

**Front Range Urban Forestry Council**  
**9/3/09 Minutes**

Meeting was hosted by Allen Rogers, Ken-Caryl Ranch Metro District.

Meeting was called to order by Dave Flaig. Dave announced that our guest speaker was running a few minutes late, so the agenda would change, placing the Committee Reports first.

**Insect and Disease**, Kathleen Alexander. Updated 1000 canker disease. Boulder lost 750 Walnut trees in 2008, 150 this year, leaving 350 throughout the city. Ned Tisserat wants to meet with front range foresters, possibly at the Denver Pest Meeting, September 30, to discuss strategies for disposing of walnut wood debris from removals.

Fort Collins has more hits of Mountain Pine Beetle this year. From 2008 Fort Collins had over 600 trees hit, (about 80% Scotch pine), but only 62 trees were killed by the attacks. Other hits have been in Ponderosa, Pinon and Mugho.

The communities of Arvada, Wheat Ridge and Lakewood are still being affected from the severe hail damage last month. Foresters are noting interesting releafing patterns and some flowering of spring flowering trees and shrubs.

**Select Tree**, Tim Buchanan, No Report

**Hazard Tree**, Bill Cassel, reported the re-tooling of the CTC program to bring in line with national changes.

**Program/Membership**, Keith Wood, had scheduled a visit to the Colorado State Forest Service nursery, but due to hail damage will be postponed until September 2010. Next meeting of FRUFC will be November 19, 2009 at a location to be announced.

**CTC**, Tom Wells, announced next Board Meeting on October 23, 2009. Check the CTC website for meeting location and time. The Notable Tree Calendar is at the printer and everyone should make a list of associates to send the purchased calendars to. Also, there are a few month sponsors available for the 2011 calendar. Tom reminded everyone about the CTC scholarships available for upcoming training and/or conferences.

**ISA/RMC**, Scott Grimes reminded everyone about the upcoming annual meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Loveland. First day agenda items are geared for business practices and second day is geared for field personnel. The Cottonwood Classic bike ride raised over \$1000.00 to be split with ISA/RMC and CTC. The annual Pesticide workshop is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> in Castle Rock at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

## **Community Reports**

**Brighton** wanted to thank Sara Davis and Sara Barber of the Million Tree Initiative for funding of a community tree care brochure to be sent out with water billing. Following deep budget cuts within the forestry division, the brochure would not have been printed without the assistance.

**Scheduled Speaker**, Greg McPherson from Davis California was introduced by Dave Flaig. Greg presented a program called “Sustainable Urban Forest Ecosystem Overview. During his presentation, he outlined programs in New York City, Sacramento and Los Angeles, CA, Portland OR and Minneapolis MN.

Speaking about the new “Eco-Smart” program, Greg spoke about the life cycle of an urban tree. Starting at the Nursery → Site Prep → Planting → Maintenance and Growth → Removal → Reuse.

Greg then spoke about his latest project, the Street Tree Simulator. This program will use regional data as defaults, assessing tree performance and attributes.

In addition to the numerous “million tree” campaigns throughout the United States, Greg mentioned the “billion tree” campaign in California. One of the goals of this program is to fill fifty percent of planting spaces throughout the state.

Following questions from the audience, Dave announced a fifteen minute break before the next speaker.

**Scheduled Speaker round two**, Sara Davis, Million Tree Initiative was introduced. Sara spoke on the STRATUM analysis for the City and County of Denver. Using i-Tree software, Sara trained Master Gardeners to collect neighborhood data. Working within city agencies, Denver was divided, using the twelve council districts. Data points included tree species, size measured at dbh and a specific tree identifying number.

With over six hundred hours of field work, approximately 1.5% of the Denver street tree population was reviewed. Although 3% is the recommended population, Sara said enough information was gathered to use for informational meetings with Denver staff, city council and Greenprint Denver. The data showed that Denver has an approximate canopy cover of 10.4%.

Following questions, Dave Flaig reminded everyone of the next meeting, November 19<sup>th</sup>, thanked Ken-Caryl for their hospitality and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Cassel, Fill-In Secretary.