



*Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board  
Minutes*

*March 5, 2020*

*Park Operations*

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

Item 1: Meeting came to Order by Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Member, at 8:31 AM.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Kamie Long  
Vince Urbina  
Susan Carter  
Tom Ziola  
Mollie Higginbotham  
Susan Carter  
Paul Morency  
Bennett Boeschenstein

Absent Board Members:

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Rob Davis, City Forester & Open Space Supervisor  
Christina Breault, Sr. Administrative Assistant

Item 2: Approved Minutes for February, Kamie made motion to accept, Susan accepted, Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Elect Officers

- Kamie nominated Susan Carter to be the Chair. Paul Morency seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Susan nominated Mollie Higginbotham to be the Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Tom Ziola and carried unanimously.

### Item 3: Forestry Updates:

#### a) Forestry fees and charges

- Forestry fees are reviewed through the budget process, should be able to add fee for late permit renewals
- Implement fee for planting and ROW trimming permits.
- KAMIE MADE A MOTION TO IMPLEMENT A FINE FOR TREE CARE PROVIDERS WHO PLANT OR TRIM ROW TREES WITHOUT OBTAINING A PERMIT FIRST. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUSAN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- SUSAN MADE A MOTION THAT THE CITY PROVIDE FIRST SET OF TREES IN THE RIGHT OF WAY AS APPROPRIATE PER SPACING. THE CITY WILL PROVIDE CARE INSTRUCTION. HOWEVER, IF THE TREE DIES WITHIN 2 – 3 YEARS DUE TO LACK OF MAINTENANCE A \$50 REPLACEMENT CHARGE MAY BE IMPOSED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BENNETT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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#### b) Arbor Day Planning

- Tope Elementary: street scape/ ROW tree removals. Rob to continuing coordination with Tope in effort to develop a Arbor Day program with the school.
- Pomona Elementary: interested in planting at the school, group education in classroom.

#### c) PHC Specialist and Forestry Arborist

- Jamie Boda will be taking the place of Dan Wiedrich as the Plant Health Care Specialist.

#### d) I70 Business Loop

- BENNETT MADE A MOTION THE FORESTRY BOARD ENDORSE PLAN B AND SUPPORT THE GREENING OF THE CITY, INCLUDING TREE PLANTING AND SIDEWALKS OF THE I-70 BUSINESS LOOP. SUSAN SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### e) Aquaponics beds nearly ready

- The Aquaponics bed received grant funding. The grant proposal ranked first out of all proposals received. The construction of the beds is almost complete.

#### f) Forestry Board code

- General discussion regarding Forestry Board code

#### g) Seasonals, final removals, holiday lights, and PHC program ramping up

- 6 applications for the intern, PHC program temporarily on hold

#### h) Grand Valley canopy Website

- Continuing desire to establish the website

### Item 4: New Business

- Arbor Day Advertising: Susan is exploring an ad in the Daily Sentinel Out & About section as well as a Facebook boosted post. Also pricing out banners.

### Item 5: Public Comments: No Public Comments

Item 6: Adjourn: Susan made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mollie and carried unanimously. The meeting Adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

7. Next Forestry Advisory Board Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 8:30am

- April Forestry Board Meeting Canceled due to COVID 19

Respectfully Submitted by,

Allison Little on behalf of Christina Breault