

March 3, 2008
Minutes
for the
Anchorage Forestry Board

Attendees: Hap Dunford, Brad Farrar, Diane McAllister, Jim Williams, Ellen Guthrie, Andrea Hanlon, and Sally Wilson.

February Minutes: Minutes were approved. An additional comment was made that the Forestry Board members should have a copy of the list of certified arborists recommended by the Kentucky Forestry Department.

Budget: Diane reported that the Forestry Board on February 1, 2008, had a cash balance of \$8,826.20. As of February 29, 2008, the cash balance was \$20,892.20 but this amount included checks from residents for canopy trees.

Canopy: Hap reported that this year 27 participants purchased 122 trees, up considerably from last year. Also, 37 Treegators have been ordered. Residents purchasing were scattered throughout Anchorage. Very popular this year were the White Pines and Maples. In contrast, no London Plans or Zikovas were ordered. Trees should be delivered the first week of April and will be planted as soon as possible the second week. Hap mentioned that a few dogwoods were available for \$50 each which could be placed on City right-of-ways or at Hobbs Chapel.

Calendar Project: The theme for the 2009 calendar will be decided at the April meeting. Possible subjects suggested so far are: Anchorage School Dogwoods re-dedication in July 2007, floral photographs, and Anchorage Civic and holiday activities. It was suggested to contact the Civic Club about obtaining photographs of recent events such as Anchorfest, etc.

Nursery: No report other than the trees recently ordered should be arriving in March for spring planting in the nursery.

Hazard Trees: This project has not yet been put out for bid but should be shortly. As there are many trees identified as hazardous, and because the City cannot financially endure the cost of removing all of them at one time this fiscal year, they will be prioritized.

AnchorAge Newsletter: Included in the upcoming newsletter will be a THANK YOU to all residents who participated in the Tree Campaign and a reminder of the upcoming delivery and planting of the trees.

Arbor Day: Brad reported on the project to identify trees located on school property by labeling. Brad presented a plan of action. Labels will be affixed to the trees and a plat will be given to the teachers. The completion date will be set for May 28. Brad will check

with Evergreen Realty as to whether they have ordered labels for the nature path and if we could purchase a few from them.

Old Business: Review of tree ordinance is postponed to a later month.

Calvin Pinney, Chairperson of Anchorage Welcomers, was notified of extra calendars at City Hall for new residents. Brad and Tyleen were asked to bring extra calendars they have to Nan.

New Business: There was a discussion about a memorial tree for Doc Wagner and a remembrance tree for Bill Shipley on City property which can be established as the City Christmas tree. Hap was asked to gather information as to which species of spruce would be best and get pricing. It was decided to plant one tree for both and have a marker stone possibly made at a later date. Another idea was to establish a memorial wall on City property instead of having individual markers, which was thought to be a good idea. It would make mowing easier for the maintenance department and eliminate loss of stones.

Because of the numerous power outages in Anchorage, a suggestion was made to present a program to residents of the community about the different generators and costs from three vendors. It was decided that perhaps City Hall could ask the fire department to address this idea.

Meeting Adjourned: noon

Next Meeting: May 5, at 9:30 a.m.

Not on Agenda: Meetings will be held on the first Monday at City Hall starting at 9:30 a.m. for several months at which time we will revisit the start time.

Guest Speaker, Robert Bean from Kentucky Division of Forestry will be attending the next meeting. He is going to tell us briefly about the department and what services they provide, then walk the property and discuss trees and other plantings as to their care and how to trim.