



*Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board  
Minutes*

*April 11, 2019*

*Park Operations*

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

**Item 1: Meeting called to order by Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Member, Kamie Long, Susan Carter accepted and Paul Morency Seconded at 9:04 AM.**

Board Members Present: Mollie Higginbotham  
Susan Carter  
Justin Drissel  
Kamie Long  
Vince Urbina  
Paul Morency  
Tom Ziola  
Tanya Travis

Absent Board Members:

Additional Present:

Parks & Recreation Staff: Randy Coleman, Parks Supervisor  
Christina Breault, Senior Admin. Asst.  
Jason Martinez, Weed Abatement Program

**Item 2: Approved Minutes for March, Kamie made motion to accept, Susan accepted, Paul 2nd.**

**Item 3: Arbor Day**

- Tree climbing activity-Tom will contact Mark to make sure everything is on track.
- Molly in search of volunteers. Parks & Rec may be able to provide volunteers. Staff needed will include, two for logistics, two for safety, and two for setup. Three facilitators from the Front Range will staff.

- Event times suggested are 10 am to 12 pm for setup. 12 pm to 5 pm for climbing. Cost is \$10 to climb per person (adults and children).
- Randy has list of trees for giveaways. Tickets prices for giveaways are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. Will need to consider implementing ticket purchase limits.
- Jason Martinez to create “value of the tree” signs to be hung on each tree.
- Parks & Rec will create a natural playground utilizing tree limbs. Play area will be built over grass.

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

- Tree stump located at Lincoln Park will need to be removed. The stump will be removed and carved during the winter. Justin will assist in removal.
- City is starting to plan trees in the triangle off 25 Road and the overpass. The current area is grass.
- Emily (Season Code Enforcement), will begin contacting tree trimmers and requesting licensure information.
- The City is beginning to receive calls about requests for free tree plantings.
- 20 new trees proposed for Emerson Park.
- Plans for a community tree planting event. Date to be established.
- Fewer tree planting inquiries are being made. Cost is \$50 for planting of a tree in a “right of way”.
- Parks and Rec has an job opening for an Equipment Operator (possible long term seasonal) Outdoor Supervisor position appears to be a long term transition.

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

- City of Fruita looking to establish a new tree/forestry board.
- May 18, 2019 event will include the planting of five trees. Hours are from 9 am to 1 pm. Demo day event will include a food truck, Audubon related events-landscaping and natural weed treatments.
- Elm seed bug inquiries are being made by the public. CSU Extension will look into publishing information on their website.
- Trees appear to still be experiencing stress from recent droughts.
- ISA certified providers – Information on providers will appear in a different manner on the City website. Currently, 8 or 9 certified providers listed. In 2021, the City will require a trimmers to have the “Certified Arborist” designation.
- Next meeting scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Item 7: Adjourn**

Kamie Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Justin accepted and Susan seconded it. Meeting adjourned.

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on May 2, 2019 at 8:00am at Parks Operations Building.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jason Martinez