

Anchorage Forestry Board Minutes April 4, 2011

Attendees: Connie, Ward, Sally, Diane

Minutes: March minutes read and approved

Budget: The cost of the 200 trees given after the Arbor Day program and the tree give-away the following Sunday was \$2800 delivered. The cost of the food served at the Arbor Day program was \$25.35.

Calendar: Some suggestions were made for future calendars: doing before and after pictures of flowers, trees, or shrubs; give brief description or facts of pictured item.

Spring Tree Replacement: All trees were given except for 1 Baldcypress which will be planted at Wagner Park.

Hazard Trees: No report

Arbor Day: The program was a success with over 40 residents attending. The talk by Brent Wearren was very informative and many questions were asked. Some residents who did not attend the program came to pick up trees that evening which negates the purpose of encouraging people to come to the program and then have first choice of trees. A thank-you note was sent to Brent.
A suggestion for next years program was 'Prevention and Treatment of Tree Disease'.

Anchorage Pride: No report

Canopy Campaign: No report

Anchor-age: Liz will assemble an article encouraging residents to send calendar photos or notify her or City Hall if they see anything, in their back yard or their neighbors, that would be good for the calendar.

Old Business: The CD of “Forever Green” was viewed at the meeting.

New Business: Because there was so much interest in some of the items mentioned at the Arbor Day program, such as: perforated tree guards, fiberglass tree stakes, and new watering donuts for trees, I am in the process of gathering prices to see if we can provide these items at wholesale prices to the residents. When all bids are in, the Board can discuss this option and if so how to implement. One idea is to have people place order and pay prior to ordering.

Sally raised the question as to why a resident who has attended many meetings the past 2 years is not a member of the Forestry Board. Every one was reminded that several years ago there were many discussions about implementing requirements to be a member which was unanimously approved. This particular resident does not meet several requirements that the Board voted to approve.

Next Meeting: April 25, 2011 at 9:30 A.M.

The main reason for having an early meeting is to discuss the 2011-2012 budget we need to propose as soon as possible.