



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

February 1, 2024

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Bill Cooper
Mollie Higginbotham
Brandon Kanwischer
Dan Komlo
Kamie Long

Board Members Absent:

Joseph Chandler

City Council Liaison:

Cody Kennedy

City Staff Present:

Rob Davis, Parks Supervisor, Forestry and Open Space
Jason Martinez, Administrative Support

Meeting called to order by Kamie Long at 8:30 am.

Approve Minutes

Brandon Kanwischer made a motion to approve the minutes from January. The motion was seconded by Mollie Higginbotham.

Chair/Vice Chair

Votes submitted via email to Rob Davis selecting a Chair and Vice Chair for the Board have been tallied. Results are as follows. Chair - Kamie Long, Vice Chair - Brandon Kanwischer

David Hoefer Memorial Fund

Davis Hoefer, former Forestry Board Member, passed away October 26, 2023. Memorial donations made in honor of Mr. Hoefer have been collected by the Colorado Tree Coalition. The CTC is requesting the Grand Junction Forestry Board decide on an appropriate memorial. The amount received was \$1000. Recommendation to plant a tree and place a stone marker at the municipal cemetery near the burial site. Rob will request authorization from Ken to place the stone marker.

Vacant Board Seat

Kerry Graves, Administrative Assistant-City Clerk's Office, suggested the Board consider waiting until November to fill the seat. Recommendation made because other Board member terms will expire in November. The city can seat a temporary member; however, a permanent member will have to undergo the formal selection process. The Board would like to proceed with seating a temporary member.

Educational Committee Update

Trifold brochure will need to have the input of the Communications Department. Rob suggests submitting content to the Communications Department and request they assemble the brochure. Sarah Kennedy was hired as the new Parks & Recreation Communications Specialist. Sarah was invited to the February educational subcommittee meeting. Brandon will finalize his content. Suggestion made to explore MLS sales data and mailing brochures directly to new homeowners.

Farmer's Market

Board will need the assistance of Sarah Kennedy to secure a booth location for the Farmer's Market from the DDA. Rob discussed the possibility of ordering feather banners or sandwich boards for use at Farmer's Markets. Prior to next board meeting, request that members consider new outreach materials.

Chapter 8 – Municipal Code

Jamie Beard provided Rob a copy of the municipal code with suggested revisions. Chapter 8.32.010 – City Forester: Recommendation to change term “spraying” to more specific verbiage. Chapter 8.32.020 – Definitions: Rob suggested presenting the City Attorney's Office with areas the Board would like specified as city property. Board recommends the inclusion of verbiage concerning “low value nuisance” tree protection in definitions and allow for the inclusion of trees on the state's noxious weed list should such trees have a beneficial impact. Chapter 8.32.030 – Approved Street Tree Plantings (right-of-way) – Approved Street tree list is open for revision by the Board. The Board is interested in tree diversity and outlining diversity standards in the code (including spacing). Chapter 8.32.040 – Responsibility for Trees: Change “pest management” to “plant health care”. Change “health and vigor” to “maintain”.

Adjourn

Next Forestry Sub Committee Meeting – February 15, 2024, 8:30 AM.

Next Forestry Advisory Board Meeting – March 7, 2024, 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Martinez, Administrative Support