NSTC Shade Tree Council
Annual Meeting

April 9, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

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I. Welcome and introductions/determine Quorum
Members: Bill Bowers, Steve Churchillo, Greg Deuley, Tony Dietz, Mike Kelley, Richard Leifried, Tina McKeand, Gerry Miller, Lisa Ortega, Suzan Reed, M.L. Robinson, Helen Stone, Cliff Wood, Mike Verchick (quorum)
Ex Officio: Adria Decorte, , Margie Ewing, Susan Stead, Matt Koepnick, Teri Knight, Tammi Gaudet
Guests:
Paul Andricopulos, Dave Cornoyer, Andy Reed, Dawn Okerlund, Doug Guild
II. Speakers
Ian Hanou
GIS Remote Sensing.
Dana Karcher, Davey Resource Group
Margie Ewing, Wrap up with funding available.

III. USFS reporting and discussions
Lisa introduced Tammi Gaudet, who will be helping with Arbor Day, Shade Tree applications, etc. and other paperwork. She is a registered landscape architect.

IV. NDF Urban and Community Forestry State Coordinator Report
Margie: reported that this is a favorable time for urban forestry in the administration. There is lots of support from the Secretary of Agriculture, which is different from previous administrations. The budget is the same as last year. They are hiring a new director of Urban Forestry. Programs are now going through a redesign where different programs will work together in a more integrated fashion – "All Lands."

Susan: The grant from Hispanic training in Washoe County has been awarded. Nevada got second place nationally in Arbor Day Poster contest, a student from Meadows Private School in Las Vegas. The poster contest has been discontinued on the national level, so it will be discontinued on the state level as well.

Susan commented that there is so much experience and knowledge on the council that perhaps we could have a short "resume" from everybody at some point.

NDF hired new Manpower position for Urban Forestry Technician in Clark County, with 2,000 trees to be distributed from the state nursery. Adria DeCorte has been hired to do the job. Her undergraduate degree is in architecture; she is working on

graduate degree in plant ecology. She and her husband run a business in cactus salvage. Her thesis is on invasive species.

Elko did not renew Tree City USA -- still needs a proclamation.

Next week is the deadline to get any updates for the Big Tree program. Tina volunteered to run the list through I-Tree to determine value.

V. Nevada Shade Tree Council Items:

A. Approve Jan 14, 2010 teleconference Minutes

Greg moved, Steve C seconds. Approved.

B. Committee Reports:

1. Treasurers Report – Bill passed around a report. We have about $16K, so we are in good shape.

2. Tree City USA – Steve/others – Lisa asked if North Las Vegas had a proclamation. Matt said that Adria and Lynn would work on them.

3. Historian – Dick Post. No report.

4**. Promotion/Publicity/NSTC Website** – Helen/Lisa. Server has been retained for a year. If we do "resumes" they can be posted. Discussion regarding banner for displays that can be used either as a backdrop or a table drape. Motion to move forward to buy two banners/tablecloths, up to $750. Cliff moved. Richard seconded. Motion carried. Helen will look up source for table cloth and get it to Tammi. We will also have a banner to hang behind the display/booth.

5. Fundraising – Tony/Helen. Tony suggested that we get the utility companies to support/join the council. Lisa will contact someone in the South. Steve will contact utilities in the north.

6. Northern, Southern and Western group reports.

Matt: Tree City USAs. Regional tree work group is active, working across all boundaries to establish ordinances that reflect BMP book. Nursery purchased 1,200 bare root trees, supplemented with almost 1,000 trees. Have 2,000 trees that can be awarded to entities that want to plant trees on public land. Adria will be working on the RFPs that go to beautification boards, non-profits, etc. All are potted in 15 gallon. Redbuds, honey locusts, tree form vitex, lacebark elm, etc. Fall will most likely be the first distribution. Applications will be available for NSTC, NDF, SNAG web sites, etc. The goal is to have them distributed in two years countywide.

Steve – Truckee Meadows UF Coalition. Umbrella group on tree care. Just released tree care guide cards and tree evaluation checklists. Arbor Day celebration in Reno is April 30 at Neil Road Recreation Center, Backyard Tree Care workshop May 1.

C. Old Business:

1. Update of Arborist Training Sessions – Tony. Southern session well attended; concerns on low cost. Most attendees did not go for cheap CEUs. Rose Epperson with WCISA did not have a problem with low cost taking attendees away from WCISA events. Having a few experienced arborists in the class actually added to the experience. 34 people taking certified arborist exam afterwards. Tony is moving to Utah and asked if NSTC still wanted to use his services for the arborist exams. Council agreed

to ask him to keep teaching. Tree Appraisal seminar in south is slated for August. Books are also a good moneymaker.

Tony requested a date for the Reno arborist training. Discussion jumped to WCISA regional conference September 17 in Reno. Decided to hold discussion until the end. Tony requested that we have the Reno sessions October 5-7 – asked if Steve could reserve Horseman's Park in Reno. Susan volunteered to help. August 24-26 will be hazard tree/tree appraisal in the South.

2. Marketing – Bill – no report

3. NLA conference – Helen. Manned booth at conference. Two sessions from BMP guide.

4. Arbor Day Activities – all. Discussion on how Tammi would help track hours. She will email members who will respond.

Steve C. planting six trees from city, plus about 50 from phone book recycling. Sent out invitations for festivities on April 30.

Greg – will attend Arbor Day event in Henderson that will honor Steve Hines on April 30 at Morrell Park. Lisa noted that there would be 700 children and trees to be planted. ASLA will be helping with pencils and drawings. There will be a total of about 3000 children total through the city. Lisa will check on North Las Vegas.

Mike Kelley. Nothing set yet in Sparks, but will be in May due to the weather; they will be looking for funding and trees.

Susan – Carson City will be having Arbor Day on April 30.

Tony – Gerry bought a tree to plant in Tony's honor at Peace Park. Bill Wolf will plant in Ely. Tony got reimbursement forms for the trees.

Teri – Planted four trees at Morelli House in downtown Las Vegas at the historical district. Planted early.

5. Hired Assistant – Tammi Gaudet

D. New Business:

1. Grant Awards Possibilities. Lisa talked about ACT (Alliance for Community Trees). Wants a regular report on the NSTC activities. Passed around a survey that was sent. We need to put their logo on our web site. Helen will contact our webmaster for ticker of hits on web site..

2. Annual Planning – Budget. Distributed copies. Moved vote to #7.

3. Conference Updates.

a. Western Chapter Regional. Molly/Steve. Discussion. Cliff moved that we apply for a grant for up to $3000 to sponsor speakers and facility costs for WCISA regional conference. Greg second. Motion carried.

b. Partners In Community Forestry. Greg moved to fund two people for up to $750 each to attend in November. Cliff seconded.

c. Municipal Forestry Institute/SMA.

d. Other: Mike moved to fund Britton Fund Ride. Greg seconded for $100. Greg moved for stipend up to $750 for Helen. Ciff seconded. Approved.

4. Nevada Shade Tree Week Projects. Have projects lined up by June meeting for funding. Come with hours and projects for Arbor Day.

5. Membership nominations. Suzan Reed. Home schooler; active in 4-H. Helen nominated. Greg seconded. ML nominated by Helen. Greg seconded. Welcome new members!

6. Other items brought to the table by members

Tina asked for an invoice for membership. Bill said he would send her one for $100 corporate membership.

E. Lunch Presentation by Tina McKeand (½ hr)

V. Public Comment Period

VI. Set next meeting date and location – Rural Nevada Lake Tahoe. July 9.

VII. Adjourn by 4:00 p.m. Greg Moved. Steve C second. Adjourn 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen M. Stone