

## **Anchorage Forestry Board Minutes April 25, 2011**

### **Attendees:**

Ward Deter, Sherri Stallings, Diane McAllister, Liz Ferguson, Connie O'Connell, Sally Wilson

### **Minutes:**

Connie requested that the minutes be corrected to eliminate the last sentence of the second paragraph under "New Business." Sally made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Connie seconded the motion.

### **Budget:**

Diane reported that Alice commented that the forestry budget may decrease. Discussion ensued about specific expenses. Arbor Day expenses are for food and banners. Miscellaneous is for anything other expense that may arise during the fiscal period. Connie suggested that chili cook off expenses go into miscellaneous. Connie initiated discussion about the tree programs. It was explained that the city council had voted for a canopy program with certain guidelines. Diane assumes that the money would be taken away if we did not continue this particular program. The guidelines include the planting distance from street and that trees not be planted around overhead utilities. The city arborist makes recommendations as to size and type to be offered. It was recommended by the arborist that they are not to be over 2-2 ½ inch caliber trees. But occasionally in the past it was necessary to go up to 3" when the smaller ones were not available. Connie stated that she likes the trees that were given away for the spring giveaway and suggested that they may be a better option for the canopy program. Diane explained that some people like the bigger trees that are offered as canopy trees and the price is very reasonable. It was agreed to consult Andrea about the appropriateness of spending additional funds for the larger trees and if they are doing as well as the small ones in the long run. It was stressed that trees do much better planted in the fall. Diane will request that Andrea attend our next meeting.

Connie suggested that the topics to be discussed each month be listed on the month's agenda. She used the example of the calendar distribution as an example of the need for having better discussions at meetings to ensure each member is well informed and has the opportunity to participate in decisions and procedures.

### **Calendar:**

Many options were discussed for the 2013 calendar. Now is the time to start deciding the theme of the 2013 calendar. Currently the calendar photos are seasonally themed but other options were discussed such as before and after photos of trees, informational

planting guidelines, or trees that are particularly suited for the area. Liz will contact the printer to see what this year's costs will be to produce the calendar. Last year's price was approximately \$2.90 per calendar, possibly including delivery. 850 calendars were printed.

### **Canopy Campaign:**

The board will discuss the program with Andrea at next meeting. Orders need to be placed sometime in June. The board will provide input as to which trees will be ordered for the program with guidance from Andrea.

### **Spring Tree Replacement:**

No report.

### **Hazard Trees:**

In July or August the board members will need to drive through Anchorage and make a list of hazard trees for evaluation by Andrea. Andrea makes the recommendations to city hall and then bids are sought for any work that needs to be done to trees determined hazardous.

### **Arbor Day:**

No report.

### **Anchorage Pride:**

The trees in Owl Creek and Walnut Lane triangle are still struggling. Diane will contact maintenance about what should be done. If those or other trees don't leaf out this spring they will be removed.

### **Old Business:**

Inquiries were made about the process and procedures for becoming a board member and it was decided to table this discussion temporarily but resume in a closed session the same morning following the conclusion of open meeting.

### **New Business:**

Diane shared that there is a lot of interest in tree guards, treegators, and tree stakes. She asked the board how they felt about providing these items for residents. She has compared prices and Brent Wearren provided the best price. If he charges for delivery, maintenance can pick them up instead to save costs. She provided a sample order form that can be placed in the Anchor Age sent to residents and Connie agreed to edit it and submit for publication. Times for residents to pick up the items they purchased were

discussed and it was decided to make a final decision after knowing the actual number of orders placed. The board agreed to go forward with this new program.

**Anchor-Age Newsletter:**

Only order form for tree supplies will be submitted.

**Next Meeting:** June 6, 2011, 9:30 am, City Hall