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**Forestry Advisory Board Agenda  
2529 High Country Court, Grand Junction CO 81501**

**May 7, 2020  
8:30 AM**

**Call to Order**

**Approval of Minutes**

Approve March Meeting Minutes (Note: April Mtg Cancelled due to COVID-19)

**Forestry Updates**

- a. COVID-19 impacts on Forestry
  - i. Southwest Arbor Fest canceled as well as school programs
  - ii. Staff redeployed into various needs
  
- b. Tree Seedling Distribution Summary from Communications
  - i. 493 seedling requests in a matter of hours, delivered to 150 households
  - ii. 10 people took a picture and tagged us while planting seedlings, they'll win a containerized tree
  - iii. Rob's Seedling Delivery video on Facebook ranks second **all-time** on our page with 11,300 total video views (only 200 views away from breaking the record)
  - iv. *Facebook total stats on five posts:* 28,030 Reach (people who saw the posts), 4800 Engagements (people who liked, commented, or shared), and a total of 188 post shares
  - v. *Instagram:* 2,777 reach on six posts (granted our Instagram audience is significantly smaller than FB)
  - vi. *NextDoor:* 2,603 Impressions and 13 "Thank you" clicks (Likes)
  - vii News Coverage: front page of Sentinel, and KKCO on camera interview

- c. Tree Planting
  - i. 118 trees installed and 30 to go
    - 1. Park focused: Washington, Las Colonias, Duck Pond, Riverside, Canyon View, Rocket
- d. Tree Maintenance
  - i. 160 pending requests for work
- e. CAO and discussion over ROW versus Private Property trees
- f. Concept review for Grand and 1st Street CDOT construction project
- g. Spruce ips and tree losses
- h. ISA testing dates and COVID impacts

### **New Business**

- a. Updating recommended tree list
- b. Future Arbor Day / Demo Day thoughts?

### **Public Comments**

### **Adjournment**

### **Next Meeting Date**

Thursday, **June 4th, 2020** - 8:30 am

If you have any questions, please contact Chair, Susan Carter at 858-3305 or Robert Davis, City Forester, at 254-3825.



## *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 Boeschstein

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, Kami made motion to accept, Susan accepted, Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Elect Officers

- Kami 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.
- KAMI 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