

Colorado Tree Coalition Meeting Minutes

Jan. 27, 2017

Meeting Called to Order @ 10:04am

CommuniTree Awards Announcement and Presentation

Sustainable Urban Forestry Award: Peter Schertz: Trees are the Answer Program; Durango
Life Time Achievement Award: Tim Buchannan, Ft Collins

Outgoing Executives received a Pen and Pencil set

Acceptance of the Minutes from 11-4-16 Meeting: Correction to stated amount of income for Trees Across Colorado to nearly 10,000.00 requested, than all approved.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Balance as of Dec. 31, 2016 was \$149,921.00

Tree Trust balance \$43,791.00

Reforest Colorado balance is \$47,317

Total Assets equal \$241,029.00

2016 budgeted income was \$119,997.00 and actual income was \$123,469.54 producing an excess of \$3,472.54

Budgeted expenses were \$118,037.00 with actual expenses totaling \$135,333.73, with the difference being \$17,296.73. The area with the greatest overage was Champion Tree/Notable Trees due to the cost of producing the calendar.

Colorado Gives Day netted 690.00

Treasurer's Report accepted with motion from David Flaig, second by Scott Grimes, and all approved.

New Business

2017 Budget:

The proposed income for 2017 totaled \$119,075.00 with the Xcel Vegetation Management grants totaling \$4275.00, APHIS money not included.

Proposed expenses for 2017 total \$132,200.00. This value includes reducing the website and communication cost to \$1,000.00 from \$1,500.00 since Karen Duez will be taking on more of that responsibility. Community grants to total \$16,275.00

The amount of expenses being greater than income was discussed and approved.

2017 Grants:

There were 12 CTC Grant applicants this year. Six are being awarded at \$2,000.00 each and are going to:

Institute for Environmental Solutions for Tree Planting

City of Alamosa Parks and Recreation for Management and Maintenance (30 Trees)

Durango Mountain Middle School for Tree Planting (10- 12 trees)

City of Trinidad Tree Board for Tree Planting (25 Trees)

City of Pueblo Parks and Recreation for Tree Planting (80 Trees)

Yampa Valley Sustainability Council for Management and Maintenance

In addition the following Grants will be awarded:

Vegetative Management:

Monte Vista Tree Board with a request for \$1275.00 planting 7 trees

City of Grand Junction with a request for \$3,000.00 planting 16 trees

CTC/ Excel Foundation Grants:

City of Grand Junction receiving \$6,000.00 to plant 100 trees

City of Aurora receiving \$6,000.00 to plant 200 trees

South Suburban PRD receiving \$6,000.00 upon completion of the paperwork

Plant Health Care Workshop: Ft Collins Hilton, on June 15, 2017

All speakers are from within the state and include:

Arathi Seshadri & Lisa Eckhoff – promoting and protecting pollinators

Nolan Doesken – Climate patterns

Troy Ocheltree – Drought stress

Jane Stuart – Abiotic issues

Plus, Laura Porttorff, John Kaltenbach, and either Whitney Cranshaw or Seth Davis with local updates.

Policies and Procedures:

All members of the executive committee received copies via email to be considered. All may continue to look at them and must have correction or recommended changes to Karen Duez by the end of February, 2017. Once completed there will be a cover letter stating acceptance of all the policies and procedures which shall be signed by the Executive Committee.

Old Business

Colorado Gives Day: 13 donations were received for a total of 680.00. This was not enough individual donations to become eligible for the Community First Foundations drawing.

Web Site: There will not be job postings on the site at this time. The programs page has been updated with the 2017 grant information and pictures from 2016 projects. Poster contest information is listed and membership information has been updated to the current year.

Tree Collections: The program is up and running. Erie will be putting up a Kiosk in one of their parks, which could become a prototype for other communities. The information from other tree applications will be transferred over. Champion Tree locations shall be noted with a policy discussion to determine if those on private property shall be included.

Program Reports

Champion Tree: There are 740 Trees on the list with 70 nominations. There are 24 new #1's which include: Cerro Hawthorn – Ft Collins, 2 Narrowleaf Cottonwood – Gunnison & Lake City, Singleleaf Ash – Gateway, Utah Juniper – Colorado National Monument, Bristlecone Pine – San Isabel National Forest, Rio Grande Cottonwood – Durango, and 4 Blue Spruce – 3 in the San Juan Forest and 1 in Sawpit west of Telluride.

There is a possible consideration of having a Tree Measurement Workshop in September, possibly at the FRUFC meeting in Golden.

Select Tree: David Elm

Social Media: Facebook with lots of activity, 20 different countries represented and 14 from people in Vietnam.

Annual Report: Karen Duez is completing updates to the financials and then will post it to the web page and will also forward it to members. It can also be linked to the Facebook Page and will be delivered to the State Forester at CSFS to fulfill the requirement of the 'Report to the State Forester'.

Poster Contest: Denver's 'Be a Smart Ash' campaign is helping out this year. Letters have gone out to teachers, and judging of posters shall occur in the beginning of April. This year's winner shall receive:

- Professionally framed poster
- Recognition at the State Capitol with their teacher, family, local legislators and dignitaries
- The poster shall be displayed in the Capitol during the month of April
- Tour of the Capitol plus a fun lunch nearby
- 2017 National and State Parks Passes + \$250.00 gift card
- Pizza party for the student's classroom

The Wining Teacher shall receive:

- Recognition at the State Capitol in Denver
- Tour of the State Capitol with lunch nearby
- \$500.00 gift card for school supplies

2017 Grants:

Xcel Foundation Grant: Communities for 2018 grant application to the Foundation are Golden, Boulder, and Littleton

ReForest Colorado: A potential project would be to mitigate the wind damage in Colorado Springs

Training:

Eastern Colorado Community Forestry Conference: March 2nd in Lamar

Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference: September 14th, in Grand Junction

Greeley Tree Care Workshop: February 24

Trees and the Law Workshop: Mid March at the Armory in Brighton

Tree injection Workshop: May 15th

Trees Across Colorado: This year 1,098 trees have been ordered. Littleton has piggy-backed an additional order of 40 trees to the delivery. The registration to be a nursery in Colorado has been completed. The Japanese beetle quarantine should not be an issue for this year. There are 1,000 APC #7's for the program in 2018.

Membership: As of January 2017 there are 84 members of CTC. 22 of these are members which came back from past years (prior to 2016). Membership gifts will be the new tree care card for Individuals and flashlights for Family and Business level members.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:22pm

Attendees:

Nancy Biekarck	Karen Duez	Kyle Sylvester	Tim Buchanan
Karen Scopel	Micaela Truslove	Scott Grimes	Josh Theobald
Chuck Gehringer	Keith Wood	Becky Wegner	Laurel Brabec
Gertie Grant	David Flaig	Neal Bamesberger	