

ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD

September 12, 2022 • City Hall

ATTENDEES Chair Jan Ruzich, Adele McCoy, Lucy Spickard, Ellen Welham, Nancy Wilkinson, City Forester Andrea Hanlon, Director of Public Works Gary Burkhead, City Administrator Reneé Major, City Council Liaison Jason Walters, Tyleen Stoutt

CALL TO ORDER

Jan called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Copies of the August minutes were distributed to Board members. Nancy made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Lucy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

FORESTER REPORT

Permits There were 17 permits in August. Sixteen permits were standard tree removal notifications; one was a construction/tree preservation plan that included removal of 4 trees, which are included in the total for removal. The total number of trees to be removed was 26, of which 4 were Ash.

Fines There was one fine for a residence on Cold Spring Road for failure to follow the tree preservation plan.

PROJECT REPORTS

Arbor Day 2023

The Board has received Bouldin Nursery's list of potentially available trees. Our order has been placed for 50 each of 5 species. Most of the trees ordered are flowering trees, which have been especially popular in recent years.

Invasive plants ordinance (Lucy Spickard)

Jason presented the ordinance to City Council. The ordinance has been read and approved by City Council and published in the newsletter. It becomes effective on January 1, 2023.

Park Road landscaping (Lucy Spickard)

Lucy presented landscape designer Barbie Tafel's revised, scaled design proposal for existing and new plantings. Lucy will contact Barbie regarding additional information that is needed. Andrea will obtain prices from several nurseries for the plants proposed.

Canopy Campaign 2022 (Diane McAllister)

Five canopy trees had been ordered as of the meeting time. More orders are expected.

Hazardous Trees (Jan Ruzich)

Jan will email maps to Board members who will identify potentially hazardous trees. Board members will need to pick up flags at Public Works. Andrea reminded Board members to include street addresses and location details in their reports. Board members will place flags with the Forestry Board logo at the roads' edges near trees of concern. Andrea and Gary will evaluate the trees and locations and spray-paint the trees to be pruned or removed.

Tree City / Growth Award (Jan Ruzich, Lucy Spickard)

The passage of the invasive plants ordinance will earn points toward the Arbor Day Foundation's Growth Award.

Calendar (Jan Ruzich, Tyleen Stoutt)

The theme of the 2023 calendar will be "flowers of Anchorage." The calendar will feature photographs of flowers that have been contributed by Tyleen. Anchorage resident Jill Lindvall will assist with design and layout. Anchorage School, Civic Club, and federal holiday dates are being gathered for inclusion. Jan will obtain the printing price. We expect to distribute the calendars at Anchorfest on October 20.

Newsletter (Ellen Welham)

The October issue of *The Anchor Age* will provide follow-up information for participants in the Street Canopy Campaign, an announcement about the 2023 calendars, and instructions for residents regarding the Hazardous Trees Program. Reneé explained the changes to the newsletter that will occur with the revision of the City's website.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT (Jan Ruzich) Jan gave the report.

ADJOURNMENT Jan adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

NEXT MEETING: 8:45 AM • Monday, October 3, 2022 • City Hall

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Welham