

ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
October 5, 2009
Minutes

Attendees: Sally, Diane, Mike, and Tyleen. Guest in attendance, Ward Deters.

Minutes: September minutes were read and approved.

Budget: The CD in the personal account for the Forestry Board of \$4,862.47 will mature on October 6, 2009. A decision to renew or check into alternate investment options for a better return was discussed. The decision was to let Renee check on the best investment and act accordingly in our best interest.

Calendar Project: Jim and Ann were not in attendance. Jim reported to Diane that he had received word from the printer that we would be charged for the paper and the shipping for the calendar. There were 2 or 3 months that were lacking in pictures. Jim has since taken some pictures that look great and we will consider these for the calendar. Jim is going to set a date to meet with the printer and finalize everything. We hope to deliver the calendars sometime after Thanksgiving.

Nursery: Fall tree-give-away will be Sunday, November 8, 1:00 to 3:00p.m. in the Anchorage School parking lot. Because of the limited number, everyone will be encouraged to come early.

Anchor-age Newsletter: Announce details of fall tree-giveaway and watch for delivery of calendars end of November.

Canopy Campaign: There was some discussion about how to encourage residents to plant canopy trees, especially on streets with few or almost no trees. One idea proposed was to offer and plant a “treeliner” tree approximately 6-8 ft. tall, at no cost to the homeowner if it meets canopy requirements. It is estimated that the cost of the tree would be \$8-\$12, depending on the species. More information on the cost of the “treeliners” and cost of planting is needed to determine if cost is feasible. A suggestion was also made to offer a few different species than was offered in the last canopy campaign. Some residents expressed they would like to see some of the original trees on streets replaced such as, dogwoods on Osage Road, beech trees on Beech, etc.

Hazard Trees: Everyone was reminded to have their list of suspicious trees in to City Hall no later than Monday, October 12. Andrea will use these lists to update the “watch list and hazard tree list”.

Arbor Day: The program in mid-September, presented by Mark Timmons and Andrea Hanlon was a great success and well attended. Many intelligent questions were asked by residents who later commented they had a better understanding of the Hazard Tree Program and its necessity. One City Council member attended the program and

participated in the discussion. City Council was graciously thanked for their generosity each year in providing the Forestry Board with a budget that allows us to provide so many wonderful programs such as a calendar, tree canopy, Arbor Day educational programs, and a fall tree give-away, to mention a few.

Anchorage Pride: The trees in the triangle at Owl Creek Lane and Walnut Lane were trimmed of dead wood by maintenance personnel. All other common areas are looking good.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Sally thanked everyone for the contribution to the American Cancer Society in memory of her husband Tom. Diane announced she would like for everyone to call her personally when not able to attend meetings. It is important for chairs and co-chairs to give monthly reports.

Next Meeting: November 2, 2009 at 9:30 A.M.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:35 A.M.