



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

October 12, 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 8:03 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Justin Drissel
Mollie Higginbotham
Kamie Long
Susan Carter
Teddy Hildebrandt

Board Members Absent:

Josh Umberger
Chuck Thompson

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

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

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Teddy Hildebrandt made a motion to accept the September 7, 2017 Forestry Board Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mollie Higginbotham.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 0

Item 3: Annual ISA Conference

- Tentatively set for 2nd or 3rd week in September of 2018. Also verify that it is not during the Northern Rockies Tree School. It will be a two-day conference and will cost approximately \$240/per person.

- Currently looking for a location, Randy Coleman mentioned that the Avalon Theater would be a great place to have the event. It is located right downtown and we could work with all the restaurants on coupons or discounts during the event.
- Looking into getting an inspirational speaker like Chad Himas.
- Pick a day before or after the conference to have anyone interested in getting their “in field elevating certification” the option to do so. It’s never been offered on the Western Slope before.
- Offer ISA Testing during the conference. (Randy Coleman contemplating requiring all our licensed tree care providers to have their ISA Certifications in a 3-year time frame.)

Item 4: Arbor Day 2018

- Survey the citizens who got a tree at the raffle last year and see how the trees are doing. 75 trees vs 3,000 seedlings (cost wise, choose one of the other).
- Need sponsors for tree giveaway but will have some city budget to fund a portion of it.
- Randy Coleman stated he would like to do another community tree planting in a deserving neighborhood.
- Send out a letter for donations to Lions, Kiowa’s, Rotary, etc.
- Darcy Austin will begin to prep letters and information for the Arbor Day poster contest.

Item 5: Yard of the Month 2018

- Discussed having Horticulture take over judging in 2018 instead of having the board do the judging as this is their expertise. Board can still donate prizes.

Item 6: Adjourn

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on November 2, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Mollie Higginbotham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Susan Carter seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 0

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Austin