



## *Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes*

*April 7, 2022 - In Person and held digitally*

**Meeting called to Order** by Susan Carter, at 8:34 AM.

### Roll Call

Board Members Present: Bennett Boeschstein  
Susan Carter  
Mollie Higginbotham  
Dan Komlo  
Kamie Long  
Vince Urbina

Absent Board Members: Bill Cooper

Guests Present: Tanya Travis

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Rob Davis, City Forester & Open Space Supervisor  
Allison Little, Administrative Specialist

### **Approve Minutes**

The board noted a typo that needed to be corrected. We will miss Ciara (not mess). With that change, Vince Urbina moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dan Komlo and carried unanimously.

### **Forestry Updates**

#### **Tree Planting Season is Here**

Some seedlings have arrived and we'll be accepting delivery of the rest of the seedlings and the larger trees over the next couple of weeks. Staff is seeking planting spaces.

### **Arbor Day Plans**

The seedling delivery form will go live on April 12 with delivery beginning on April 19. We will need volunteers to help get all the seedlings delivered. The Board commented that it would be helpful to have labels on each individual seedling so folks know what has been delivered. Additionally, the US Forest Service planting instructions will be included.

Southwest Arbor Fest is on April 23 and Arbor events will be from 9am – 2p in front of the pool area at Lincoln Park. Plans include seedling distribution, urban wood auction, tree auction, presence of the Forestry Board, Great Old Broads for Wilderness, T4 promoting the Ash Treatment program, and the Master Gardeners. For the tree auction, specific trees will be available for bid. Each tree will have a description of the species and at the end of the auction should be tagged with

the winner's name so that it is clear who won the tree. Tanya Travis told the board she would like to have a booth with a mini heat island and showing the dangers of heat exposure. She'll also talk to people about the repairs to the tree markers in the Lincoln Park Arboretum.

Ms. Travis also talked with the Board about the cost of refurbishing the tree markers. Many of the posts need to be replaced and the marker plates would need to be secured with tamper proof screws. The Forestry Board would be interested in talking to City Council about the importance of this refurbishment project. Kamie Long will talk to the Colorado Tree Coalition and the Board could reach out to the Grand Valley Parks and Recreation Foundation as well.

### **New Business**

#### **New Pest**

Susan Carter shared with the Board that a new pest has been identified in the Grand Valley. The American Plum Borer has been identified out in Palisade. This pest likes sun damage and makes its home on the south facing side of trees such as apples, cherries, and plums.

Additionally, the Yucca moth has been found in all the Yucca baccata at the extension office and is killing them.

Vince Urbina mentioned that the ips beetle has been found in Austrian pines and is killing them from the top down.

#### **Development Code Update**

Rob advised the board that the final comment period on the Development Code updates is coming to and end.

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 10:05 AM.

**Next Forestry Advisory Board Meeting - Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 8:30 AM.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Allison Little, Administrative Specialist