



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board

Minutes – May 1, 2025

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Scott Beilfuss
Bill Cooper
Mollie Freilicher
Dan Komlo
Kamie Long
Earl Perry
Tanya Travis

Board Members Absent:

Joseph Chandler

City Staff Present:

Rob Davis, Parks Supervisor, Forestry and Open Space
Sarah Kennedy, Communications Specialist
Allison Little Administrative Specialist

Guests Present

W J Gavin

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

Approval of the April Minutes

Dan Komlo made a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting. The motion was seconded by Tanya Travis and was accepted by acclamation.

Public Comments – 300 Cedar Ct.

Mr. Gavin and Rob Davis have been discussing removal of this tree for quite some time. Mr. Gavin shared that the ground cover is all artificial turf (because the area is heavily shaded and natural grass is hard to grow). Board members are in support of removal with intent to replace, though planting would be delayed until at least Fall of 2025. Bill Cooper made a motion to remove the tree at 300 Cedar Ct with the intent to replace with another street tree. The motion was seconded by Earl Perry and carried unanimously.

New Business

Tree Seedling Delivery Program Review

Rob shared with the board that sign up for seedling delivery was far slower than in previous years. Sarah shared that the marketing was the same and included, for the first time, a radio spot sponsored by Alpine Bank. There were a lot of routes (with a smaller number of stops) this year due to the number of volunteers. Some board members felt that the program should be discontinued. Others felt that it is a good outreach program and should continue. Board members talked about the positive response from the survey and that driving the desire to continue and the fact that delivery targets City residents specifically. They wondered about an additional pick-up time at the library where the delivery lift would be eliminated. Rob shared with the board that he would prefer to either keep the current model or go to Arbor Day only (rather than create a new alternative). Board members wondered about lessening the load by giving less choices (so less time has to be spent on assignment). Board members were in

support of continuing the delivery but offering only the choice between ornamental or shade. Arbor Day would continue to offer a wide variety of species for in person pick up.

The school program at Chipeta went well. The kids liked the climbing portion and more tree-related activities for kids to cycle through when they finish early will be beneficial.

In 2026 board members prefer to end Arbor activities at 1pm instead of 2pm. Day of seedlings ran out at 12:30, and the last auction was the least well attended. Board members provided feedback about layout, large tree auction, seedling give away, planting demo, urban wood, and equipment placement. Board members suggested allowing booths for licensed contractors free of charge, but requiring financial sponsorship to bring equipment. Board members suggested using equipment at 12th and Gunnison to advertise as well as in the west Barn parking lot. Board members were really pleased with the event and all these suggested improvements will just make it better. Board members appreciated all the staff efforts to make a successful Arbor Day event.

Pruning Training

The board does want to offer pruning training at SWAF next year. Rob and Bill will coordinate early to make sure it is well marketed and included in next year's event.

Farmer's Market

Sarah signed the board up for the same spot at the Farmer's Market this summer. There is another board meeting before the first market so the board will discuss at the June meeting.

Chapter 8 Subcommittee Meeting - May 22.

Once the board is finished revising Chapter 8, the board would like to spend sub committee time to revise bylaws (to potentially include having a member of the extension office as a permanent member, similar to having the state forest service permanently represented) and have farmer's market discussions.

Contractor Planting Training and Flyer - tabled

Other Items to Discuss

Forestry Updates

Staff are working to finish up spring planting.

The next Chapter 8 subcommittee meeting is scheduled for May 22 at 9am.

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 10:27am.

Next Meeting

Subcommittee – May 22, 9am

Regular Meeting - June 5, 8:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Ali Little, Administrative Specialist