



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

November 2, 2017

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 1:16 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Chuck Thompson
Mollie Higginbotham
Kamie Long
Susan Carter

Board Members Absent:

Josh Umberger
Justin Drissel
Teddy Hildebrandt

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Randy Coleman, Parks Supervisor
Darcy Austin, Sr. Administrative Assistant

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Susan Carter made a motion to accept the October 12, 2017 Forestry Board Minutes. The motion was seconded by Chuck Thompson.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 4 No 0

Item 3: Resignation of Board Member

- Due to the fact that Josh Umberger has only attended 2 meetings of the last 10 the Board would like to ask him to step down. Kamie Long and Randy Coleman will determine a time to meet with him to discuss this.

Item 4: Hawthorne Park Trees

- Susan Carter is going to write a letter from the Forestry Board about proper watering at City parks to City Council.
- Maxicom is not watering enough to keep the trees healthy. The value of each tree is as much as it would cost to re-sod the entire park or \$50,000. Should consider watering for tree's and not just for the sod.
- An Entomologist is coming from Denver to discuss Ash health and insects on March 21, 2018.

Item 5: Arbor Day 2018

- Possibility of doing 75/25 split of big trees and seedlings.
- Contact Susan Carter for a list of seedlings that she is able to get.

Item 6: Grant Discussion

- The Board would like to develop a website for "Develop the Grand Valley Canopy". It would be a catch all sight for the Western Slope tree care providers and citizens.
- The grant has to be submitted by December 1, 2017 and Kamie Long is working on getting all the information together.
- Mollie Higginbotham got several bids for designing websites and it looks to be anywhere between \$4,000 - \$6,000. Will include this information in with the grant paperwork. May also look to see if a college student is interested in doing for a project.

Item 7: Forestry Update

- Randy Coleman wrote a letter with FAQ that went out with the renewal application for the licensed tree care providers. It also alerted them to the fact that we are looking at going to ISA Certification to work within the city limits.
- Chuck Thompson will contact insurance agent to see if they have annual meetings where the board can speak about the importance of tree's. The Board will also contact the Chamber of Commerce to see if they can meet with small businesses around the Valley to discuss the importance of tree's.

Item 8: Adjourn

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on December 14, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. Chuck Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mollie Higginbotham seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 4 No 0

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Austin