

## **September 8th. 2008 Minutes**

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

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

**Budget:** No report. Only recent expenditure was \$187 for the memorial plaque.

**Calendar Project:** A second CD from Bill Wooldridge is expected this week. Subsequent to this meeting, a CD was delivered to Jim, who along with Ann are reviewing the photos.

**Nursery:** The nursery program will be evaluated. Soon the location of the present nursery will be moved to provide room for the “wildflower meadow”. Secondly, the Anchorage maintenance department is interested in reducing the man hours in planting, watering, weeding, and digging up of trees for the tree distribution. Also, with the smaller trees utilized in the nursery program, the loss from drought and deer can be sizable. Under consideration will be the purchase of fewer but larger seedlings or bare root trees for distribution, given the cost constraints of the program.

**Anchor-age Newsletter:** No news to report this month

**Canopy:** Diane distributed a “canopy program” report that described the canopy program that was originally presented and approved for funding by City Council. It contained the original purpose of the program as well as all the various steps and procedures of the program, all of which were discussed. Since over the recent year or two, the program has developed away from the original plan, the current program is being evaluated. Any changes that the board feels need to be in order for the program to better benefit the community, must be submitted in writing and go through the proper process for approval and funding.

**Hazard Trees:** The annual identification of hazardous trees is underway

with the city being divided into 4 sections with Forestry Board Members driving their volunteered quadrant to record suspicious trees, their locations, and type of tree if known, to be given to our City Forester. A hazard tree/watch list will be e-mailed to everyone to assist in this process.

**Arbor Day:** No report

**Anchorage Pride:** Diane reported that almost all designated areas have been cleared of fallen debris and undergrowth.

**Old Business:** Diane still needs information on some projects such as, Anchor- Age newsletter, Nursery and Seedlings, Canopy Program, Hazard Trees, and Arbor Day. This information is necessary so if for some reason someone has to assume a project unexpectedly, they will have enough info to complete the task. Please have it available by October meeting.

The tree dedication for Doc Wagner and Bill Shipley will be September 22 at 10:00 a.m. The Wagner and Shipley families are expected to attend.

**New Business:** The “Tree Ordinance” was revisited and the schedule of penalties was discussed. The Board felt that many of the fines were too low and that an increase should be recommended to City Council per Mark Timmons’ recommendation, after an approved legal opinion by John McGarvey, City Attorney

**Meeting Adjourned:**

**Next Meeting:** November 3, 2008--9:30 A.M.

**Note:** In going through old minutes from the past, I found a great quote by Ellen who said “A tree is a hazard only if it has a target”.

