tree will need to be replaced. Reneé reported that Walnut Ridge nursery currently has a "Bracken's Brown Beauty" magnolia available.

**HAZARDOUS TREES** - Paul Wessel

- All of the hazardous tree survey reports have been turned in to Angie Chick, City Receptionist. Gary and Andrea will survey the identified trees and mark those to be removed. Bids for the removal will be solicited.
- Lucy will ask Andrea to identify any declining Ash trees that might be salvaged with treatment for Ash borer. The Board may consider offering those homeowners the opportunity to treat the trees at their own expense in lieu of the City's removing them.
- A previously identified tree in question has been determined not to be in the City's right of way or in danger of falling into it and therefore not eligible for removal at the City's expense.

**CANOPY CAMPAIGN** - Diane McAllister, Adele McCoy

- To date, six orders have been placed for a total of 14 trees, of which 5 are special order trees. There are two additional pending orders that will be referred to Andrea for review regarding their planned locations.
- The order deadline will be extended to Thursday, September 16, in the hope of receiving more orders, as pricing is dependent upon the number of trees ordered. In the future, we will try to avoid setting the deadline so near to Labor Day.
- Diane and Adele will distribute tree locating flags to those homeowners ordering trees and will check on the locations once the flags have been placed. They will call BUD to arrange utilities marking.
- Lucy has sent letters to 11 residents who have removed six or more trees since August of 2020 to remind them of their replacement obligation and to suggest that they consider purchasing Canopy Campaign trees for this purpose if appropriate. This procedure will be continued for three years to evaluate its effectiveness.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Work on the Ridge Road landscape maintenance continues.
- Lucy will work with Reneé to draft an ordinance regarding invasive plants. The proposal will eventually be shared with the Board and City Council.
- Reneé discussed progress on the veterans' memorial project.
- Reneé reported that negotiations continue with the architect who will design the post office area landscaping.

**NEW BUSINESS** - There was no new business.

**ANCHORAGE NEWSLETTER** - Ellen Welham

The October newsletter article will summarize the Canopy Campaign's progress to date.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORT** - Lucy Spickard

Lucy gave the City Council report.

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

**NEXT MEETING: 8:45 a.m., Monday, October 4, 2021**

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Welham