

ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
December 5, 2022 • Regular Meeting • City Hall

ATTENDEES

Chair Jan Ruzich, Diane McAllister, Adele McCoy, Lucy Spickard, Ellen Welham, Paul Wessel, Nancy Wilkinson, City Administrator Reneé Major, City Forester Andrea Hanlon, Tyleen Stoutt, Jenny Solomon

CALL TO ORDER

Jan called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Copies of the November minutes were distributed to members for review. Paul made a motion to approve them as written; Lucy seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

FORESTER REPORT

Permits There were 10 tree-removal permits and 1 construction/tree-preservation plan permit for a total of 28 trees to be removed, of which 3 were Ash trees.

Fines There were no fines in November.

PROJECT REPORTS

Hazardous Trees (Paul Wessel, Jan Ruzich)

Andrea has submitted her hazardous tree list to the City, and Public Works Director Gary Burkhead will review it. The final report will be presented to City Council in January.

Canopy Campaign (Diane McAllister)

Diane reported that planting may begin this week or as soon as weather permits. She called B-U-D to request a second utilities marking to cover the extended time until planting.

Park Road Landscaping (Lucy Spickard)

Planting has been completed with the exception of several large viburnums that may be too large for the spaces planned for them. Gary will assess the situation and may adjust the planting locations to avoid utilities. Lucy, Jan and Reneé will review the bill submitted by designer Barbie Tafel.

Calendar (Jan Ruzich)

Jan will confirm the price for extra calendars to be purchased by residents. Board members suggested events in addition to Anchorfest when calendars might be distributed, e.g., the January Town Hall meeting and the October Pumpkin Patch event. Suggestions for the 2024 calendar's theme were discussed.

Arbor Day • March 15, 2023

The giveaway trees have been ordered. Jan will look into the availability of a speaker that has been suggested.

NEW BUSINESS

Board membership

A resident who has expressed interest in joining the Board will be invited to attend a meeting.

Removal of the Anchorage Trail tree and swing

Reneé reported that the tree holding the swing has been removed. As the trunk is considered too unstable for another use, Evergreen Realty management has suggested leaving only the stump and making it an educational experience about counting the rings.

TREE CITY / GROWTH AWARD (Lucy Spickard)

The application deadline for the Growth Award is December 31. Lucy, Jan, and Reneé will review the application.

THE ANCHOR AGE NEWSLETTER (Ellen Welham)

The January issue will include a reminder to residents to pick up calendars at City Hall and a list of suggested literature about the interconnectedness of trees.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT Jan gave the report.

ADJOURNMENT Jan adjourned the meeting at 9:45 AM.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: 8:45 AM • Monday, January 9, 2023 • City Hall

The regular meeting will be delayed one week as City Hall will be closed on January 2nd.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Welham