



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

February 8, 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 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Mollie Higginbotham
Kamie Long
Susan Carter
Teddy Hildebrandt
Chuck Thompson
Justin Drissel

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

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

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Mollie Higginbotham made a motion to accept the January 11, 2018 Forestry Board Minutes. The motion was seconded by Susan Carter.

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

Item 3: Arbor Day 2018

- Randy ordered the trees for SWAF (\$6,000) and has an idea to have people place their names in a “bucket” near the tree they would most like to have instead of waiting to the end when they may lose the one they want.

- Earth Day presenters will need to provide their own equipment (sound system, etc.)
- Arbor Day Proclamation is April 16th (will be done at a Council meeting).
- Teddy Hildebrandt stated he won't be available to help at this year's SWAF.

Item 4: Forestry Update

- Kamie Long stated that we should have official notice that we got the grant very soon.
- Susan Carter stated that water restrictions are getting close and this year's drought is currently looking pretty bad.
- Randy Coleman stated he is hopeful to have all the tree's inventoried and labeled by the ISA Conference. Signs for trees need to be vandal proof.
- Still have approximately 10 companies who haven't come in for their 2018 License.
- Susan Carter will be hosting a lecture on Ash trees and hopes to target tree care providers.
- Wanda Winkelman (City Clerk) sent an email to the Board regarding a dinner at Two Rivers Convention City to honor volunteer board members.
- Wanda Winkelman is also looking into the open seat on the board and if we can move Vince Urbina into this position.
- Dan Wiedrich is officially in his new role as "Plant Technician" and another Equipment Operator is hopefully in the budget for Horticulture.

Item 5: New Business

- Randy Coleman is hoping to find a way to get tree care companies to report any use of chemicals in the near future.
- Randy Coleman also stated that is hoping to start composting everything so Parks has its own compost and no longer has to purchase it. The City Manager supports the idea.
- Horticulture will be taking over "Garden of the Month" for 2018.

Item 6: Adjourn

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on February 8, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. Teddy Hildebrandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Justin Drissel seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Austin