

Colorado Tree Coalition

October 20, 2017

Family FunPlex
1501 65th Avenue
Greeley, CO

Meeting Called to Order @ 10:08am

Introductions

Acceptance of last meeting minutes was motioned by Mike McGill, 2nd by Pete Harrington and all approved.

Treasurer's Report

Thru Sept 30th of 2017

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| Checking: | 158,934.00 |
| Tree Trust: | 43,335.09 |
| Reforest Colorado: | 49,667.42 |
| Pay Pal: | <u>1,740.34</u> |
| Total | 253696.85 |

Income:

Bicycle Classic @ 2570.00 86% of budgeted, more income expected

Ivengar Yoga Donation of 357.17

Merchandise Sales: 1016.17 102% of Budget 1016.17

STEP: Should be income = expense Checking the discrepancy

Trees Across Colorado: total 59835.00 105% of budgeted

Expenses

Trees Across Colorado 49,343.00 was more than budgeted, purchased more trees than anticipated

Xcel Foundation Grant: 12,000.00 of 18,000.00 paid out. South Suburban has not claimed their check.

Eastern/ Western Colorado Tree conference: budgeted 1,000.00 spent 1741.86

additional expenses included: 323.57 in expenses for Chuck to attend Eastern

418.29 more for Tim to Western

The Tree Trust and ReForest Colorado transfers have yet to be completed.

Move to accept report by Scott Grimes, seconded by Gertie Grant and approved by all

Note that there was a lengthy discussion about possibilities of investing banked funds

Colorado Gives Day December 5th, 2017

Karen Duez

New this year: Kids program: video's, question/answer, photos - targeting ages 8 -14

will do e-mails and Facebook blast in conjunction with the day w/ link to Colorado gives site.

Will also complete a boost for membership and working on understanding Instagram and how it can benefit CTC.

New Business

Board invited Representatives - discussion and approve of title change for both positions currently held by Karen Scopel and Kyle Sylvester to 'Community Representative'. This will leave a position of ISA representative open.

Tree, People and Towns Conference:

targets developing programs, Re-started last year in Nebraska, Colorado to host in 2018 in Windsor. Regional conference- multi state.
Need to think about sponsors and scholarships.

Teaming up for Trees - Grant for SE Colorado Communities

200,000.00 for 14 communities. Geared toward rejuvenation of their urban forests.
removal of trees after the polar vortex: reducing monocultures: General tree awareness
215 trees are to be removed and replaced.

Education and Outreach

Champ Tree Report

Canon City has been home to 8 Champion trees but some are now dead or have been removed. The Champion Tulip Poplar has been struck by lightning but there is another in the area which is a possible replacement.

The Champion Bristlecone near Walsenburg has fallen due to storm damage

The 2018 list of Champions will show the changes. There is the possibility of adding 8 trees to the national list, including Greeley's Austrian Pine.

Tree Collections

Phase 2 - incorporate the location of the champion trees, and should be operational. Approximately 10 collections have been added. Symbolism in the program, a leaf indicates a collection, a star a champion tree. There is a need for higher quality picture of tree species. Working with Northglenn and CSU to get their collections listed. Signage is still in production.

Communications

There have been 627 likes on the Facebook Page. The desire is to increase the number of boosts since there seems to be a correlation between them and new memberships

The Web Site was updated to include the FRUFC Drone presentation, and the 2017 Bike Tour information.

Colorado Arbor day poster contest

This year's winner was from Hoehne, Near Trinidad and had a wonderful time in Denver.

Grants

The programs are staying the same and there is a call for reviewers. Smaller communities are the targeted recipients

Xcel Vegetation Management Grants - some communities maybe having difficulties with acquiring the needed volunteers.

The Excel Energy Foundation Grants will be going to Boulder, Littleton, and Golden for 2018 plantings.

Training

FRUFC Next Meeting: Jan. 18, 2018.

Tree Risk Assessment

The new Tree Risk Assessment forms should have been released at the end of October. CTC's forms are for awareness. Thought should be given to disclaimers so that liability is eliminated. It should be noted the CTC forms are a management tool, they are not for primary risk assessment.

Workshops

Eastern will be combined with the Trees, People and Towns Conference in 2018
Western to be held September 28th, 2018: 2017 conference was a great success.

The Greeley Workshop will most likely be held in the same place with the same time frame.

Tree Diversity workshop 2018 - March 15th, in conjunction with FRUFC @ the Denver Botanical Gardens

Funding

Trees across Colorado

1526 Trees were ordered, 1203 were sold. Centennial and Wheat Ridge have joined the program. The neighborhoods in Colorado Springs are also once again participating. There has been a request made that Frontier Elm no longer be offered.

Tour De Poudre

There were 44 /45 riders and all went well. Trees planted for the ride included:

Cardinal Royal Mt. Ash, Weeping Birch, and Plains Cottonwood.

\$3800.00 will be split between CTC and the Tree Fund. Thank you to Becky Lamphear who will take over this program in 2018.

Membership

As of October 2017 there were 104 members.

Merchandise

150 Cards and 15 T-shirts had been purchased since the last meeting. The 4th card in our series, Mature Tree Care, is close to being sent to the printer.

Administration

Contracts: Karen Duez's contract will end Dec. 31, 2017. A retainer for a month maybe needed to bridge the time until January's meeting.

Next Meeting

January 26, 2017 with location to be announced.

Attendance

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| Kyle Sylvester | Karen Duez | Dave Sexton | Scott Grimes |
| Micaela Trustlove | Neal Bamesberger | Karen Scopel | Nancy Biekarck |
| Gertie Grant | Becky Wegner | Pete Harrington | Keith Wood |
| Mike McGill | David Flaig | Donna Davis | Becky Lamphear |