

FORESTRY BOARD
March 9, 2009
Minutes

Attendees: Andrea, Mike, Diane, Ellen, Hap, Connie, Sally, Jim, Tyleen, and Ann.

Minutes: February minutes were read and approved.

Budget: No report. No expenditures since last month.

Calendar Project: Jim reported that two photos had been submitted so far, both electronically. Bill Wooldridge will be setting up equipment at City Hall to continuously display all submitted photos. A reminder to residents to submit pictures will be in the March **Anchor Age** as well as an e-mail to all residents that he will co-ordinate with Nan. Subsequent to the meeting, Jim learned that Dee is now back at work. He will be delivering the fruit basket in March. Also, he talked to Sally about purchasing an engraved Mint Julep cup for the publisher of the calendar. Sally said the cost of the cup and engraving would be the same as last year.

Nursery: Diane will meet with Andrea and Mark to discuss the purchasing of Treeliners for our fall give-away. Several nurseries will be considered and 3 or 4 trees as good choices will be recommended. Treeliners in a variety of species will be ordered and hopefully will arrive in time for a November give-away to Anchorage residents. Treeliners will be bareroot, approximately 1 inch in diameter and may cost as much as \$10 to 12 each. Minimums per species may be required. Leftovers will be planted in the nursery and given away at another time.

Anchor-age Newsletter: Sally is working with Bill Wooldridge on a 2010 calendar update.

Canopy: Connie reported that orders for 94 trees have been received so far with other requests still coming in. Diane will talk to Wearren & Sons Nursery as to when the planting will begin. Instructions to homeowners and tree marking flags, along with a waiver that must be signed and returned to City Hall, were parceled out to board members to distribute to homeowners who purchased trees. Board members are to deliver the flags in the next 24 to 48 hours and then call BUD to mark utilities. At the end of a week, each board member is to check each address they were responsible for to make sure the flags are in the ground and all utilities are marked. Diane emphasized that no trees will be planted if utilities are not marked.

Hazard Trees: No update, although the ice storm damage may include additional trees that may be deemed hazardous.

Arbor Day: A possible theme is an educational forum on hazardous trees conducted by the City Forester. To qualify for "Tree City, USA", the program must be educational and for all residents of the community. The program must be completed by a certain date, usually before the end of May. Andrea envisioned blocking out a couple of hours for a discussion plus a walk around a few hazardous trees to identify and critique.

Anchorage Pride: Diane will talk to all captains to discuss clean-up ideas and needs.

Old Business: Tyleen's idea last month about clean-up behind the Bellewood property and along the new trail resulted in the Boy Scout troop, along with their parents, removing three trailer loads of debris from the area. Thank-you, Tyleen, for the suggestion.

New Business: None

Next Meeting: April 6, 2009 at 9:30 A.M.

Meeting Adjourned: