



*Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board
Minutes*

February 6th, 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 Mollie Seconded at 8:10 AM.

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

Absent Board Members: Justin Drissel

Additional Present:

Parks & Recreation Staff: Randy Coleman, Parks Supervisor
 Christina Breault, Senior Admin. Asst.

Item 2: Approved Minutes for January, Kamie Long made motion to accept Mollie Higginbotham accepted, Paul Morency seconded.

Item 3: Training / ISA Certification

- Updated- 2 passed from previous ISA test, James Elkins and Ken McKay
- Class had 12 show and 1 no show, test scheduled the 25th @ Mesa County Library
- Plan on a fall ISA test again, announce at Western Community Forestry Conference

Item 4: Arbor Day

- April 27th Have a mixture of both small and large trees
- Need to limit number per household that you can win to 3 trees for entire day, 1 seedling per household
- Keep \$5.00 entry, master gardeners to help track winners/hand out rules
- Activity options: Climbing, cost and risk, if lowered how high climbers went would risk lower, look in to cost share, charge less or absorbing cost
- Ride in high ranger, how Aspen does theirs each year
- Parkour course using tree stumps and tree chips, low ropes course
- Planting a tree in park
- Create a diagram of a house (doll house size) of temperatures and the benefits trees provide with shade, costs and savings, impact without trees

Item 5: Forestry Update

- Interviews for Supervisor, open space/forestry have 6 interviews scheduled Friday
- Irrigation crew lead 2-5-19 should know end of week
- Xeriscape – turf to native Horizon Dr. done
- 25 Road to be done as well
- Junior Service League Park – Pollinator seed blends already put down

Item 6: New Business

- September 6th Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference, hosted by Vince Urbina
- Held at Colorado State Research Center, CEU's opportunity, lunch provided, \$25.00 Fee
- Topics to consider, Crane removals, Local insect issues, ash bark beetles, elm seed bugs, drought tolerant trees, local tree selections, proper pruning for large trees
- Possible speaker Abi Saeed, entomologist
- Theme – Elevating Canopy
- Permission to extend Grant for Grand Valley Canopy was approved till April, website being designed in Denver

Item 7: Adjourn

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

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on March 5th, 2019 at 10:00am at Parks Operations Building.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Christina Breault