



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

May 31, 2013

Parks Operations Building

2529 High Country Ct, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Member, Kamie Long at 8:05 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Kamie Long
Teddy Hildebrandt
Shirley Nilsen
Richard Edwards
Charles Thompson

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Tom Ziola, Forestry Supervisor
Tricia Rothwell, Leisure Service Representative

City Council Members Present: Marty Chazen

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Rich Edwards moved to approve the May 3, 2013 Forestry Board Minutes. Teddy Hildebrandt seconded the motion to approve.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 0

Item 3: 2013 Final comments on Southwest Arborfest

Kamie Long asked if anyone had any more comments. Rich Edwards replied that it seemed like an event for families having fun rather than people wanting to take part in classes. He suggested that next year we focus on fun educational activities for kids. Tom Ziola reiterated that the tree climbing was a huge hit and votes that we do that again next year. Tom summarized Southwest Arborfest for Marty Chazen. Kamie Long added that Shirley Nilsen did a good job with the pinecone birdfeeder activity.

Teddy Hildebrandt then explained the Tree Care Giveaway for Marty Chazen. The Board received 62 hours of donated service. Teddy said he and Chuck Thompson will take before and after pictures of the jobs. Kamie Long added that some of the situations people were in that were nominated were people living on Social Security and single mothers. Marty Chazen responded that he wanted to bring this to the attention of City Council. Tricia Rothwell said she would type up the details of the program for Marty.

Teddy Hildebrandt then shared the story of the woman with Leukemia that was nominated by her neighbor. She literally cried over the fact that she was getting her dead willow removed for free.

Teddy Hildebrandt mentioned to the Board that the hours that are being donated will count toward Master Gardener volunteer hours as long as they are there trimming and educating the customer.

Tom Ziola explained for Marty Chazen what the Master Gardener program consisted of. Tom said it is a 10 week class put on by CSU Extension educating people about topics such as soils, weeds, vegetables, and trees. There is a \$50 fee for the book and then the students pay back the community by doing volunteer hours. Tom added that the Master Gardeners help take care of the rose garden at Lincoln Park and Shirley Nilsen heads that up.

Kamie Long asked Shirley Nilsen if she was going to do the application for Arbor Day Foundation Award. Shirley replied yes and it is due at the end of the year. Tom Ziola added that we were a finalist last year and have won twice in the past. Tom commented that the Board is really active. Marty Chazen replied that no one knows the Forestry Board and Department are doing these things.

Kamie Long summarized that the Forestry Board should keep the community interaction that was added this year at Southwest Arborfest; not just hand out tree seedlings. Shirley Nilsen commented that we need to invite the schools. Tom Ziola explained that in the recent past all we did was hand out tree seedlings and do the poster contest. Tricia Rothwell showed Marty Chazen the poster pads and some examples of past posters. Marty Chazen said the posters should be displayed at City Hall. Tom Ziola said he would contact Lorie Gregor about that. Shirley Nilsen then shared the story of the winner at Dual Immersion Academy. The child had been super quiet and never won anything. Now she was talking in front of the school about her winning poster. Kamie Long asked Tricia Rothwell to type up notes for next year.

Item 4: Licensing ordinance, fines, definitions

Teddy Hildebrandt asked if there was a fine for not complying with the requirement of obtaining a Forestry License. Tom Ziola replied yes, it's \$1,000 but no one has ever been fined. Rich Edwards said there seems to be a gap in the definitions and suggested a "lite" test for pruning smaller trees. Teddy Hildebrandt suggested a time frame be instituted to take the test and then fine them after that. Chuck Thompson added that it's more important to trim small trees correctly. Tom Ziola said he would talk to our legal staff regarding changes to the ordinance.

Teddy Hildebrandt presented an idea of providing training on tree care. Teddy also suggested getting the word out that licensing is required. Kamie Long said Vince and she could do the training. Tom Ziola added that we could do the training around re-licensing time.

Shirley Nilsen left at 9:03 a.m.

Item 5: Yard Of The Month

Kamie Long explained Yard of the Month for Marty Chazen. Tricia Rothwell handed out score sheets showing Marcia Hutson the winner for May 2013. Tom Ziola said that we now roll over the 2nd and 3rd place winners to June. Tom said he will arrange with Karen Peterson to take a picture of the winner. Teddy Hildebrandt said he will write a summary for the newspaper and present the award at City Council.

Teddy Hildebrandt suggested the Board do some kind of Grand Prize based on all the past winners. Tricia Rothwell will determine how long the Board has been doing the contest.

Kamie Long said the award will be presented at the June 19 Council meeting and the judge for June will be Shirley Nilsen.

The Board then discussed moving the July 5 meeting to a different date. It was decided that the meeting will be July 3.

Marty Chazen then mentioned that the Council meetings for July may move to July 10 and 24.

Rich Edwards and Kamie Long then switched months for judging Yard of the Month. Rich will be July and Kamie will be August.

Kamie Long then stated that the Board could send a thank you card along with the newspaper article to the company that donated the prize for that month.

Item 6: New Business

Tom Ziola then highlighted these projects:

- Splash Pad mitigation downtown
- Forestry is behind on workload due to lots of wind this spring
- Memorial Day at the Cemeteries went well
- I-70B expansion will be our maintenance responsibility
- Farmer's Market in downtown Grand Junction starts June 13
- Lots of Memorial Trees have been planted this spring
- Lincoln Park tennis courts have begun being remodeled
- Special Olympics will be hosted at Lincoln Park this weekend
- Rockies season starts in June
- Willie Berg has been hired to water trees
- Kamie Long is working with CMU to become a Tree Campus USA

Kamie Long will plan a Board barbeque for August. Kamie then thanked Marty Chazen for coming to the meeting.

Item 8: Adjourn

Richard Edwards motioned to adjourn the meeting. Teddy Hildebrandt seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Rothwell