



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

March 11 2026

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Robert Ballard

Guests Present:

City Staff Present:

Rob Davis, Parks Supervisor, Forestry and Open Space
Cameron Walters, Communications Specialist
Triston Harrison, Admin Support

Meeting called to order by Kamie Long at 11:03 AM.

Earl Perry made a motion to approve the February 5th Forestry Board minutes. The motion was seconded by Kamie Long and carried unanimously.

Public Comments

No Public Comments.

New Business

Forestry Bylaws

Discussion of the Forestry Bylaws will be discussed at the April 5th board meeting due to the absence of Jamie Beard.

Private Ash Treatment 2026

Rob Davis discussed a new plan for registration of the 2026 Private Ash Treatment Program. He proposes to the board that funding for participants will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. The city will stay with the same funding structure as last year covering 50% of the cost of treatment for a private Ash Tree with a minimum of \$225 and max contribution of \$500. The only proposed change is to switch eligibility for treatment from every other year, to once every 3 years. The board agrees with Rob's proposed registration process and the additional changes made to what household qualifies for treatment. Rob aims to introduce an official launch date for Friday April 1st. Cameron will update the

website to make the program more accessible to those who visit the forestry webpage. Savatree will also outreach to past participants to gather interest for 2026 treatment registration.

Tanya Travis proposed adding a restriction for income levels to help those with financial troubles get to the top of the list. Another suggestion was to have zip code qualifications for program to target specific demographics. Rob Davis informs Board these restrictions should be discussed and implemented for 2027's enrollment period

Southwest Arbor Fest

Layout

Rob Davis shares his current plan for the Arbor Fest booth and activity layout with the Board. Rob wants to move seedling distribution and the silent auction further south in the lawn than last year. Board agrees on Rob's proposed new set up.

Verify Kids Climb & Notable Tree Tour

Kamie Long verified the Notable Tree Tour and Kids Climb will be present at 2026 Arbor Fest.

Tree Seedling Delivery

Board continued discussion from the February 5 meeting regarding the Tree Seedling Delivery Program and if it still beneficial to operate in 2026 for City of Grand Junction residents.

Kamie suggests a zip code filter to assign priority to those who want a tree sapling delivered. Earl Perry suggests doing class outreach to local elementary schools to give away trees with a lesson on tree canopy in the grand valley. Board agrees the program is still wanted and if volunteers are still participating, the program will continue. Sign-ups will start on Saturday April 11th, and deliveries will go out on Tuesday 4/21 & Wednesday 4/22.

Joseph Chandler motions to continue operating the Tree Seedling Delivery Program for 2026 with volunteer support. Tanya Travis seconds and the motion passes unammously

IRA Irrigation Grant

Rob Davis informs board that the IRA Irrigation Grant was received for 2026 and his plans are to copy the same format from 2025. Rob will release public registration details at a later meeting.

Grand Valley Arborist Meetings

Mollie Freilicher updated the board on the Grand Valley Arborists Meetings. Additionally, Mollie encouraged board members to invite participants to join the March 26th Palisade Insectary Tour from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. Mollie Freilicher will send out invites to enroll in the tour.

Market on Main 2026

Rob Davis asks board of their interest in participating in Market on Main for 2026. Board showed interest in participating in Market on Main for 2026 with a booth. Cameron Walters will reach out to organizers of Market on Main to gather additional details for this year's Market.

Rules and Regs

Conversations will be postponed to a later meeting.

Other items to discuss

Ordering for Arbor Fest

Rob asks board what additional items are needed to operate the Southwest Arbor Fest. Board suggests additional signage for booths and activities to create easier navigation for participants at Arbor Fest. Board also wants to advertise the Tree Climb and T-shirt Booth are free for participants of Arbor Fest. Tanya Travis suggested putting a limit on the number of T-shirts that can be given out to 2 per visitor. Additionally, the Board requests signs be made for the silent auction rules. Cameron Walters was assigned to create and order signs based on the Board's requests.

Mollie Freilicher asks board for volunteers to assist in Master Garden's Q&A session at the Clifton Library on May 13th from 5-7 p.m. Tanya Travis, and Dan Komlo offer to assist.

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 12:34 p.m.

Next Meeting – April 2 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Triston Harrison