

## October 6<sup>th</sup>. 2008

### Minutes

**Attendees:** Tyleen, Ann, Andrea, Mike, Diane, Mark Timmons, Ellen, Sally

**September Minutes:** Minutes were read and approved.

**Budget:** It was reported that there is approximately \$9000 in our personal account. All the money is legal and accumulated by donations over the years from the tree give-away, calendar sales, etc. Renee, the new City Treasurer, was present at the meeting and made some suggestions about investing the money. The two (2) suggestions were: invest in a money market account to obtain interest, and a CD. Renee explained our options available at Commonwealth Bank. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mike and seconded to place the money in interest bearing accounts. The motion was approved unanimously. A second motion was made by Tyleen and was seconded to put 50% of the money in a CD and 50% of the money in a money market account. The second motion was approved unanimously.

**Calendar Project:** Ann Stivers reported that pictures from Bill Wooldridge are being reviewed and that soon she and Jim will go to Dee Sharber, the printer.

**Nursery:** The number of trees in the nursery are limited but there are approximately 170 trees that could be used for the Fall tree-give-away according to Booth. The decision was made to have a give-away on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. from 1:00-3:00p.m. Because of the cost, loss of some seedlings, and time involved in maintaining the Tree Nursery, other options are being discussed with Mark Timmons and Booth so that we will be able to continue to give trees away during the year.

**Anchor-age Newsletter:** Inform everyone about the Fall tree- give-away. Also, suggest that everyone keep in mind that the Canopy Program is coming soon and this would be a good time to think about replacing trees lost

in the wind storm. Suggestions were made that trees could be given to someone as a gift, such as birthday, anniversary, remembrance, etc.

**Canopy:** There was much discussion about the present Canopy Program versus the original program. Because of the storms and loss of many trees through the Hazardous Program, the feeling was that it was a much needed program and has been extremely successful over the years. Mark Timmons suggested that we limit the number of trees being offered and have a different list of trees more suited for our area. In recent years, some trees that we had offered were not available in the size requested and chose to go to the next larger size, with the Program absorbing the extra cost. The suggestion was made that if an offered species was not available, the resident would be given the choice of the larger tree and paying the extra cost or a refund. Also, we were reminded that it is necessary to get three (3) bids from nurseries and planters. Diane asked for names of contractors from Board Members so that letters could be sent to them for pricing. There was much discussion as to whether we should focus on the street canopy and do away with offering trees for residents to plant elsewhere on their property. The comment was made that we should focus on the street canopy and not be in the nursery business or landscaping backyards.

**Hazard Trees:** Last month the City was divided into quadrants and each had two (2) volunteers per quadrant to review the previous Hazard Tree List which everyone received and update the list. It was requested that the list be completed and turned in to City Hall no later than October 6<sup>th</sup>. Three (3) of the four (4) quadrants have been submitted.

**Arbor Day:** No report

**Anchorage Pride:** No report.

**Old Business:** Diane reported that she has e-mailed the desired Tree Ordinance changes to John McGarvey for a legal opinion but has not heard from him. She has also e-mailed the questions the Board Members had concerning the Canopy

Program. She will continue to contact him and invite him to a meeting.

**New Business:** There was a discussion about seeking new Board Members who have an interest in promoting the goals of the Forestry Board and who has time to participate in the many various, worthwhile projects that the Forestry Board is involved in yearly. Applications will be sent to anyone expressing an interest in Board Membership.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

**Next Meeting:** November 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2008--9:30 A.M.