



## *Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes*

*March 1, 2018*

*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 8:13 a.m.**

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Mollie Higginbotham  
Kamie Long  
Susan Carter  
Chuck Thompson  
Justin Drissel

Board Members Absent:

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 January 11, 2018 Forestry Board Minutes. The motion was seconded by Chuck Thompson.

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

Susan Carter made a motion to accept the February 8, 2018 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: Arbor Day 2018**

- CTC poster contest will stay with 5<sup>th</sup> grade in upcoming years, poster size could change to a more standard size.
- Safety rules for tree climbing done by the City of Grand Junction
- Judge posters on March 26 at 8:00 a.m.
- Master Gardener and tree climbing will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Randy Coleman will receive the tree's April 9<sup>th</sup> and seedlings will be picked up by forestry staff in Fort Collins the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussed having citizens place a tag and \$2 for larger trees in a bucket (1 tag per tree per family).

### **Item 4: Forestry Update**

- Vince Urbina and Tom Ziola both have trees/plaques that need to be installed. Need to speak with them about what location, possibly Lincoln Park during SWAF.
- Randy Coleman will get with Wanda W. in the City Clerk's office to check on the status of Vince Urbina joining the board.
- The SW corner at Hawthorne Park where the trees were removed, it has been discussed that we should use that open space for soccer/football practice field rather than replanting. Hoping that it would bring more families to the park. Will mulch around the remaining trees and separate irrigation for trees vs grass.
- Water quality can be an issue for trees.
- Shirley Nilsen will be managing 3-4 volunteers to assist downtown with weeding, planting, etc.
- Put together a training class with Tamarisk Coalition, BLM, Master Gardeners, etc. to meet with Real Estate Agents either June 7&8<sup>th</sup> or 14&15<sup>th</sup>. Discuss "The value of trees", refine what our message is.
- Kamie Long will check into rules on the "grant" that the Board was approved for. Maybe have the Board start a 5013C and open an account to put the grant funds in (Kamie will speak with Coloramo Credit Union and Randy will speak with the City).

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

- Need to form a committee and sub-committee for the grant to decide whether we will use a professional or a student and put our thoughts together on what our goals are and put it out to bid. Refine what webpage will consist of.
- Members: Mollie Higginbotham, Kamie Long, Susan Carter, Randy Coleman and Darcy Austin (with funds available to train Darcy Austin to do updates on the website).
- Meeting will be held March 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.
- March 21<sup>st</sup> – "All About Ash" class, max of 40 attendees.
- CSU Demo Day on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (last year there was 16 booths and about 80 attendees).

**Item 6: Adjourn**

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on April 6, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. Justin Drissel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Susan Carter seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Darcy Austin