



*Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board  
Minutes*

*June 13, 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. Mollie Higginbotham, accepted and Tom Ziola Seconded at 8:01 AM.**

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

Absent Board Members:

Additional Present:

Parks & Recreation Staff:      Randy Coleman, Parks Supervisor  
   Rob Davis, City Forester & Open Space Supervisor  
   Jason Martinez, Weed Abatement Program

**Item 2: Approved Minutes for May, Kamie made motion to accept.**

**Item 3: Randy Coleman Comments/Rob Davis Introduction**

- **Randy Coleman parting comments/thank you presentation.**
- **Rob Davis introductions and welcome.**

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

- **Rotary Club tree planting scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Canyon View Park. Start time set for 7 AM. The goal is for the most of the “work” to be done prior to the public arriving.**
- **There will be an area around 8 feet of the tree to be amended. Considering the use of Doug Jones product.**
- **Rotary trees will be planted in an underutilized area of Canyon View Park.**
- **The goal is for the area to become a nature area with the focus on trees.**
- **Current irrigation at the park will allow for adequate watering.**
- **Trees will be in 15 to 20 gallon containers.**
- **No press release issued for the Rotary plantings.**
- **The Rotary trees will help connect trails to the wash beginning at the playground.**
- **Dedications for the Rotary trees can take place at a later date.**
- **Max Cray, Rotary member, donated \$5000 for the plantings.**
- **The planting coincides with Rotary’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.**
- **Code Enforcement inspecting tree trimmer licensing. Contact Weed Abatement Desk at 970-244-1583 to report concerns about possible non-licensed trimmers. Emily (Weed Abatement Program), has begun license inspections, however she is new to the process.**
- **In 2021, the City of Grand Junction will require Arborist certification.**

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

- **Review of demo day. 9 am to 1 pm is a free community event open to the public. Garden tours will be offered.**
- **Would there be an opportunity to combine Arbor Day with Demo Day?**
- **Arbor Day planning discussion should begin in the winter.**
- **Western Colorado Forestry Conference scheduled for 9/6 at the CSU Field Station.**
- **A tree care event is scheduled at the Veterans’ Cemetery in September. Donations are being solicited from Valley Grown.**
- **Two new nurseries may be opening in the area.**

#### **Item 6: Adjourn**

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

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on July 11, 2019 at 8:00 am at Parks Operations Building.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jason Martinez