



## *Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes*

*May 3, 2013*

*Parks Operations Building*

*2529 High Country Ct, Grand Junction, CO 81501*

### **Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Member, Kamie Long at 8:00 a.m.**

#### Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Kamie Long  
Teddy Hildebrandt  
Shirley Nilsen  
Richard Edwards  
Carl Hochmuth  
Charles Thompson

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Tricia Rothwell, Leisure Service Representative

### **Item 2: Approve Minutes**

Carl Hochmuth moved to approve the April 5, 2013 Forestry Board Minutes. Charles Thompson seconded the motion to approve.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

### **Item 3: 2013 Arbor Day Program Wrap-up**

Kamie Long asked if anyone had heard any feedback. Tricia Rothwell said she hadn't heard any from the Recreation Department. Kamie Long stated that she thought the pine cone birdfeeders and tree climbing were a hit. Kamie Long said that people didn't come to the classes. Kamie speculated that one reason may have been that people didn't know that they were free. "Free" should be part of the signage next year. Kamie Long noted that, in regards to the tree climbing, the volunteers should have shifts.

Shirley Nilsen stated that she was very grateful for the help of the Master Gardeners. Shirley also shared with the Board an email she received from the Art Heritage Volunteer at Dual Immersion Academy. The school was thankful for the opportunity to participate in the poster contest. Some families are not able to afford items like art pads. The student winner had never won anything in the past, and started Kindergarten so shy she rarely talked. The contest gave her the opportunity and motivation to actually speak in front of the school.

Kamie Long suggested better signage next year. Shirley Nilsen suggested a directory of the park or maybe a marquee. Shirley stated that she will get thank you cards for the Board to sign for the Master Gardeners and the raptor presenter.

#### **Item 4: Tree Care Service Give-away**

Kamie Long asked Teddy Hildebrandt and Charles Thompson if they were able to look at the jobs that were nominated. Teddy stated that his jobs totaled 21 hours and Chuck stated that his totaled 25 hours. Kamie Long stated that if the job was too big we would just address the worst or most dangerous trees. Teddy Hildebrandt shared with the Board a positive experience he had with a woman who was nominated by her neighbor. It brought tears to her eyes that she would be able to get this much needed work donated to her. Teddy Hildebrandt and Charles Thompson agreed to meet and assign the jobs to companies that had donated time. Tricia Rothwell will call the companies to tell them which job was assigned to them. Tricia asked how long the company would have to complete the job. The Board suggested a month.

#### **Item 5: Yard Of The Month**

Kamie Long reiterated that Teddy Hildebrandt and Rich Edwards were the Board Members responsible for judging for the month of May. Teddy suggested they each pick one other person to judge. Kamie summarized that Tricia Rothwell will map the addresses, compile the nomination forms, and print door hangers.

Kamie Long asked if Shirley Nilsen had the gift cards that were donated. Shirley stated that she had already gotten Home Depot's but not Lowe's yet. Kamie shared that she had left a message for Bookcliff Gardens asking for a donation.

#### **Item 5: New Business**

Kamie Long acknowledged that Tricia Rothwell had sent out an updated Forestry License list. Teddy Hildebrandt posed the question of what the city ordinance said and if there was a fine associated with not being licensed. Shirley Nilsen stated that in the past Code Enforcement has enforced it. Kamie Long mentioned that a homeowner can be charged if they have a tree needing to be trimmed, yet they do not, and the City has to trim it. Carl Hochmuth found an ordinance regarding the Forestry Board being able to recommend penalties to City Council. Tricia Rothwell stated that she will research the ordinances regarding licensing and penalties.

Rich Edwards then asked if a person needs to be licensed to do small trees from the ground. Kamie Long made the comment that we need to determine what "general lawn care" means. Rich would like more specific definitions for class A, B and C licenses. Kamie Long then asked if these definitions could be on the next agenda.

Kamie Long then showed the Board a copy of the Arboretum booklet.

Shirley Nilsen stated that it was time to start working on the application for the national award. Teddy Hildebrandt said that he will have before and after pictures of the Tree Care Give-away jobs.

Kamie Long then stated that she will not be present for the June 7, 2013 meeting. The Board decided to reschedule the meeting for May 31, 2013

**Item 8: Adjourn**

Richard Edwards motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carl Hochmuth seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tricia Rothwell