



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

December 11, 2025

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Bill Cooper
Mollie Freilicher
Dan Komlo
Kamie Long
Earl Perry
Tanya Travis
Robert Ballard

Board Members Absent:

Joseph Chandler

Guests Present:

Brendan (Planet Geo)

City Staff Present:

Rob Davis, Parks Supervisor, Forestry and Open Space
Jamie Beard, Assistant City Attorney
Susan Carter, Water Conservation Specialist
Cameron Walters, Communications Specialist
Triston Harrison, Admin Support

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

Tanya Travis made a motion to approve November 6 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Kamie Long and carried unanimously.

Public Comments

No Public Comments.

New Business

Presentation by Brendan from Planet Geo

Brendan from Planet Geo shared a presentation for the software Treeplotter Canopy. Software was used to show data of tree canopy in the grand valley and share where vegetation has increased and decreased over past 13 years. Brendan will share sand box link to software website to be shared to forestry board for experimentation of site.

Presentation by Susan Carter for upcoming city programs aimed at water conservation.

Susan Carter presented to the forestry board with the goal to educate members of the city's utilities programs being offered currently. Many of the programs offer rebates in utilities bills as an incentive to upgrade home appliances and landscapes to become more water efficient. Susan Carter also presented a calculation of how to roughly assess how much water a low, moderate, and high-water intake tree requires per week and what that cost is to the owner.

Forestry Board Bylaws

Jamie Beard proposes to the board some edits that she encourages the board to make in the board's code to create a more airtight process for making decisions as a board. Recommendations include:
Changing bylaws to have a 7-member board,
Changing to have CSU extension position to become a permanent position,
Changing membership terms from 3 years to 4 years.

Jamie Beard encourages board to look over current code and suggest any changes to Rob Davis two weeks from December 6th board meeting to be added to January 8th Forestry Board meeting agenda. Suggested changes will be voted on during the January 8th meeting.

Rescheduling date of January Board Meeting

Kamie Long proposed rescheduling date of January Forestry Board Meeting to January 8th as the originally scheduled meeting would take place on a holiday. Board moves to change meeting date to January 8th. Jamie Beard suggests to the board updating the Forestry Board Meeting schedule with a system that will change the date of a Forestry Board Meeting to a new consistent day if a meeting were to fall on a holiday to prevent planning future meetings one month before the next.

Forestry Updates

2025 Metrics

Rob presented to the board the forestry annual report which highlighted the work done by the City's Forestry Department in 2025 in comparison to previous years.

Additionally, Rob updated board on the City Forestry budget for 2026. Rob asked the board for opinions regarding the ash Tree treatment program if the program should switch from supplementing the tree care cost from 50/50% to 25/75% to stretch funds of the program to more residents. Rob introduced the idea of creating a 3-year rotation of tree treatment that would prevent residents from getting treatment every other year to help lower demand. Other ideas were to create a waitlist of requesters and treating trees in order so those who did not receive funding in 2026 would have first dibs at treatment in following years budgets. Another idea was to inspect ash trees for approval and only trees with okay but not great health receive the treatment funding.

Holiday Lights

Kamie Long updates board of compliments she overheard at concert this past weekend regarding the vibrancy of holiday lights on Main Street.

Removal Season

Rob updates board that the Forestry department is in removal season and will remain removing until holiday lights come down.

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 10:23am.

Next Meeting – RESCHEDULED – January 8th, 8:30 am

Respectfully submitted,
Triston Harrison, Admin Support