



*Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board  
Minutes*

*January 10<sup>th</sup>, 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
- Justin Drissel
- Tom Ziola
- Paul Morency

Absent Board Members:

Additional Present:

- Bennett Boeschstein, City Council
- Tanya Travis, Guest
- Scott Beilfuss, Guest
- Dorothy Epsy, Guest

Parks & Recreation Staff:

- Randy Coleman, Parks Supervisor
- Christina Breault, Senior Admin. Asst.
- Brian Wrich, Forestry department

**Item 2: Approved Minutes for December, Susan Carter made motion to accept with a correction to Forestry Update Grand be changed to Grant, Mollie Higginbotham accepted, Vince Urbina seconded.**

**Item 3: Citizens Group Discussion, with guests**

- Tanya Travis - Campaigns, see trees around and benefits trees provide
- 2 prong thing, educate, neighborhood collaboration
- General idea, possible grants for low income to encourage the watering of the trees
- Days of action: good group for earth day/arbor day to work towards common goals
- Use resources to integrate knowledge of trees into different groups involved with

**Item 4: Training / ISA Certification**

- ISA testing, 4 took test, follow up who passed
- Scheduled next testing and classes for each Monday in February, 2-4 @ Hospitality Suite
- Test to be on the 25<sup>th</sup>, 4 hours' location to be set, Hospitality Suite?
- Requirements to have book and schedule to take test

**Item 5: Forestry Update**

- Going away with the C License and showing their CDA Certification for chemical applicators
- Keep License requirements the same from the ground up, A License
- Randy no longer City Forester, will stay on for the next few months until someone is hired for replacement
- Right away permits, 10-14 days on approvals. \$25.00 Fee Plans must be submitted on each job, discussed possible class in future for right a-ways.
- City structures changed, Sports/Lincoln, Horticulture/Turf/Irrigation, and Forestry/Weed Abatement/Trail Systems

**Item 6: New Business**

- Vince Urbina, Western Colorado Community Forestry conference to be held in the fall, tentatively the first Friday in September. Feedback on target audience, arborist, forestry, tree boards
- New Facility being built – Colorado State Research Center, has teaching kitchen, seminar facility and will be able to host community events

**Item 7: Adjourn**

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

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8:00am at Parks Operations Building.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Christina Breault