

Front Range Urban Forestry Council
Littleton
March 19, 2009

Introductions – David Flaig, City of Littleton

Committee Reports

Insect and Disease – Ralph Zentz, City of Fort Collins

Nothing to report.

Select Tree – Tim Buchanan, City of Fort Collins

Nothing to report.

Program/Membership – Keith Wood, CSFS-Broomfield

Thanks to Dave Flaig for hosting the March meeting. The Colorado Water Wise Council was unable to host this meeting, so look for them to host a future date. Next meeting is May 21, 2009, location and topic to be decided. Dave suggested revisiting an older meeting format sometime in the near future, where everyone gets together to informally discuss trees they like and trees they don't like, what works, etc. If you have ideas for meeting topics or would like to host a FRUFC meeting, contact Keith or Dave.

CTC – Tom Wells, City of Broomfield

Several members are headed to Ordway this Saturday to help replant trees for those lost in last year's wildfire. The second planting date is April 18, 2009...anyone not already busy, consider heading down to Ordway.

ISA – Scott Grimes, South Suburban Parks & Recreation

Scott attended an Annual Conference committee meeting on Wednesday: this year's conference will be held October 1-2 with John Ball as guest speaker. There will be additional talks on keeping your business and trees sustainable in these challenging economic times and developing partnerships. ISA Certified Tree Worker/Climber Specialist exam will be held at DeKoevend Park in Centennial this Saturday. Join CTC/ISA on June 28, 2009 for the Champion Tree Classic Bike Ride. This year's ride features a new sponsor, New Belgium brewing company. The route will start and end at New Belgium, traveling along a relatively flat route along the Poudre River from Fort Collins to the Greeley/Windsor area and back. Refreshments provided at the finish line! Find more information for these events at www.isarmc.org.

Hazard Tree – Bill Cassel, City and County of Denver

Bill is sending out a questionnaire to see what people are doing with hazard trees in their communities: what are you doing, how are you doing it, how is it working? There's no right or wrong way at this point, he just wants to collect information with a goal of determining BMP's for hazard trees in Colorado. There is a two day training for all Denver staff and the same syllabus will be used to conduct a hazard tree workshop sometime this summer. Bill is also training grounds people through a worker training program funded by Jefferson county; anybody have a need for part time staff in this area, 3 days/week for 10 week positions? Contact Bill at bcassel3@comcast.net

Champion Trees, Neal Bamesberger

Neal distributed certificates for 2009 Champion trees.

Community Reports/Other Business

Trees Across Colorado – Gertie Grant

Gertie has 2,720 trees to unload this year on April 14-15. There are 26 groups participating this year, up from 18 last year! If anybody is interested in next year's program, contact Gertie at 303-744-3882 or gertiegrant@estreet.com.

USDA APHIS – Lisa Peraino

Lisa has a sign-up sheet for EAB trapping she will send around. The process is the same as last year: traps will be installed mid-May, checked once during summer and taken down by October. This year she plans to receive the traps in time to distribute for May installation! Have ash trees to monitor? Contact lisa.j.peraino@aphis.usda.gov if you are interested in helping.

Institute for Environmental Solutions– Ryan Moore

The Colorado Urban Forestry Climate Coalition and carbon credit program continues to grow. IES is currently developing a tutorial for the carbon credit program to help answer frequently asked questions. An Excel sheet is now available to help calculate the carbon credit \$ value of your trees! In order to utilize the spreadsheet, you need an updated tree inventory including number and species of trees planted since 1990. Contact Ryan at 303.388.5211 or ryan@i4es.org for more information.

Colorado State Forest Service -- Keith Wood

CSFS was asked to provide proposals of projects for federal stimulus funding. They put together 9 proposals for various projects in Colorado and submitted them to USFS. Keith is not sure how much money is coming, still waiting to see what filters out. Stay tuned for more details.

City & County of Denver – Pete Zoschg

Denver plans to rewrite rules and regulations for street tree plantings. Current regulations are from 1971 and not actively enforced as they don't make much sense. If anybody wants to have input/comments or see the new regulations when they are finished, contact Pete at peter.zoschg@denvergov.org. A message from Mile High Million: they have shopping bags/backpacks for project volunteers. Let them know what projects you have going on in your community to get publicity, volunteers, and giveaways! Contact Mile High Million at 720-913-0631 or million.trees@denvergov.org.

South Suburban Parks & Recreation – Scott Grimes

Federal regulations for vegetation management under high-voltage transmission lines are in effect. Trees and other woody vegetation planted under these lines are now facing much more severe pruning or complete removal, depending on line voltage. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission sets regulations and Xcel must comply or face severe penalties. Take a look under the South Platte River corridor transmission lines for results of these new regulations. On April 24, 2009 South Suburban is partnering with City of Littleton, Trees Across Colorado, Xcel Energy and 50 service volunteers along the South Platte River to plant 50 trees to replace those lost to vegetation management.

Break

Plant and Tree Water Use Studies at CSU

Bill Bauerle, Colorado State University

Dr. Bauerle is an Associate Professor in the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture at CSU. He presented a summary of his research on “Predicting woody plant transpiration and carbon uptake in response to water stress.” The goal was to develop models that predict actual water use of individual tree species to help growers maximize inputs and outputs. Part of developing the models involved characterizing tree water use at various scales of biological organization: leaf, tree, stand and watershed. Dr. Bauerle feels these models are the only practical means of estimating whole system water use, and by estimating whole system water use, growers can minimize time, money and resources to grow their products.

He began research in North Carolina with Eastern tree species, wanting to focus first on developing accurate, functional models for those species. Now he is expanding this research into modeling genotypes/species more appropriate for Colorado landscapes. For more information, contact Dr. Bauerle at bauerle@colostate.edu.

National Arbor Day Foundation Poster Contest Judging

Many stayed after the meeting to help Donna Davis choose Colorado's winning poster from 5th grade entries all over the state. The judges agreed it was a tough decision picking just one winner from so many artistic, colorful and creative posters! The delicious lunch provided by CTC and Dave Flaig made it a little easier. The winning poster will go on to national competition. New this year: Online Voting for the Arbor Day National Poster Contest. Vote for your favorite Arbor Day poster from each state's winning entry in the first ever Arbor Day National Poster contest online competition! Online voting will run from March 30 - April 3, and the winning poster will automatically become a finalist in the judging for the national winner of the Arbor Day National Poster Contest. Visit <http://www.arborday.org/postercontest> to cast your vote!

Attendance

Dave Flaig	City of Littleton
Keith Wood	CSFS-Broomfield
Tom Wells	City & County of Broomfield
Neal Bamesberger	Independent
Ryan Moore	Institute for Environmental Solutions
Chuck Gehringer	City & County of Broomfield
Pete Zoschg	City and County of Denver
Bill Cassel	City and County of Denver
Patrick Plummer	City of Arvada
Cerrisa Liston	City of Arvada
Randi Smith	City of Arvada

Gertie Grant	CTC/Trees Across Colorado
John Kohring	City of Englewood
Jerry Barton	City of Englewood
Paul Smith	City of Colorado Springs
Erik Stadsvold	Town of Parker
Molly McLoughlin	Town of Superior
Ben Rickenbacker	South Suburban Parks & Recreation
Diana Selby	CSFS-Fort Collins
Ted Tompkins	City & County of Denver
Michael Allen	Mile High Youth Corps
Andy Schlosberg	CSFS
Lisa Peraino	USDA Aphis PPQ
John Kaltenback	Colorado Department of Agriculture
David High	City of Golden
Paul Burkholder	City of Golden
Joel Szymanski	City of Northglenn
Allen Duckworth	City of Northglenn
Jennifer Hrobar	South Suburban Parks & Recreation
Philip J. Hoefler	Hoefler Associates

See you in May!