



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

July 11, 2025

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Joseph Chandler
Bill Cooper
Mollie Freilicher
Dan Komlo
Kamie Long
Earl Perry
Tanya Travis

Board Members Absent:

Robert Ballard - absent

Guests Present:

Rich Edwards

City Staff Present:

Jamie Beard, Assistant City Attorney
Rob Davis, Parks Supervisor, Forestry and Open Space
Allison Little Administrative Specialist

Meeting called to order by Kamie Long at 8:32 AM.

Chapter 8 Update

Jamie Beard reviewed draft language included in Chapter 8 with the board. The language includes the definition of tree maintenance and some clarifications throughout on specific language that addresses maintenance. The board also reviewed draft language around licensing, the appeal process, and alley trees. Jamie will review code language for other municipalities for examples of maintenance of alley trees with adjacent power lines and return to the board. The board talked with Jamie about ensuring that the code prohibits advertising to do tree work when not licensed.

Approval of the Minutes

Due to a technical glitch the approval of the May minutes was tabled last month. Joeseeph Chandler made a motion to approve the May minutes. The motion was seconded by Mollie Freilicher.

Tanya Travis made a motion to approve the June minutes. The motion was seconded by Dan Komlo. Both motions were accepted by acclamation.

Rob Davis advised the board that a Community Tree Education program has been scheduled for 6pm on 8/27 at the Central Branch of the Library.

The Board scheduled a Rules and Regulations Sub Committee Meeting on July, 7/17 at 2:30pm at Park Operations.

Farmer's Market Review

The Board discussed the first night of Farmer's Market. Board members shared that set up was easier and having two staff members was a great help. Rob advised the board that he will try to line up staff to be present each week. The Market time has been shifted from 6pm – 9pm during the hotter months and will move back to 5:30 later on. Board members commented that people seemed to prefer hard copy handouts rather than QR codes. Most of the questions seemed to be about fruit trees which aren't used as public trees.

IRA Grant Update

Rob Davis gave the board an update on the IRA Grant. The State Forest Service feels confident that money spent between now and the end of September (the end of the Federal fiscal year) will be reimbursed. The Parks and Recreation Director encouraged staff to proceed with the private irrigation portion of our grant award. Rob is working to evaluate properties, especially corner properties where the most trees could be planted, to make use of the program.

Public Comments

Forestry Updates

Staff have added the 9 – 12' class of ash trees for treatment this year. It has significantly added to the workload and means an additional 500 trees (on top of the trees already scheduled from larger classes) will be treated this year. Injections began at the end of May/early June and staff are nearing completion of the planned injections. Trees can be treated through September and until they begin to go dormant.

Board members inquired about the utilization of the Private Ash treatment program. It appears that about half the program funds are spoken for, but there could be higher utilization of the program.

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 10:25am

Next Meeting – August 7, 8:30 am

Respectfully submitted,
Ali Little, Administrative Specialist