



*Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board
Minutes*

May 2, 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 8:03 AM.

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

Absent Board Members:
 Justin Drissel

Additional Present:

Parks & Recreation Staff: Randy Coleman, Parks Supervisor
 Jason Martinez, Weed Abatement Program

Item 2: Approved Minutes for April, Kamie made motion to accept, Mollie accepted, Susan 2nd. (Strike to Elm Seed Bug info available comment)

Item 3: Arbor Day

- Randy conveyed the natural playground was a big hit.
- Tree benefit signs went over well.
- Kamie suggested it was good to have limited raffle ticket sales.
- The tree demonstration is key to raffle ticket sales.
- May have “worn out” inclusion in Southwest Fest. Should possibly move location. This year’s event lent credence to need for a possible location move.

- The natural playground will possibly be installed at a future park development.
- Cash proceeds had not been determined as of the Board meeting.
- Need to begin Arbor Day discussions with Ron (Open Space Manager) in January.
- Examine a change to hours.
- A proclamation was issued for Arbor Day. The ceremony was small this year not a large event any longer.

Item 4: Forestry Update

- Nick has resigned. The vacancy announcement for his position will close on May 2nd.
- The Mayor and City Manager toured the greenhouse on May 2nd.
- The City is ordering trees for the 100th anniversary celebration of the Rotary Club. Attempting to purchase trees from J Frank Schmidt. Trees will be planted at Canyon View Park. The area around the trees will include a naturalized area. Current sprinkler zones should be adequate for trees. The area will have a heavily forested appearance.
- Pomona/Kronkight – Looking at establishing a garden near the pump house. Looking at plating pollinator focused items. Susan may be able to provide seed company names. Native seed blends are preferred. Fall may be the ideal time to plant.

Item 5: New Business

- Susan inquired if Board members would help promote Demo Day if provided a poster.
- There will be more booths at Demo Day this year. Mollie and Paul will staff the Forestry Board booth. Tom will help plant trees.

Item 6: Adjourn

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

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on June 13, 2019 at 8:00am at Parks Operations Building.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jason Martinez