



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

March 7, 2024

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Joseph Chandler
Bill Cooper
Mollie Higginbotham
Brandon Kanwischer
Dan Komlo
Kamie Long

Board Members Absent:

City Council Liaison:

Cody Kennedy

City Staff Present:

Jamie Beard, Assistant City Attorney
Rob Davis, Parks Supervisor, Forestry and Open Space
Sarah Kennedy, Communications Specialist, Parks & Rec
Jason Martinez, Administrative Support

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

February Meeting Notes Approved – Mollie Higginbotham first motion, Joseph Chandler second.

Chapter 8 Review

Jamie Beard continued review of Chapter 8 revisions to the Municipal Code. Recommendation from Jamie to not remove or edit the term “spraying” from Chapter 3.32.010. Board suggests adding the term “injection” to the code. Jamie Beard will prepare a presentation of the Development Code that Rob Davis can present to the Board. Board recommendation for Jamie Beard to define abutting property owners’ maintenance responsibilities of right-a-way tree(s). Board request to define or make clearer the requirement to “adequately” water tree(s). Board to revisit the topic of Section 3 concerning leaving open space around the trunk of a tree to allow for the entrance of air and water. Jamie Beard suggests the inclusion of the term “substance” in the verbiage of Section 3. Should the Board’s education subcommittee take up the topic of Chapter 8 revisions, Rob Davis will invite Jamie Beard and Cody Kennedy to attend subcommittee meeting(s).

Forestry Board

Board posed question to Jamie Beard concerning the adjustment of the number of seated Board members. Board would like to explore seating nine members with one State Forest Service representative and one Colorado State University Extension Office representative. The City Attorney’s Office would support the Board’s desire to increase the number of Board members. The Attorney’s

Office cautions against increasing members unless there are issues with meeting attendance. Jaime will prepare a document outlining Board member quantities.

Communications Department

Sarah Kennedy submitted an application to the DDA for 2024 Farmer's Market participation. The application was approved. Sarah feels she can include all six sections drafted by the Board for inclusion in the real estate trifold brochure. Board would like to add a QR code to the brochure that directs users to a landing page. The Board would like to develop a marketing campaign to notify the public of their participation at Farmer's Market events.

Grant Funding

Kamie Long advised the Board of the upcoming availability of grant monies originating from the Inflation Reduction Act. Monies will need to be used in recognized economically disadvantaged zones. A grants review committee has been established and will be tasked with reviewing grant applications. Lower-level grant \$20,000 to \$100,00 and higher level \$100,001 to \$250,000. Rob Davis advised Board he will approach Parks and Recreation Director to determine if the city would like to apply for grant funding.

Arbor Day

2024 event scheduled for April 27, 2004 from 9 AM to 2 PM. Request for available Board members to arrive early. The urban wood auction and notable tree tour will proceed this year. Kamie Long has agreed to host the notable tree tour. Cody Kennedy advised the Board he would approach School District #51 about engagement opportunities. Kamie Long has offered to contact the Colorado Mesa University Sustainability Committee about partnership opportunities.

Adjourn

Next Forestry Sub Committee Meeting – April 11, 2024, 1:00 PM.

Next Forestry Advisory Board Meeting – March 14, 2024, 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Martinez, Administrative Support