



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

January 10, 2014

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 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Chuck Thompson
Kamie Long
Richard Edwards
Shirley Nilsen
Teddy Hildebrandt

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Tom Ziola, Parks Supervisor
Jessica Dennison, Parks Sr Administrative Assistant

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Shirley Nilsen moved to approve the November 1, 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: Licensing Update

Kamie Long stated the Forestry License classes/exams held on December 16, were a major success with 17 attendees; 12 passed the exam. Tom Ziola stated the new forestry ordinance is a learning process for all involved; however it has been a smooth transition. Mr. Ziola stated that in the end it keeps tree care companies at a level playing field and further protects companies, employees, and their customers. Mr. Ziola also stated he is working closely with Karen Peterson, Marketing Coordinator for the Parks and Recreation Department, on getting a power point with a voice over on the internet. The Board discussed earning Continuing Education Units (CEU's) for the online course. Mrs. Long stated she will need a course agenda and will contact Dave Flag with the Rocky Mountain Chapter.

Richard Edwards went through the entire Forestry License Training manual and made several changes which include grammatical corrections, and removing the chemical section. Mr. Edwards suggested

providing web links for further information, and to include pruning diagrams which Kamie Long can provide. Mrs. Long asked the Board to review the training manual to make sure each test question is addressed and to discuss any changes at the next meeting:

- Biology- Shirley (14 questions)
- Tree ID, Selection, Safety, Climbing- Chuck (11 questions)
- Pruning- Kamie (18 questions)
- Health, Abiotic and Biotic- Teddy (13 questions)
- Matching section- Rich (16 questions)

Teddy Hildebrandt recommended requiring Licensed Tree Care Providers to earn at least one CEU a year. Richard Edwards stated if CEU's are required, a list of trainings should be sent out to each licensee every year. The Board then discussed how tree care companies would submit proof. Tom Ziola stated he would like to talk to legal and the Parks Team before the Parks Department made any decisions in making changes to the current ordinance.

Item 4: Arbor Day 2014 Planning

Kamie Long stated the Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) State Poster Contest information is out and that it will be the same theme as last year "Celebrate Trees in Our Community." Mrs. Long stated CTC also provides educational links for teachers. Tom Ziola stated he will contact CPC Solutions to see if they are willing to donate paper pads this year.

Tom Ziola stated Southwest Arborfest was a huge success last year to celebrate 30 years as Tree City USA. The Board agreed the tree climbing area was a wonderful addition and would like to include it this year with two trees to climb to help eliminate long lines. Teddy Hildebrandt suggested having small events that are fun and educational throughout the event. A few ideas that were mentioned: guess the height of the tree, mini carnival, scavenger hunt, trivia posters throughout the park, and to again include free tree care services to those in need. Mr. Hildebrandt recommended advertising more this year for free tree care services in hopes to receive more applications to choose from. Mrs. Long stated she would like to have those tree care companies recognized at a City Council meeting.

Item 5: Western Slope Tree Care Workshop 2014

Richard Edwards suggested having the Tree Care Workshop at the Mesa County Building C. Tom Ziola will look into it further. Shirley Nilsen suggested the barn. Kamie Long stated that a title, theme, and speakers need to be lined out. Mrs. Long also mentioned that Vince Urbina, Colorado State Forest Service, would like to join the event to include Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference. Mrs. Long will ask Vince if International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) would be able to help with funds.

Tom Ziola stated he would like to have Dr. Michael Kuhns, Utah State University to talk about "Trees and Drought", and "State of the Urban Forest in the West". Mr. Ziola also mentioned Whitney Crenshaw to talk about pests. Chuck Thompson stated it would be nice to have an entomologist that really knows the Grand Valley pest issues that tree companies have to deal with. Kamie Long will contact Whitney, Tom will contact Michael. Richard Edwards suggested focusing on Michael and Whitney, seeing what they are willing to do and fill in speakers from there. Mr. Ziola would like to have ISA certification exams and City Forestry Licensing exams available at the conference. Vince Urbina will be scheduled to come next month to further discuss the workshop.

Item 6: New Business

Kamie Long and Shirley Nilsen sent in their Forestry Advisory Board renewal applications for another term. There is one more board member position to fill. Tom Ziola stated the City Clerk's office is still advertising to fill the vacant position. Jessica Dennison will check to see if Chuck Thompson has been moved from the alternate member to become a regular member.

Tom Ziola stated the Open House for Matchett Park was a huge success. Dave Hoefer, a previous Forestry Advisory Board member, had proposed an arboretum at Matchett and shared ideas with Tom. The Forestry Advisory Board agreed to help support and pursue an arboretum at Matchett. Tom Ziola would like to invite Dave to a Forestry Advisory Board meeting sometime in the near future.

Jeff Anderson had been offered, and accepted the lateral transfer from Stadium Crew Leader to Forestry Crew Leader.

Item 7: Adjourn

Kamie Long reiterated the next meeting date of February 7, and asked for further discussion before adjourning the meeting. Richard Edwards seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Dennison