

**URBAN FORESTRY TREE COMMITTEE  
OF THE SPOKANE PARK BOARD**

**January 13, 2010**

The Urban Forestry Tree Committee of the Spokane Park Board met January 13, 2010 at 7:00 a.m. in the Manito Park Meeting Room. Members present: Elizabeth Schoedel, Melissa Burt, and CAC representative Angel Spell. Also present: Leroy Eadie Acting Parks and Recreation Director, Steve Nittolo Horticulture Supervisor.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m., by UFTC Chairman, Elizabeth Schoedel.

**Action item:**

The amendments to the Commercial Tree Service License Ordinance were reviewed. Angel Spell made a motion to pass it with a one word revision under Section 10.25.010, Subsection E, Part 1, to state "a warning letter is sent" rather than "a warning letter may be sent". The motion was passed unanimously.

**Other Business:**

A letter composed by the CAC to Mayor Verner concerning tree protection and preservation was presented as an information item. The CAC will send the letter to Mayor Verner, with copies to the UFTC, Park Board, Planning Commission, and City Council.

Mike Taylor, Director of Engineering, sponsored a workshop on December 16, 2009 from 8:30-11:30, to discuss the value, benefits, biological structure, and good arboriculture practices relating to trees. The workshop was well attended by approximately 200 people. A video of the workshop can be viewed at: [http://www.spokaneengineering.org/video/urban\\_forestry\\_videos.htm](http://www.spokaneengineering.org/video/urban_forestry_videos.htm)

Heritage Tree news releases and radio and television Public Service Announcements are currently being distributed. The Urban Forestry website has all of the critical info and is being added to.

Steve Nittolo mentioned that Urban Forestry had applied for a Tree City USA Growth Award based on accomplishments in 2009. His monthly report for December was emailed to UFTC members.

Angel Spell gave an update on the CAC. Two members of the CAC are resigning, and will need to be replaced. Leroy Eadie has made an announcement at the Community Assembly requesting a representative. The second vacancy requires someone from the Arboriculture and Horticulture industry. A request will be made for an announcement at City Council for this position as well as other advertising. The possibility of adding an Urban Forestry donation check box onto City of Spokane utility bills is being investigated. Angel would like to give a short PowerPoint presentation to the Park Board of CAC accomplishments in 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

The next Urban Forestry Tree Committee meeting is February 10, 2009.