

**ANCHORAGE
FORESTRY BOARD
MINUTES**

February 4, 2008

Attendees: Mike Brewer, Hap Dunford, Brad Farrar, Diane McAllister, Ann Stivers, Jim Williams, Andrea Hanlon, Alice McKinley, Tyleen Stout, and Sally Wilson.

January Minutes: Minutes were approved with the following correction: Ellen Guthrie was present.

Budget: No report.

Canopy: Hap reported that because of the severe wind storm along with another storm expected tomorrow night, response for canopy trees might be high. The 2/15/08 deadline will stay in place. Perhaps residents can be reminded by e-mail through Nan that the Tree Canopy Campaign is an opportune time to replace lost trees. A dogwood tree will be ordered and given to the school auction. The tree will be planted, for a total value of \$250.00. A dogwood will be ordered for the triangle at Osage Road and Coldspring, as part of Anchorage Pride, pending approval. If not approved, Susan Tolliver agreed to purchase the tree.

Nursery: Ellen reported that pecan trees, whose large taproots make bareroot transplanting difficult, might be donated to John Schnatter.

Calendar: Jim reported that a little over a box of calendars remain (all without DVDs) which will be passed on to new residents. Tyleen and Brad have another 20-25 with DVDs which they will bring to Nan. Calvin Pinney, Chair of Anchorage Hospitality, will be notified of extra calendars available to new residents. Jim is going to have pizza sent to Dee Sharber and staff. Jim was able to get a 30% discount on Papa John's pizzas which will be sent when given a date.

Hazard Trees: Alice reported that all hazardous trees are tagged, numbered, and will be put out for bid. Anchorage maintenance has taken down as many as it could but many more remain that were not originally in the budget. Only one tree on the hazard list was downed by the storm.

Newsletter: Diane will get with Sally to discuss articles for the "Anchor Age". As the next newsletter will be mailed after the deadline for the Tree Canopy Campaign orders, there is no need for a reminder. A special thanks to the people who participated in the Tree Campaign. Everyone will be reminded about the importance of TreeGators and their availability at City Hall for \$20.00.

A copy of certified Louisville arborists will be available at City Hall for interested residents.

A suggestion was made for homeowners to check their insurance policy for covering the cost of partial tree removal.

Arbor Day: Possible projects include: 1) An educational field trip to observe the different types of trees on school property (on May 28th), the scheduled field trip of the day; 2) A clean-up of the area west of the school. Both Mike and Brad will have discussions with the school principal. A different date will be determined for the clean-up. Diane reported that if any “tree labels” are needed, we may be able to coordinate something with Evergreen Real Estate when they mark things on their trail.

Old Business: Forestry Board member requirements: The Board voted to adopt the suggested requirements with the exception of one change being that attending educational programs once a year be encouraged but be optional.

Application form for board members: The form as presented will be adapted with the addition of the date, forestry board member, and associate member. Diane reported that the inclusion of “occupation” was Alice’s recommendation as it may identify any particular skills that may be beneficial to the board. Associate members were discussed and may be implemented at a later date.

New Business: The board was informed of two upcoming educational programs: February 23 at Yew Dell Gardens: “Shade Tree/Street Tree Conference”. The cost is \$35.00 which includes a box lunch. March 8 in Lexington: “Trees Pay Us Back – The Economic and Other Benefits of Trees”. Free.

Alice reported that the well-being of two recently planted canopy trees last spring was jeopardized by the sewer installation. She asked if future canopy trees could be planted 15 to 20 feet from the center of the road. This will be done in future plantings. Hap and Diane will talk to the homeowners, who were informed at the time of the planting that the trees would be compromised by the sewers, but insisted on planting them at the questionable spots. This problem will be addressed as amicably as possible.

Alice commented on the recent damage at Hobbs Chapel. She said that since this is a City park, the City will price it out and pay for the cost of the clean-up. The cemetery, however, is the property of the state, which is responsible for the clean-up.

A list of recommendations to the tree ordinance was given to everyone to review and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting if time allows.

Diane reported that the town meeting will be Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Meeting Adjourned: noon

Next Meeting: March 3, 2008, 9:30 a.m.

Not on Agenda: Meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month at City Hall starting at 9:30 a.m. for the next several months. At this point we will re-visit the start time.