

## **January 4, 2009 Minutes**

**Attendees:** Mike, Sally, Ann, Jim, Connie, Andrea, Diane, Mark Distler, Ward Deter (towards end of meeting).)

**Minutes:** November and December minutes were approved with minor corrections to some dates.

**Budget:** Diane addressed recent expenditures such as \$100 gift certificate to Bill Wooldridge, \$ 75 expenses for Arbor Day, \$100 contribution to Cancer Society, \$165 for Forestry Tree banner, and \$10 to Home Depot for plastic bags.

**Educational Program:** None

**Calendar Project:** Calendars have been distributed to all residents, businesses, and churches. Mike will deliver 20 extra to the Anchorage School and Jim will talk to Bellewood to see how many they would like. Around 200 extra calendars were provided this year in addition to the 1000 ordered. Jim will inform Bellewood that the Forestry Board is pleased to provide them with calendars this year but we may not have enough next year to fulfill their needs. Another contest will be held in 2010 and all residents will be encouraged to submit photographs. Many positive comments about the 2010 calendar have been received from many residents. A gift of appreciation to the printer was discussed. The Board requested a price and a promised delivery date for a gift. Several gift ideas were discussed.

**Nursery:** Diane is getting a list of recommended tree species from Andrea for the Spring Tree Give-away. This and the pricing is needed if it is to be included in the January Anchor-age. Residents must submit orders before the end of February. Planting is anticipated for the end of April. The City will pay for the trees and their planting if planted as a Canopy Tree. Trees planted elsewhere on property are free but there is an estimated cost of \$25 per tree for planting. Residents will pay when ordering as with

previous Canopy Campaigns. Homeowners living on streets where many trees have been removed will be contacted by a Board Member to encourage planting. This program has been recommended by the City Arborist as a way to improve our tree giveaway we usually have promoted in the Fall. The trees are a higher quality and will be less costly to the City.

**Anchor-age:** If details for a Spring Give-away Program can be finalized, a cover letter explaining the program and an order form will be included in the January Anchor-age.

**Hazard Trees:** All trees are marked and Maintenance will ensure that all designated trees are located within the City right-of-way.

**Arbor Day:** There was some discussion about having a Spring Arbor Day Program and repeating the same as was presented last Fall per request by many residents.

**Anchorage Pride:** No report

**Canopy Campaign:** No report

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Connie discussed the Town Meeting which is Sunday, January 31 and the exciting plans for a Chili Cook-off Competition. The idea is to partner different Community groups, such as Forestry, etc. with one of the businesses. The Forestry Board has been partnered with the Commonwealth Bank. There are 6 teams. The event will start with an optional walk on the Trail, followed by Chili-tasting from 5:00-6:00. After that, everyone will go to "Shall We Dance", where the Town Meeting will be held. A ballot will be given to everyone, voting for their favorite Chili. There will be a "traveling trophy" awarded to the winner.

**Next Meeting:** February 1, 2010 at 9:30 A.M.

**Please note the meeting date change of March 8, 2010**